



Entry Window: May 15, 2017 - May 26, 2017

Judging Dates: June 7, 2017 - June 10, 2017

ENTRY DROP-OFF / MAIL LOCATION

Sonic Unyon

22 Wilson St., Unit 1

Hamilton, ON L8R 1C5

Canada

* In-person drop-off 9am-5pm Mon-Fri (holidays excepted)*

Please do NOT submit entries outside of entry window dates.

Please direct all inquiries to info@becausebeer.ca

Thank you to Mills Hardware for providing a judging venue for BBHC 2017.

Brew On!

This competition is BJCP Sanctioned

1) ELIGIBILITY & CATEGORIES

- A) Anyone may enter beer for judging. Entries MUST be referred to by BJCP category number and subcategory letter or they will not be judged. Please refer to official BJCP style guidelines for category designations and descriptions. This is very important!
- B) Commercially brewed beers are ineligible for this competition, as are beers that were brewed on commercial equipment or property, or brew-on-premise locations.
- C) All BJCP categories (Cat. 1-34 for Beer, Cat. M1-M4 for Mead, Cat. C1-C2 for Cider & Perry) are open for entries. Entries will be judged based on **BJCP 2015 Style Guidelines**. Refer to the **2015 Style Guidelines for Beer, Mead & Cider for category characteristics**.

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2) ENTRY GUIDELINES

- A) Online registration will open April 18, 2017 and will remain open until May 26, 2017. Beer entries via mail or in-person drop off will be accepted beginning May 15, 2017, and will close at the end of the business day May 26, 2017.
- B) Entry fees: \$7.00 for first entry, and \$6.00 per each subsequent entry. Payments using debit or credit card are accepted online via PayPal.
- C) Entry requirements: Limit of ten (10) entries per entrant. Please provide TWO (2) BOTTLES per entry. Bottles or cans of 295ml-355ml (10 oz-12 oz) are preferable and distinguishing labels or markings should be avoided. Glass, plastic, or cans are all acceptable. Should one of your initial bottles break in transit, be lost to gushing, or be consumed in any other way during the initial judging phase, additional bottles may be required. We are not requesting these additional backup bottles up front, but please reserve at least two (2) bottles from your entry batch for this purpose. All reasonable attempts will be made to contact brewers and provide them with a reasonable timeline to provide us with additional bottles should breakage occur. In 2017, BBHC competition will be capped at 400 entries.
- D) Use a rubber band to attach to EACH bottle the Bottle Identification Form (downloadable from BJCP.org) which will include with your name, registration number (to be provided upon registration), beer category and subcategory.
- E) Beers from a single batch may be entered in multiple style categories, however multiple entries in a category MUST be from different batches.
- F) Recipe is NOT required with entry. However, if your entry has a special ingredient (herb, spice, fruit, etc.), is a classic style of an herb, spice, or fruit beer, OR, was brewed using an experimental method, you may describe the style, special ingredient, or experimental technique in the space provided.
- G) Competition organizers are not responsible for mis-categorized entries, entries received after entry deadline, or entries that are damaged upon arrival. Bottles will not be returned. No-shows will not receive a refund.
- H) While we will provide judges with proper BJCP scoresheets and style guides on site, Organizers will not be not responsible for the quality or style of judging feedback.

3) WHERE & WHEN TO ENTER

- A) Registration and entries will be accepted in person or by mail beginning May 15, 2017, and will close at the end of the business day on May 26, 2017. Walk-in entries after the deadline will be accepted at the Organizer's discretion. Entries will be accepted by mail or in person at: Sonic Unyon Records (see page 1 for location info).

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- B) If you are mailing your entry, please remember to pack each bottle with adequate packing material. We strongly encourage the use of bubble wrap, and wrapping each entry in a plastic bag in case of breakage in transit. We know this sounds like a lot, but trust us: beers inevitably break during transport, which in some cases can and have destroyed the labels of other beer entries too, rendering them unidentifiable and subsequently disqualified. Broken or damaged entries WILL be disqualified. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact entrants whose bottles have been broken to make arrangements for replacement bottles.

4) JUDGING & STEWARDING

- A) If you are interested in judging or stewarding this competition please contact competition organizer Jason Stranak at info@becausebeer.ca
- B) Judging will occur between Wednesday June 7, 2017, and Saturday June 10, 2017, and depending on the number of entries received we may add another session. We reserve the right to break up categories if too many entries of one subcategory are received, in the interests of adequate judging. As well, we reserve the right to merge subcategories where deemed appropriate should too few entries for any subcategory be received.

5) AWARDS & PRIZES

- A) Awards and medals will be given for first-, second-, and third-place winners in each category judged.
- B) First place winners in each category may advance to a Best of Show (BOS) round with a single BOS winner.
- C) Prizes will be given as available. We cordially invite you to attend the Because Beer Craft Beer Festival where we will be live announcing winners of the competition on July 14, 2017, at 7pm sharp, while you enjoy your favourite craft beers, excellent food, exciting guest speakers, and live entertainment. Winners will be announced online within 48 hours of the awards ceremony. Score sheets and judges' comments will be returned to all entrants via email. Any prizes not claimed at the Because Beer Craft Beer Festival will be sent out by mail or through alternate arrangements.

6) SPONSORSHIP

- A) If you are interested in supporting the Because Beer Homebrew Competition through sponsorship, please contact info@becausebeer.ca
- B) All sponsors will be recognized online and through media outlets and announcements where possible.