

# HOMEBREW BEER

**Board Members in Charge  
Jane Cave and Gib Gosser**

**Tim Rosenberger - Superintendent**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 1  
ENTRY FEE: \$8.00**

**AMERICAN HOMEBREWERS ASSOCIATION AND BJCP  
SANCTIONED SHOW**

**ALL HOMEBREWERS: READ THE RULES CAREFULLY.**

## **DON'T FORGET THE LABEL CONTEST!**

1. Exhibitors in the department have the option of making entries online. For more information, see page 7. To enter online, go to [www.kystatefair.org](http://www.kystatefair.org). Online entries require a credit card. Complete information must be provided.
2. For exhibitors 21 to 54 years of age as of August 1, an \$8.00 departmental fee is required. For senior citizens 55 years of age and over as of August 1, the fee is \$6.00 per department. Entries must be postmarked by July 1 or a late fee will be charged.

**LATE ENTRIES:** An entry fee of \$15 per department will be charged for all entries postmarked after July 1. Late entry forms must be received by July 10. No entries will be accepted after that date.

3. Entrants are limited to one entry in each class.
4. **Enter the label contest in the same way.** Each entry must have been on the entry form and have a tag and number. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The rules for the label contest are outlined in this section of the rule book. The label classes are class numbers 29-31.
5. Homebrew Beer entries should be brought to the Department located in the South Wing on Saturday, August 15 between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Judging will be held on Sunday, August 16 at 11:00 am.
6. Beers produced in a commercially licensed facility are ineligible.
7. After all entries have been processed, you will receive a package with the entry tags for your bottles, the BJCP entry form, and the recipe form. When you bring your entry to the Fairgrounds, put the tags on the bottles using a rubber band, have the BJCP form completed, and fill out the recipe form. **RECIPE MUST BE SUBMITTED.** These forms can be obtained at [www.BJCP.org](http://www.BJCP.org). Please include the BJCP style number and

letter on the entry. Put your label into a small Ziploc bag (to prevent moisture damage) and then rubber band the bag and label to each bottle.

8. A minimum of three bottles must be submitted for each category entered. Use 10-14 oz. green or brown bottles with plain caps. Bottle must be clean and free of any labels or markings.
9. **SHIPPING/PACKAGING:** Entries can be shipped via UPS or Federal Express. (Do not use U.S. mail) All postage must be prepaid. Ship to: Homebrew Beer Department, c/o Entry Department, Kentucky State Fair, 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209. It is suggested that each bottle be wrapped in a section of newspaper or bubble wrap and placed in a six pack carrier. Fill all the voids with wadded newspaper or packing material. Line shipping box with a plastic trash bag. Completely fill box with packing material to prevent rattling of bottles. Label box "This End Up" and "Fragile". Package must arrive by August 14.
10. No Homebrew Beer entries can be removed from the department before 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 31. Beer will be released between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and any entries not claimed by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31 will be disposed of.
11. All items entered in competition will be displayed at the discretion of the State Fair Management.
12. Entries will be judged according to the 2004 revision of the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) beer style guidelines. Categories are designated by class numbers and subcategories are designated with letters.
13. Beers are judged according to the style guidelines for the category and subcategory as listed by the entrant. Directors, judges or registrars will not classify or reclassify any entry under any circumstances. Per the BJCP guidelines, classes 20-23 must list the base beer, along with any special ingredients. Any beer entered into these classes without the proper information will not be judged. Historic beers must list the source (book or periodical) of the historic nature of the beer. Please note the name, date and page numbers of the source on your recipe sheet.
14. If there are not enough entries in any one class to create a meaningful competition, the superintendent reserves the right to combine classes to create a flight for judging and prize purposes.
15. Scoring will be based on the following:
 

Appearance .....	14%
Bouquet Aroma.....	16%
Taste .....	50%
Overall Impression.....	20%

16. First, second and third places will be awarded to the top three eligible entries in each judging flight. The first place winner in each judging flight will also receive a mug and will advance to the Homebrew Beer “Best of Show” round. Please note that mead and cider entries are not eligible for best of show, but will still be eligible for first, second and third place awards in their respective judging flights. In addition, no more than two honorable mention ribbons will be awarded per judging flight, if so deemed by the judges.

