



2020 TIMELINE

COMPETITION

Entry Deadline: Friday, March 13

Beer Delivery & Shipping Window: Monday, March 23 – Friday, March 27: 9am – 5pm

Judging: Friday, April 24 – Saturday, April 25

Results: Released by May 1 (except Best of Show)

Confirmation Packets mailed by: Friday, June 5

Awards Ceremony: Saturday, June 20: 12:30pm

FESTIVAL

Booths available for purchase by: Friday, January 17

Beer ordering: May/June

Festival: Friday, June 19 – Sunday, June 21

ENTRY FEE

\$50 per entry (non-refundable)

ENTRY LIMIT

Ten (10) entries total per brewery

Limit of one (1) entry per class OR sub-class per brewery, *except in meads and ciders*

Breweries with multiple locations may enter up to ten (10) beers from each location, but may not enter the same brand twice

ENTRY & FESTIVAL CHECKLIST

- Read entry materials, decide what to enter
- Enter online and pay entry fees by deadline at sandiegobeerfestival.com
- Save email confirmation, entry delivery instructions and map will be emailed following entry deadline
- Deliver or Ship Entries for Judging (print and tape entry labels to each bottle with clear packing tape, example on last page)
- Save the Date to attend the San Diego International Beer Festival and Awards Ceremony
- Decide if you'd like to purchase a brewery booth at the Festival
- Keep a lookout for your confirmation packet with Fair Tickets and Festival Information

CONTACT

Coordinators: Tom Nickel, Tyson Blake & Chris Shadrick

Entry Office (858) 792-4207, Monday through Friday from 10am-4pm

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sandiegobeerfestival.com

We'd like to invite all breweries, cideries and meaderies, both domestic and international, to gain recognition for their skillfully crafted products at the San Diego International Beer Competition and Festival. The San Diego County Fair enjoys over 1.5 million visitors per year. The Festival is held during the Fair and attracts more than 8,000 consumers, making it the largest beer fest in the Southern California market. To participate in the Festival, breweries must enter the Competition. We wish you the best of luck in the Competition.

Eligibility

Open to any licensed brewery, brewpub, meadery or cidery. Beers may be entered only by a representative of the brewery. Distributors are responsible for gaining brewery permission for entry submittal. All beers entered must be currently available for commercial sale to the general public. Each entry must meet the TTB definition of beer, mead or cider and must possess the general characteristics of beer, mead or cider and conform to the general trade understanding of beer, mead or cider.

Registration Tips

Please ensure that each beer is registered under the correct brewery name. Check your Brewery's name spelling/completeness. This spelling will be used for signage and the website for other promotional purposes. Review your entry cart before you complete the registration transaction to assure that you have entered the correct division and class for each brewery/beer.

Submit for Competition

Competition beers consist of **3 bottles or cans of 16 oz. or more (17.9 oz., 22 oz., 750 ml.) or 4 bottles or cans if 11 oz. - 12 oz.** If you are entering categories 26, 27, 29, 30, 32 and 33 (APA, IPA, DIPA and all juicy or hazy categories), send 4 bottles regardless of bottle size due to the size of these categories. Print the entry labels provided at the end of this document and tape them to each bottle/can in a water-proof manner (wide, clear packing tape is best). If entries are bottle conditioned, please include a highly visible additional label so stating; we want to handle your entries properly.

Deliver/Ship entries to:

