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BEER CONTEST

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RULES

See General Rules and Regulations online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

NEW -- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE ONLY

Online Entries Close - November 6, 2023

Beer Arrival Deadline - November 13, 2023

If beer is shipped it must be shipped to arrive on Monday, November 6 – 13, 2023

Judging – Fri-Sun (as needed), December 8-10, 2023.

General

1. This competition is open to any Pennsylvania Limited Brewery with a licensed professional brewer 21 years of age or older **and is also an active member of the Brewer's of Pennsylvania (BOP) guild.**
2. All entries must be made in Pennsylvania for commercial use.
3. A contestant may make up to ten (10) entries.
4. An entry must consist of at least three (3) units (minimum of 12 oz. each) in a hermetically sealed vessel.
5. A product may only enter and compete in one department per year and must appropriately labeled in correspondence with the entry. Violation of this rule will result in the product being disqualified from each department entered.
6. In order to be eligible to participate in the sampling and sales of beer at the 2024 Farm Show, a brewery must enter at least one (1) beer for judging.

Entry

7. All Entries will be accepted online only. To register online go to <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>
8. Register using the Company Name.

Entry Fee

9. The fee for beer entries is \$35.00 per entry.
10. Payment is made with the online entry.

Submission

11. If beer is shipped it must be shipped to arrive on Monday, November 6 - 13, 2023 prior to 3:00 p.m. Ship to: Farm Show
Beer Competition
Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center
2300 N. Cameron St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443
12. If beer is hand delivered to the Farm Show Complex, they must arrive at the Cameron Street Lobby Security Desk no later than Monday, November 13, 2023, prior to 3:00 p.m.
13. The box form for the beer entered must be completed and received with the beer being submitted.
14. All beer submitted should be marked on the outside of the shipping case: "2024 Farm Show Beer Competition."

Judging

15. Judging will be private and completed prior to the opening of the Farm Show. All beer will be properly stored cold and chilled prior to judging.
16. Tasting format: All beer will be judged based on the **2021 BJCP style guidelines**. Top three brews per category will be awarded first, second, and third for general competition.
17. Following competition, brews will be displayed at the Farm Show. Best of Show Award will be presented.
18. **Beer(s) being entered into the PA Preferred® category should be noted as such. These beers will be judged against respective class and the beer with the highest overall score will be awarded the PA Preferred® Legacy Award as well as 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. PA Preferred guidelines for beer entries are as follows: 75% of the entry grist and/or 75% of the hop bill, and/or all of the fruit addition (if any) are PA grown.**
19. Placing will be offered on merit of excellence, not entry alone. Therefore, in any one class all placings may not be awarded if, in the judge's opinion,
20. entries do not merit placement. This may also result in the omission of some placements such as first or second for awarding of only a third.
21. Decision of judges is final.
22. In the case that a brewer serves as a judge, that judge will not be permitted to judge the classes that they have entered. Furthermore, in the event that a judge is a competing brewer and at least one of their entries is being judged for Best in Show, that judge will be recused from judging the class.

Classes

001	Standard American Beer
002	International Lager
003	Czech Lager
004	Pale Malty European Lager
005	Pale Bitter European Beer
006	Amber malty European Lager
007	Amber Bitter European Beer
008	Dark European Lager
009	Strong European Beer
010	German Wheat Beer
011	British Bitter
012	Pale Commonwealth Beer
013	Brown British Beer
014	Scottish Ale
015	Irish Beer
016	Dark British Beer
017	Strong British Ale
018	Pale American Ale
019	Amber and Brown American Beer
020	American Porter & Stout
021	IPA
022	Strong American Ale
023	European Sour Ale
024	Belgian Ale
025	Strong Belgian Ale
026	Monastic Ale
027	Historical Beer
028	American Wild Ale
029	Fruit Beer
030	Spiced Beer
031	Alternative Fermentables Beer
032	Smoked Beer
033	Wood Beer
034	Specialty Beer

Awards

Per Class: first, second, and third - ribbons. First place will also be awarded a gift certificate from a industry trade vendor.

Best of Show - trophy and a gift certificate from an industry trade vendor.

PA Preferred® Legacy Award sponsored by PA Preferred® and a gift certificate from an industry trade vendor.

