BEER CONTEST

Judges - Tom Ayres, Randolph, VT; Mike Bury, Malvern, PA; Sandy Cockerham, Indianapolis, IN; Peter Garofalo, Wilmington, DE; Jay Hersh, Hyde Park, VT; Bill Heverly, Damascus, MD; David Houseman, Chester Springs, PA; David Justice, Knoxville, MD; Jim Link, Shelton, CT; David Sherfey, Harrisburg, PA; Joshua Weikert, Collegeville, PA; Derek Wolf, Harrisburg, PA
Chair - Jeff Musselman, Harrisburg, PA

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 1, 2019
Judging - November 21, 2019
Beer Arrival Deadline - November 18, 2019

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 contestant may make up to six (6) entries.
4. An entry must consist of at least six (6) 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.

Entry

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. Beers must be shipped or delivered to arrive on or before 4:00 p.m. November 18, 2019.
10. Ship to: Farm Show Beer Competition
    Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center
    2300 N. Cameron St.
    Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443
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 chilled prior to judging.
14. Tasting format: All beers will be judged based on the Brewers Association 2019 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. Following competition, brews will be displayed at the Farm Show.
16. Best of Show Award will be presented.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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

Awards
Per Class: first, second, and third - ribbons
Best of Show - trophy
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