Del Mar Fairgrounds

Attn: Exhibit Dept./San Diego International Beer Competition

2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA 92014

Competition Judging/Procedure Rules

1. If a beer is not registered during the online entry submission, it will not be judged.
2. You may enter a beer in each lettered sub-class of a category, but not two (2) beers in a single sub-class. Each beer brand may be only entered once. If the same beer is produced at multiple locations, only one location may enter the brand.
3. Use the entry label (see last page) for all beers delivered and shipped, otherwise it may reflect in your scores.
4. All judging will be blind.
5. No judge may participate on a panel where he or she has an entry or where there may be the appearance of a conflict of interest.
6. All decisions of the judges are final.
7. Beers will be judged against others of similar style as defined by the Brewers Association Style Guidelines for beers and by BJCP guidelines for meads and ciders (both used with permission). To print the complete Competition Style Guidelines, visit www.sandiegobeerfestival.com.
8. Classes must have at least six (6) entries to be judged. Classes with fewer than six (6) entries will be combined into a new sub-class at the discretion of the coordinators.
9. At the discretion of the coordinators and/or judges, entries not meeting the eligibility or entry requirements will be moved or disqualified.
10. Beers with top-performing scores will be invited to participate in the San Diego International Beer Festival at the San Diego County Fair.
11. Beer will not be returned after judging.
12. Local and State Rules will be followed; copies are available at www.sandiegobeerfestival.com.

Incentives

Breweries will receive the following depending on how many beers are entered:

-) Two (2) Festival T-shirts

Enter 1 – 4 beers:

-) Four (4) Fair admission tickets (will be mailed)
-) Four (4) Brewery Festival wristbands (pick up at the Brewery Check-In Booth inside Festival)

Enter 5 – 10 beers:

-) Eight (8) Fair admission tickets (will be mailed)
-) Eight (8) Brewery Festival wristbands (pick up at the Brewery Check-In Booth inside Festival)

Brewery Festival wristbands are good for all sessions. Additional single session wristbands may be purchased at www.sandiegobeerfestival.com.

Awards

Three rosette ribbons, Gold, Silver, or Bronze are possible in each class. One Best of Show will be selected from all beer entries. Additionally a Champion Brewery and Champion Meadery/Cidery Award will be given to the brewery and cidery/meadery amassing the highest point total.

The Best of Show winner will be the proud holder of the San Diego Brewers Guild Trophy. The winning brewery is responsible for its safekeeping, displaying the trophy throughout the year and returning it to the San Diego International Beer Festival the following year. Ribbons will be available for pickup at the Festival, if you cannot pick them up they will be mailed to you.

Beer Judges for Competition – We Need Your Help!

Qualified volunteer judges please register online at www.sandiegobeerfestival.com. We strive to get as many brewers and brewery employees as judges as we can but we need your help. Please consider sending your brewery staff members to judge as a great way to gain experience in judging and tasting beer. There will be three (3) judging sessions and all judges will receive lunch and Festival tasting wristbands.

By The Way...

Now that this year's competition is open we'd like to invite you to "follow" and "like" our San Diego International Beer Festival Facebook and Instagram page.

We want to share your stories

Are you brewing your competition beer? Do you have an event coming up? Is your #SDIBF ribbon on display in your tasting room? Is a past #SDIBF winning beer currently on tap in your tasting room? Our #SDIBF social pages are a platform for us to connect with our competition breweries and festival fans and we'd love to share information about your brewery.

How to Share

Snap a photo and message or email nmartinez@sdfair.com.

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SDIBF

Follow us on Instagram: www.instagram.com/SDIBF/



BEER DIVISIONS - 1407

BEER DIVISIONS

Class:

Sub-class:

001 American Wheat Ale

- A. Light American Wheat Ale With Yeast
- B. Light American Wheat Ale Without Yeast
- C. Dark American Wheat Ale With Yeast
- D. Dark American Wheat Ale Without Yeast

002 Fruit Beer

003 Fruit Wheat Beer and Vegetable Beer

- A. Fruit Wheat Ale With or Without Yeast
- B. Field Beer
- C. Pumpkin Beer

004 Herb and Spice Beer

005 Chocolate and Chili Beer

- A. Chocolate/Cocoa-Flavored Beer
- B. Chili Beer

006 Coffee Beer

007 Coffee Porter and Stout

008 Specialty Beer

- A. Specialty Beer
- B. Specialty Honey Lager or Ale
- C. Gluten Free Beer
- D. Experimental Beer
- E. Other Strong Ale or Lager
- F. Historical Beer

