



2021 TIMELINE

COMPETITION

Entry Deadline: Friday, August 27

Beer Delivery & Shipping Window: Monday, September 13 – Friday, September 17

Reservations for delivery time will be available after entries close.

Judging: Friday, September 24 – Saturday, September 25

Results: Released by October 15 (except Best of Show)

Awards Ceremony: TBD

FESTIVAL

More information to come on regarding the Fall Festival. Please email all questions or interest in participating to entry@sdfair.com

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 CHECKLIST

- Read entry materials, decide what to enter
- Enter online
- 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)

CONTACT

Coordinators: Tom Nickel, Tyson Blake

Entry Office (858) 248-9238, Monday through Friday from 10am-3pm

entry@sdfair.com

2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014

sandiegobeerfestival.com

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. Beer will not be returned after judging.
11. Local and State Rules will be followed; copies are available 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.

Beer Judges for Competition – We Need Your Help!

Qualified volunteer judges please email entry@sdfair.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.

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

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

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



BEER DEPARTMENT

BEER DIVISIONS

Class

1 - American Wheat Ale

- 001 Light American Wheat Ale With Yeast
- 002 Light American Wheat Ale Without Yeast
- 003 Dark American Wheat Ale With Yeast
- 004 Dark American Wheat Ale Without Yeast

2 - Fruit Beer

- 001 Any Fruit Beer

3 - Fruit Wheat Beer and Vegetable Beer

- 001 Fruit Wheat Ale With or Without Yeast
- 002 Field Beer
- 003 Pumpkin Beer

4 - Herb and Spice Beer

- 001 Any Herb & Spice Beer

5 - Chocolate and Chili Beer

- 001 Chocolate/Cocoa-Flavored Beer
- 002 Chili Beer

6 - Coffee Beer

- 001 Any Coffee Beer

7 - Coffee Porter and Stout

- 001 Any Coffee Porter & Stout Beer

8 - Specialty Beer

- 001 Specialty Beer
- 002 Specialty Honey Lager or Ale
- 003 Gluten Free Beer
- 004 Experimental Beer
- 005 Other Strong Ale or Lager
- 006 Historical Beer

9 - Session Beer

- 001 Session Ale or Lager (must specify style)
- 002 Session IPA

10 - Rye Beer

- 001 American Rye Ale or Lager With or Without Yeast
- 002 German-Style Rye Ale With or Without Yeast

11 - Hybrid Belgian-Style Ale

- 001 Pale American-Belgo-Style Ale
- 002 Dark American-Belgo-Style Ale
- 003 Other Belgian-Style Ale

12 - Brett and Other Sour Beer

- 001 Wood and Barrel Aged Sour
- 002 American Sour
- 003 Brett Beer

13 - Wood and Barrel Aged Beer

- 001 Wood and Barrel Aged Pale to Amber Beer
- 002 Wood and Barrel Aged Dark Beer

14 - Wood and Barrel Aged Strong Beer

- 001 Any Wood & Barrel Aged Strong Beer

015 - Wood and Barrel Aged Strong Stout

- 001 Any Wood & Barrel Aged Strong Stout Beer

016 - Smoked Beer

- 001 Bamberg-Style Marzen Rauchbier
- 002 Bamberg-Style Helles Rauchbier
- 003 Bamberg-Style Bock Rauchbier
- 004 Smoked Porter
- 005 Smoked Beer
- 006 Bamberg-Style Weiss

017 - Pilsner

- 001 German-Style Pilsener
- 002 Bohemian-Style Pilsener
- 003 International-Style Pilsener

018- European Lager

- 001 Munchner-Style Helles
- 002 Dortmunder/European-Style Export

019 - American-Style Lager

- 001 American-Style Lager
- 002 American-Style Light Lager
- 003 American-Style Premium Lager
- 004 American-Style Pilsner
- 005 American-Style Ice Lager
- 006 American-Style Malt Liquor

020 - Amber Lager

- 001 Vienna-Style Lager
- 002 German-Style Marzen
- 003 German-Style Oktoberfest
- 004 American-Style Amber Lager
- 005 California Common Beer

021 - Dark Lager

- 001 European-Style Dark/Muncher Dunkel
- 002 German-Style Schwarzbier
- 003 American-Style Dark Lager

022 - German-Style Bock

- 001 Traditional German-Style Bock
- 002 German-Style Heller Bock/Maibock
- 003 German-Style Doppelbock
- 004 German-Style Eisbock

023 - Golden or Blonde Beer

- 001 American-Style Cream Ale of Lager
- 002 Golden or Blonde Ale

024 - English-Style Pale Ale

- 001 Classic English-Style Pale Ale
- 002 English-Style India Pale Ale
- 003 English-Style Summer Ale
- 004 English-Style Pale Mild