CLASS#	Class Category/ Subcategory	CLASS#	Class Category/ Subcategory
1	<b>LIGHT LAGER</b> A Light American Lager B Standard American Lager C Premium American Lager D Munich Helles E Dortmunder Export	9	<b>SCOTTISH &amp; IRISH ALE</b> A Scottish Light 60/- B Scottish Heavy 70/- C Scottish Export 80/- D Irish Red Ale E Strong Scotch Ale
2	<b>PILSNER</b> A German Pilsner (Pils) B Bohemian Pilsner C Classic American Pilsner	10	<b>AMERICAN ALE</b> A American Pale Ale B American Amber Ale C American Brown Ale
3	<b>EUROPEAN AMBER LAGER</b> A Vienna Lager B Oktoberfest/Märzen	11	<b>English Brown Ale</b> A Mild B Southern English Brown C Northern English Brown
4	<b>DARK LAGER</b> A Dark American Lager B Munich Dunkel C Schwarzbier	12	<b>Porter</b> A Brown Porter B Robust Porter C Baltic Porter
5	<b>BOCK</b> A Maibock/Helles Bock B Traditional Bock C Doppelbock D Eisbock	13	<b>STOUT</b> A Dry Stout B Sweet Stout C Oatmeal Stout D Foreign Extra Stout E American Stout F Imperial Stout
6	<b>LIGHT HYBRID BEER</b> A Cream Ale B Blonde Ale C Kölsch D American Wheat or Rye Beer	14	<b>INDIA PALE ALE (IPA)</b> A English IPA B American IPA C Imperial IPA
7	<b>AMBER HYBRID BEER</b> A North German Altbier B California Common Beer C Düsseldorf Altbier	15	<b>GERMAN WHEAT &amp; RYE BEER</b> A Weizen/Weissbier B Dunkelweizen C Weizenbock D Roggenbier (German Rye Beer)
8	<b>English Pale Ale</b> A Standard/Ordinary Bitter B Special/Best/Premium Bitter C Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)	16	<b>BELGIAN &amp; FRENCH ALE</b> A Witbier B Belgian Pale Ale C Saison D Bière de Garde E Belgian Specialty Ale

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17	<b>SOUR ALE</b> A Berliner Weisse B Flanders Red Ale C Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin D Straight Lambic E Gueuze F Fruit Lambic	23	<b>SPECIALTY BEER</b> A Specialty Beer entrant must specify base beer category and subcategory, as well as the special ingredients/techniques
18	<b>BELGIAN STRONG ALE</b> A Belgian Blonde Ale B Belgian Dubbel C Belgian Tripel D Belgian Golden Strong E Belgian Dark Strong	24	<b>TRADITIONAL MEAD</b> A Dry Mead B Semi-sweet Mead C Sweet Mead
19	<b>STRONG ALE</b> A Old Ale B English Barleywine C American Barleywine	25	<b>MELOMEL (fruit mead)</b> A Cyser (Apple Melomel) B Pymment (Grape Melomel) C Other Fruit Melomel
20	<b>FRUIT BEER</b> A Fruit Beer entrant must specify base beer category and subcategory, as well as the fruit used.	26	<b>OTHER MEAD</b> A Metheglin B Braggot C Open Category Mead
21	<b>SPICE/HERB/VEGETABLE BEER</b> A Spice, Herb or Vegetable Beer B Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer	27	<b>STANDARD CIDER &amp; PERRY</b> A Common Cider B English Cider C French Cider D Common Perry E Traditional Perry
22	<b>SMOKE-FLAVORED &amp; WOOD-AGED BEER</b> A Classic Rauchbier B Other Smoked Beer C Wood-Aged Beer	28	<b>SPECIALTY CIDER &amp; PERRY</b> A New England Cider B Fruit Cider C Applewine D Other Specialty Cider/Perry

**HOME BREW LABEL CONTEST**

A homebrew label contest will be held on August 16. Labels produced for or by a commercially licensed facility are ineligible. You must enter a beer in the homebrew competition to enter a label in the label competition, but the label does not have to match the style of beer you entered.

Homebrew labels must be submitted on a brown or green 12 or 14 oz. capped beer bottle. Labels will be judged on the bottles. Because this is a blind judging, please avoid identifying yourself on your label if possible. Entries also should be submitted flat on an 8 1/2" x 11" poster board with the following information on the back: name, address, phone number, inspiration and comments. All entries become the property of Kentucky State Fair and the award contributors. Each design may only be entered in one category.

**CRITERIA FOR JUDGING LABELS WILL INCLUDE:**

- Creativity
- Originality
- Aesthetic appeal
- Appropriate for beer style
- Entered in correct class

See Classes 29-31 for label categories.

**LABEL CONTEST**

**DIVISION 3501**

**Class**

**No.**

- 29 HUMOROUS/SATIRICAL LABEL (Examples may include political or current events.)
- 30 SERIES OF THREE LABELS MOST LIKELY TO BE MISTAKEN FOR COMMERCIAL (Representing different beer styles from the same brewer.)
- 31 HAND OR COMPUTER PRODUCED BY AMATEUR

**AWARDS**

As of press time, these companies have agreed to contribute to awards:

**Dudley Construction**

**Fermenters of Special Southern Indiana Libations Society (FOSSILS)**

**Krauth & Son Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning**

**LAGERS Homebrew Club**

**Liquor Barn**

**The Keg Liquors**

**The New Albanian Brewing Company**

**dba Rich O's Public House**

**dba Sportstime Pizza**

**Winemakers Supply**

**B.O.C.K (Brewers of Central Kentucky)**

**My Old Kentucky Homebrew**

**Bluegrass Brewing Company**

**The BBC Beer Co. & Tap Room**

**COME AND WATCH  
THE HOMEBREW BEER  
BEING JUDGED IN THE  
SOUTH WING CONFERENCE CENTER  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 11:00 AM**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
THE AWARDS PRESENTATION  
AT 4:30**