

Homebrew - 12th Annual Homebrew Contest

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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, & 2025 for cider) by at least 2 judges who will provide feedback on BJCP scoresheets.

BJCP Guidelines: bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/

Online Registration July 17 - July 31, 2026
at 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 29

Best of Show at 12pm

Entry Drop Off

NEW: Entries can be dropped off from July 17-31 at Vermont Cider Lab at 25 Essex Way #214, Essex Junction VT 05452 during normal business hours.

Entries will not be accepted at the Fairgrounds Admin Office.

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 collaborate with Vermont Cider Lab on a 100 gallon batch of cider!

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 _____