

# Homebrew - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Homebrew Contest

## Superintendent

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## Contest

The contest is BJCP registered and open to any amateur homebrewer aged 21 and older. Each entry will be evaluated according to the BJCP guidelines (2021 for beer, 2015 for mead & cider) by at least 2 judges who will provide feedback on BJCP scoresheets.

BJCP Guidelines: [bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/](http://bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/)

Online Registration July 7 - Aug 9, 2025  
at [champlainvalleyfair.org](http://champlainvalleyfair.org)

The contest is limited to 100 total entries. Entrants are limited to 3 entries per category and 1 entry per BJCP subcategory. For Instance, you may enter 3 beers in Category 2: Hops, but cannot enter two 21A American IPAs. NO ENTRY FEE.

## Judging

Saturday, August 23, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Best of Show at 2:30pm

## Entry Drop Off

Drop off entries weekdays 9am-4pm from August 11 to August 15 (No Saturdays or Sundays). Shipping entries is not allowed.

Drop off at the administrative offices, 105 Pearl Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452.

Each entry will consist of two 12-22 ounce bottles or cans.

Capped bottles, corked bottles, PET bottles with carbonator caps, and swing top bottles are allowed. 12oz brown glass bottles are preferred, however green and clear glass will be accepted. Cans are also accepted. Bottles will not be returned to contest entrants.

All entries must be handcrafted products, containing ingredients available to the general public, and made using private equipment by hobbyist brewers (i.e. no use of commercial facilities or Brew on Premises operations, supplies, etc.).

**All entries should be labeled before time of drop-off** with the competition category (1-6), the BJCP category and subcategory, and any additional information required by the BJCP guidelines. Bottles/cans should be void of all personally identifying information. Caps should be blacked out or blank. At the time of drop-off, entrants will receive one free day-pass for the Fair for the day of the competition.

## Awards

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each of the 6 categories. There will also be a Best of Show Award for the best beer, cider, and mead of the competition.

Category 1: Malt-Showcases malt up to 8% ABV  
Category 2: Hops-Showcases hops up to 8% ABV  
Category 3: Specialty-Showcases other ingredients up to 8% ABV  
Category 4: Imperial- All beers over 8% ABV  
Category 5: Cider  
Category 6: Mead

**Best in Show Beer** - Chosen by Judges as the best overall example in categories 1, 2, 3 and 4.



Winner will be invited to collaborate with Black Flannel Brewing Co. and help to brew a batch of beer at their brewery!

## Best in Show Cider



Winner will be invited to visit our sponsor, Eden Specialty Ciders, in Newport VT for a private tasting and tour of their cellars!

## Best in Show Mead



Winner will be invited to collaborate with our sponsor Groenfell Meadery in St Albans VT to brew a full batch of mead at their Meadery as well as do a private tasting with Head Meadmaker, Ricky Klein!

## Homebrew Contest Entry Label

Entrant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Category \_\_\_\_\_

BJCP Category \_\_\_\_\_ Subcategory \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_