025 - Australian/International-Style Pale Ale

- 001 Australian-Style Pale Ale
- 002 International-Style Pale Ale

026 - American-Style Pale Ale

- 001 Any American-Style Pale Ale Beer

027 - American-Style Juicy or Hazy Pale Ale

- 001 Any American-Style Juicy or Hazy Pale Ale Beer

- 028 - American-Style Strong Pale Ale**
001 Any American-Style Strong Pale Ale Beer
- 029 - American-Style India Pale Ale**
001 Any American-Style India Pale Ale Beer
- 030 - American-Style Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ale**
001 Any American-Style Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ale
- 031 - American-Style India Black Ale**
001 Any American-Style India Black Ale Beer
- 032 - Imperial India Pale Ale**
001 Any Imperial India Pale Ale Beer
- 033 - American-Style Juicy or Hazy Imperial India Ale Beer**
001 Any American-Style Juicy or Hazy Imperial India Ale Beer
- 034 - American-Style Amber/Red Ale**
001 Any American-Style Amber/Red Ale Beer
- 035 - Imperial Red Ale**
001 Any Imperial Red Ale Beer
- 036 - Bitter**
001 Ordinary Bitter
002 Special/Best Bitter
003 Extra Special Bitter
- 037 - Scottish-Style Ale**
001 Scottish-Style Light Ale
002 Scottish-Style Heavy Ale
003 Scottish-Style Export
- 038 - Irish-Style Red Ale**
001 Any Irish-Style Red Ale Beer
- 039 - English-Style Brown Ale**
001 English Style Dark Mild
002 English Style Brown Ale
- 040 - American-Style Brown Ale**
001 Any American-Style Brown Ale Beer
- 041 - German-Style Ale**
001 German-Style Kolsch
002 German-Style Alt
- 042 - German-Style Weiss**
001 South German-Style Hefeweizen
002 South German-Style Dunkel Weizen
003 South German-Style Kristal Weizen
004 South German-Style Weizenbock
005 Berliner-Style Weisse
006 Leipzig-Style Gose
007 Contemporary Gose

- 043 - Belgian-Style Wit or White Ale**
001 Any Belgian-Style Wit or White Ale Beer
- 044 - French and Belgian Style Ale**
001 Belgian & French Style Saison
002 French-Style Biere de Garde
- 045 - Belgian-Style Pale Ale**
001 Belgian-Style Blonde Ale
002 Belgian-Style Pale Ale
003 Belgian-Style Table Beer
- 046 - Belgian-Style Sour Ale**
001 Belgian Style Flanders/Oud Bruin or Red Ale
002 Belgian Style Gueuze Lambic
003 Belgian Style Fruit Lambic
004 Belgian Style Lambic
- 047 - Belgian-Style Dark Ale**
001 Belgian-Style Dubbel
002 Belgian-Style Quadrupel
003 Belgian-Style Dark Strong Ale
- 048 - Belgian-Style Pale Strong Ale**
001 Belgian-Style Pale Strong Ale
002 Belgian-Style Tripel
- 049 - Porter**
001 Brown Porter
002 Robust Porter
003 Baltic-Style Porter
004 American-Style Imperial Porter
- 050 - Specialty Stout**
001 Classic Irish-Style Dry Stout
002 Sweet Stout
003 Oatmeal Stout
- 051 - Bold Stout**
001 Foreign (Export)-Style Stout
002 American-Style Stout
- 052 - Imperial Stout**
001 English-Style Imperial Stout
002 American-Style Imperial Stout
- 053 - British-Style Strong Ale**
001 Old Ale
002 Strong Ale
003 Scotch Ale
- 054 - Barley Wine**
001 English-Style Barley Wine
002 American-Style Barley Wine
003 American-Style Wheat Wine
- 055 - Fresh Hop Beer**
001 Any Fresh Hop Beer

If you are entering a beer with special ingredients or process, please note the information on your entry. For example, in Division 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, 3 (1-3), 4, 5 (1 & 2) 6, 7, 8 (1-6), 9 (1), 10 (1), 11 (1-3) 12 (1-3),
13 (1&2) 14, 16 (5), All Meads & Ciders Divisions (56-61)

MEAD & CIDER DIVISIONS

MEAD DIVISIONS

Class

056 - Traditional Mead; must specify carbonation level and strength

- 001 Dry Mead
- 002 Semi-sweet Mead
- 003 Sweet Mead

057 - Fruit Mead; must specify carbonation level, strength and sweetness

- 001 Cyser (Apple Melomel)
- 002 Pyment (Grape Melomel)
- 003 Berry Mead
- 004 Stone Fruit Mead
- 005 Other Fruit Melomel

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

- 001 Fruit and Spice Mead
- 002 Spice, Herb or Vegetable Mead
- 003 Braggot
- 004 Historical, Experimental or Other Mead

CIDER DIVISIONS

Class

059 - Standard Cider and Perry; must specify carbonation level and sweetness

- 001 New World Cider
- 002 English Cider
- 003 French Cider
- 004 New World Perry
- 005 Traditional Perry

060 - New England and Fruit Cider

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

061 Specialty Cider and Perry

- 001 Appleswine; must specify carbonation level and sweetness
- 002 Ice Cider
- 003 Cider with Herbs/Spices
- 004 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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Please list the specific brewery location if there are multiple locations!