

HOME BREW COMPETITION

Competitive Exhibits Office
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BJCP Sanctioned Competition!

ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 30TH

Entry Fee: \$15 (Each exhibitor will receive a voucher to redeem 1 (one) ticket to the Erie County Fair. Admission now INCLUDES parking!)
Judging: Sunday, May 16th at Noon at Flying Bison Brewing Company
Drop Off: Entries can be brought to Main Office of the Fairgrounds (with a copy of the entry form) on May 6th & 7th from 9am to 5pm **OR** dropped off to Flying Bison Brewing Company on April 30th, May 1st, May 7th or 8th between the hours of 4pm and 8pm. *If you go to Flying Bison with your Home Brew entries, they will fill your empty growler for only \$6!*

General Home Brew Competition Department Rules

1. Open to any amateur home brewer, 21 years or older, who is a resident of New York State.
2. No exhibitor shall be involved in commercial beer making or use the services of a commercial beer making facility.
3. All beers must be produced and bottled in New York State by the exhibitor. Any beer entered in competition becomes the property of the Erie County Agricultural Society.
4. Each brewer will be limited to 5 entries.
5. Two (2) bottles per entry. Each bottle must be labeled (paper label attached to the bottle with a rubber band, do **NOT** stick or tape labels to the bottles) with the following: (1) name of beer, (2) class number, (3) variety, (4) beer maker's name, (5) beer maker's address. (One bottle will be used for the first pour of the competition. The second bottle will be used for Best of Show)
6. The decision of the judges shall be final.
7. All exhibitors will receive a standard BJCP score sheet for each beer entered from at least two judges (with at least one BJCP Certified or higher).
8. Some recipes are more challenging to brew commercially, the Erie County Fair reserves the right to choose 2nd or 3rd Best of Show beer to be brewed by Flying Bison based upon recipe.
9. Beer must be dropped off for judging **NO LATER THAN** May 8th. If you are mailing your entry you must mail the entry to: The Erie County Fair, Attn: Home Brew Competition, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY 14075.

****Please give as much detail as possible to assist in judging properly****

For Your Information:

- We prefer 12-16 ounce brown bottles, but will accept 11-22 ounce bottles of any color (all bottles must be free of paper labels). Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker. Bottles not meeting these requirements may be disqualified. Our primary concern is to ensure the anonymity of the entries when they are being judged.
- We would like to emphasize that the 2015 BJCP guidelines listed in the style chart are just that – guidelines. We have provided the chart so you can decide the category in which your brew will perform best because judges will use these guidelines when evaluating your entry. You will not be disqualified if your beer falls somewhat outside of the category guidelines listed, but your overall score may suffer. If you wish to see written guidelines explaining the categories in greater detail, please refer to the Beer Judge Certification Program website at: <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php>.
- The <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org> website is also a good source of information.

The Erie County Fair would like to thank Flying Bison and Try-It Distributing for their continued support of the Erie County Fair and the Home Brew Competition!



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Medallions - Gold, Silver, Bronze Style

Standard American Beer

1. American Light Lager
2. American Lager
3. Cream Ale
4. American Wheat Beer

International Lager

5. International Pale Lager
6. International Amber Lager
7. International Dark Lager

Pale Malty European Lager

8. Munich Helles
9. Festbier
10. Helles Bock

Pale Bitter European Beer

11. German Leichtbier
12. Kölsch
13. German Helles Exportbier
14. German Pils

Amber Bitter European Beer

15. Vienna Lager
16. Altbier
17. Kellerbier

Dark European Lager

18. Munich Dunkel
19. Schwarzbier

German Wheat Beer

20. Weissbier
21. Dunkles Weissbier
22. Weizenbock

British Bitter

23. Ordinary Bitter
24. Best Bitter
25. Strong Bitter

Pale Commonwealth Beer

26. British Golden Ale
27. Australian Sparkling Ale
28. English IPA

Brown British Beer

29. Dark Mild
30. British Brown Ale
31. English Porter

Scottish Ale

32. Scottish Light
33. Scottish Heavy
34. Scottish Export

Irish Beer

35. Irish Red Ale
36. Irish Stout
37. Irish Extra Stout

Dark British Beer

38. Sweet Stout
39. Oatmeal Stout
40. Tropical Stout
41. Foreign Extra Stout

Pale American Ale

42. Blonde Ale
43. American Pale Ale

Amber and Brown American Beer

44. American Amber Ale
45. California Common
46. American Brown Ale

American Porter and Stout

47. American Porter
48. American Stout

IPA

49. American IPA
50. Specialty IPA

Belgian Ale

51. Witbier
52. Belgian Pale Ale
53. Biere de Garde

Strong Belgian Ale

54. Belgian Blond Ale
55. Saison
56. Belgian Golden Strong Ale

BEST OF SHOW

Will be awarded for overall outstanding beer

Some categories require more detailed information in order to be judged properly. For example, special ingredients, sweet vs. dry, level of carbonation, and/or classic style may be required. When placing your entries online use the description field that pops up after you add your class to give this information. Always feel free to call or e-mail with any questions.

The styles accepted are keeping in mind that the Erie County Fair is a summer fun event.