009 Session Beer

- A. Session Ale or Lager (must specify style)
- B. Session IPA

010 Rye Beer

- A. American Rye Ale or Lager With or Without Yeast
- B. German-Style Rye Ale With or Without Yeast

011 Hybrid Belgian-Style Ale

- A. Pale American-Belgo-Style Ale
- B. Dark American-Belgo-Style Ale
- C. Other Belgian-Style Ale

012 Brett and Other Sour Beer

- A. Wood and Barrel Aged Sour
- B. American Sour
- C. Brett Beer

013 Wood and Barrel Aged Beer

- A. Wood and Barrel Aged Pale to Amber Beer
- B. Wood and Barrel Aged Dark Beer

014 Wood and Barrel Aged Strong Beer

015 Wood and Barrel Aged Strong Stout

016 Smoked Beer

- A. Bamberg-Style Marzen Rauchbier
- B. Bamberg-Style Helles Rauchbier
- C. Bamberg-Style Bock Rauchbier
- D. Smoked Porter
- E. Smoked Beer
- F. Bamberg-Style Weiss

017 Pilsner

- A. German-Style Pilsener
- B. Bohemian-Style Pilsener
- C. International-Style Pilsener

018 European Lager

- A. Muchner-Style Helles
- B. Dortmunder/European-Style Export

019 American-Style Lager

- A. American-Style Lager
- B. American-Style Light Lager
- C. American-Style Premium Lager
- D. American-Style Pilsner
- E. American-Style Ice Lager
- F. American-Style Malt Liquor

020 Amber Lager

- A. Vienna-Style Lager
- B. German-Style Marzen
- C. German-Style Oktoberfest
- D. American-Style Amber Lager
- E. California Common Beer

021 Dark Lager

- A. European-Style Dark/Muncher Dunkel
- B. German-Style Schwarzbier
- C. American-Style Dark Lager

022 German-Style Bock

- A. Traditional German-Style Bock
- B. German-Style Heller Bock/Maibock
- C. German-Style Doppelbock
- D. German-Style Eisbock

023 Golden or Blonde Beer

- A. American-Style Cream Ale of Lager
- B. Golden or Blonde Ale

024 English-Style Pale Ale

- A. Classic English-Style Pale Ale
- B. English-Style India Pale Ale
- C. English-Style Summer Ale
- D. English-Style Pale Mild

025 Australian/International-Style Pale Ale

- A. Australian-Style Pale Ale
- B. International-Style Pale Ale

026 American-Style Pale Ale

027 American-Style Juicy or Hazy Pale Ale

028 American-Style Strong Pale Ale

029 American-Style India Pale Ale

BEER DIVISIONS - 1407 CONTINUED

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Class:

Sub-class:

030 American-Style Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ale

031 American-Style India Black Ale

032 Imperial India Pale Ale

033 American-Style Juicy or Hazy Imperial India

034 American-Style Amber/Red Ale

035 Imperial Red Ale

036 Bitter

- A. Ordinary Bitter
- B. Special/Best Bitter
- C. Extra Special Bitter

037 Scottish-Style Ale

- A. Scottish-Style Light Ale
- B. Scottish-Style Heavy Ale
- C. Scottish-Style Export

038 Irish-Style Red Ale

039 English-Style Brown Ale

- A. English Style Dark Mild
- B. English Style Brown Ale

040 American-Style Brown Ale

041 German-Style Ale

- A. German-Style Kolsch
- B. German-Style Alt

042 German-Style Weiss

- A. South German-Style Hefeweizen
- B. South German-Style Dunkel Weizen
- C. South German-Style Kristal Weizen
- D. South German-Style Weizenbock
- E. Berliner-Style Weisse
- F. Leipzig-Style Gose
- G. Contemporary Gose

043 Belgian-Style Wit or White Ale

044 French and Belgian Style Ale

- A. Belgian & French Style Saison
- B. French-Style Biere de Garde

045 Belgian-Style Pale Ale

- A. Belgian-Style Blonde Ale
- B. Belgian-Style Pale Ale
- C. Belgian-Style Table Beer

