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BEER CONTEST

Judges - TBA

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RULES

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

Use Beer Contest entry form online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/forms-registration>

Entries Close - November 2, 2020

Beer Arrival Deadline - November 17, 2020

If beer is shipped it must be shipped to arrive on Monday, November 16 or Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Judging - November 20 & 21, 2020

General

1. This competition is open to any Pennsylvania Limited Brewery with a licensed professional brewer 21 years of age or older.
2. All entries must be made in Pennsylvania for commercial use.
3. A brewery may make up to two (2) entries.
4. An entry must consist of at least six (6) units (minimum of 12 oz. each) in a hermetically sealed vessel or three (3) units (minimum of 24 oz. each) in a hermetically sealed vessel.
5. A product may only enter and compete in one department per year and must appropriately be labeled in correspondence with the entry. Violation of this rule will result in the product being disqualified from each department entered.

Entry

6. Obtain entry blanks online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/forms-registration>.

Entry Fee

7. The fee for beer entries is \$10.00 per entry.
8. A check for the entry fees, made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," must accompany the entry blank or the entry will not be evaluated for competition.

Submission

9. If beer is shipped it must be shipped to arrive on Monday, November 16 or Tuesday, November 17, 2020 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
10. If beer is hand delivered to the Farm Show Complex, they must arrive at the Cameron Street Lobby Security Desk on Monday, November 16 or Tuesday, November 17, 2020 prior to 3:00 p.m.
11. The entry blank for the beer entered must be completed and received for the beer being sent.
12. All beer submitted should be marked on the outside of the shipping case: "Farm Show Beer Competition."

Judging

13. 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.
14. Tasting format: All beers will be judged based on the Brewers Association 2020 Beer Style Guidelines with changes: <https://www.brewersassociation.org/resources/brewers-association-beer-style-guidelines/>. Used with permission of the Brewers Association. The top three brews per category will be awarded first, second, and third.
15. PA Preferred™ Brews 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.
16. 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, 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. Decision of judges is final.
17. 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

1. Light Lager and Ales (pilsner, helles, American lagers, kolschs, and cream ales etc.)
2. Amber Lager (oktoberfest, vienna, etc.)
3. Dark Lager (dunkel, schwarzbier, etc.)
4. Wheat Beer (hefeweizen, dunkelweiss, American wheat etc.)
5. Pale Ale (American and English Style)
6. IPA (<7.5% abv)
7. IPA (>7.5% abv)
8. Specialty IPA (anything that doesn't fall into the above categories, including Red IPA, Rye IPA, Black IPA, etc.)
9. Stout (American/English styles)

10. Porter (American/English styles)
11. Belgian Style Beer (Saison, Witbier, Abbey Styles)
12. Kettle Sour
13. Mixed Fermentation Sour
14. Barrel Aged Beer
15. Fruit/Herb/Vegetable