046 Belgian-Style Sour Ale

- A. Belgian Style Flanders/Oud Bruin or Red Ale
- B. Belgian Style Gueuze Lambic
- C. Belgian Style Fruit Lambic
- D. Belgian Style Lambic

047 Belgian-Style Dark Ale

- A. Belgian-Style Dubbel
- B. Belgian-Style Quadrupel
- C. Belgian-Style Dark Strong Ale

048 Belgian-Style Pale Strong Ale

- A. Belgian-Style Pale Strong Ale
- B. Belgian-Style Tripel

049 Porter

- A. Brown Porter
- B. Robust Porter
- C. Baltic-Style Porter
- D. American-Style Imperial Porter

050 Specialty Stout

- A. Classic Irish-Style Dry Stout
- B. Sweet Stout
- C. Oatmeal Stout

051 Bold Stout

- A. Foreign (Export)-Style Stout
- B. American-Style Stout

052 Imperial Stout

- A. English-Style Imperial Stout
- B. American-Style Imperial Stout

053 British-Style Strong Ale

- A. Old Ale
- B. Strong Ale
- C. Scotch Ale

054 Barley Wine

- A. English-Style Barley Wine
- B. American-Style Barley Wine
- C. American-Style Wheat Wine

Note the sub-class you are entering when you register.

If you are entering a beer with special ingredients or process, please note the information on your entry. For example, in Category 3, please list the fruit or vegetable used. Do not list any region on ingredients that might give away where your brewery is from (e.g. Michigan cherries).

Include specialty ingredient/style information for beers in categories:
2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 5A, 5B, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 9A, 10A, 11A, 11B,
11C, 12A, 12B, 12C, 13A, 13B, 14, 16E, 39G, 43C, All Meads & Ciders classes (55-60)

Be clear and specific. Beers without the correct information may be at a disadvantage during the judging.

MEAD AND CIDER DIVISIONS

MEAD – DIVISIONS 1408

Class:

Sub-class:

055 Traditional Mead; must specify carbonation level and strength

- A. Dry Mead
- B. Semi-sweet Mead
- C. Sweet Mead

056 Fruit Mead; must specify carbonation level, strength and sweetness

- A. Cyser (Apple Melomel)
- B. Pyment (Grape Melomel)
- C. Berry Mead
- D. Stone Fruit Mead
- E. Other Fruit Melomel

057 Spiced and Specialty Mead; must specify carbonation level, strength and sweetness

- A. Fruit and Spice Mead
- B. Spice, Herb or Vegetable Mead
- C. Braggot
- D. Historical, Experimental or Other Mead

CIDER – DIVISIONS 1409

Class:

Sub-class:

058 Standard Cider and Perry; must specify carbonation level and sweetness

- A. New World Cider
- B. English Cider
- C. French Cider
- D. New World Perry
- E. Traditional Perry

059 New England and Fruit Cider

- A. New England Cider; must specify if cider was barrel-fermented or aged
- B. Cider with Other Fruit; must specify type of fruit

060 Specialty Cider and Perry

- A. Applewine; must specify carbonation level and sweetness
- B. Ice Cider
- C. Cider with Herbs/Spices
- D. Other Specialty Cider/Perry; must specify major ingredients

For ALL Meads and Ciders use the following descriptions to specify:

Carbonation level: still, petillant or sparkling

Sweetness: dry, semi-sweet or sweet

Strength: hydromel, standard or sack

ENTRY LABEL INSTRUCTIONS

-) All samples must have a completed entry label taped to the entry before delivering or shipping to the Fairgrounds
-) Use Black or Blue ink or sharpie and secure with clear packing tape to keep labels waterproof





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Entry Labels

Brewery _____

Contact Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Distributor _____

Dist. Contact _____

Cell Phone _____

Brand Name _____

Class No. & Name _____

Subclass Letter & Style _____

Special Ingredients: _____



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Special Ingredients: _____

Please list the specific brewery location if there are multiple locations!