

## Advertising

- The only allowable use of Awards and Certificates given by the California State Fair Commercial Craft Brewing Competition for advertising purposes shall be as follows.
  - Any advertising use must clearly state the name and year of the competition, (i.e. California State Fair Commercial Craft Brewing Competition 2011.
  - Must clearly state the level and category of award, (i.e. Silver Certificate Stouts...Sweepstakes Winner or 1st Place Light Ales).
  - One Best of Show will be awarded by the judges of the competition; no one else may use the designation "Best of Show" in any advertising using the name of this competition or its awards.
  - The term "Best Beer in California" shall not be used in conjunction with any awards made by this competition.
- Failure to comply with these guidelines will be a basis for revocation of awards or certificates by organizers and the publication of such revocations to the general public.

## Entry Requirements

- Entry forms and fees must be received at the drop off point by 4:30 p.m. on **April 27, 2011**. Online registration and payment available. Registration fees are \$25.00 per entry, **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "California Brewers Guild LLC- CCBC"**
- Entry brews are due on or before **April 27, 2011**. (Entries will not be accepted prior to **April 18, 2011**.) Ship, or deliver in person Monday – Saturday to: Commercial Craft Brewing Competition, California Brewers Guild, LLC, 5528 Auburn Blvd.#1, Sacramento, CA 95841, 916-348- 6322. \* CBG staff will be at Cal Expo **April 26-27**, 9 am-4:30 pm to receive entries.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- For more information, contact J.J. Jackson at 916-348-6322.
- By submitting any entry to this competition the entrant:
  - Asserts that they have legal title to submit the entry.
  - Asserts the beer was brewed in the State of and for commercial sale in the State of California.
  - Asserts the beer was available for at least 1 month in the State of California during the prior year.
  - Agrees to provide proof of such availability upon request.
  - Agrees to abide by the herein-stated policy on use of any awards or certificates in advertising.
  - Agrees to participate in judging and in any award presentation and make adequate beer available for such presentations as well as provisions of beer to be sold by State's representative during the 2011 California State Fair and Brewfest.

## Basis of Judging

- The Commercial Craft Brewing Competition will use the American system of judging. This competition will follow the BJCP Competition Standards and is BJCP Sanctioned.
- Ranking will be done with a 50 point scale. Certificates of merit will be awarded on a rating scale as follows:
 

50-41 points .....	Gold Certificate
40-31 points .....	Silver Certificate
30-25 points .....	Bronze Certificate
- All judging will be blind. Entries will be cold stored until judging time.
- Beer Judge Certificate Program
 

Body .....	(5)
Appearance .....	(6)
Bouquet/Aroma .....	(10)
Drinkability & Overall Impression .....	(10)
Flavor .....	(19)
- Judging will be overseen by a Chief Judge whose decisions will stand.
- Awards
 

First, Second & Third in each category .....	Rosettes
Best of Show .....	Rosette & Golden Bear Trophy

**COMMERCIAL CRAFT BREW COMPETITION**  
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# Commercial Craft Brew Competition



**California State Fair**  
**JUL. 14 - AUG. 1, 2010**  
**BIG FUN!**

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**

**April 27, 2011**

**OPEN TO:**

**California Commercial Brewers**

**This competition is held in cooperation with and co-sponsored by the California Brewers Guild, LLC**

Submission of Entry(s) to this competition implies acceptance of all rules and conditions as stated in the Commercial Craft Brew Handbook. **Brewfest July 30, 2011 Golden 1 Stage.**

**For a complete Commercial Craft Brew Handbook visit our website at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)**

## AIMS and OBJECTIVES

- Offer the commercial craft brewers of California a venue by which their product may be evaluated by qualified judges and peer commercial craft brewers.
- Encourage brewing in California and improve the knowledge of the art and science of brewing.
- To provide the California public information about beer, beer styles and the art and science of brewing.
- Enrich the reputation of California as a major contributor to the resurgence of craft brewing.
- Acknowledge the prowess of California's commercial brewers who produce superior beers.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Should there be any need for additional information not found in the booklet, please write Commercial Craft Brewing Competition California Brewers Guild, 5528 Auburn Blvd #1, Sacramento, CA 95841 or phone 916-348-6322.
- This is sent out in advance and therefore may be subject to revision or change.
- Although we try to keep mailing lists current, we cannot be held responsible for any individual or company that is not notified or contacted.

## COMPETITION:

- Enclosed are registration forms and the general information needed to enter this competition. Please read them carefully to avoid any potential problems. Some key points in this material are:
  - Registration forms and fees must be received at the California Brewers Guild, LLC by **April 27, 2011**. Entries (bottles, kegs, etc.) must be received by 4:30 p.m., **April 27, 2011**.
  - Registration fees are \$25.00 per entry. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "California Brewers Guild, LLC - CCBC"**
  - Entries may be bottled, or kegged in either Cornelius or Sankey kegs.
  - Attach the State Fair entry forms (copies are O.K.) to each bottle with rubber bands only. Do not glue or tape your forms to bottles. **DO NOT REMOVE ANY COMMERCIAL LABELS FROM BOTTLES.**
  - Attach entry forms to kegs in a secure manner allowing them to be easily read by competition officials so that appropriate code numbers can be placed on the keg. Duct or Shipping tape appears to have worked well. It helps to put them in plastic baggies also.
  - Most categories are divided into distinct styles and each beer will be judged as that style. When appropriate, be sure to indicate the style of each beer in the space provided on the entry forms. Entries that do not specify a style on the entry form may be disqualified at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. The Committee reserves the right to modify categories as needed. Beers may be entered in only one category/subcategory. Category: American Lager, Style: Premium
  - Any entry may be submitted in: 1 2oz. bottles with California label attached (minimum of 6 bottles per entry) or; 22oz. bottles with California label attached (minimum of 6 bottles per entry) or; Cornelius Kegs, ball or pin lock (minimum 1 gallon maximum 5 gallons) or; Sankey Kegs (max 7.5 gallons).
  - The judging will be held in closed sessions on **April 30 -May 14, 2011**. Any final round judging will take place on **May 14-15, 2011**. Preliminary results will be released on June 19, 2011. First Place Winners will be presented during the California State Fair on Saturday, **July 30, 2011**. **For more information, contact J.J. Jackson at 916-348- 6322 or fax 916-348-0453.**
  - The entrant agrees by submitting any entry to abide by the rules of the competition and rules regarding the use of any awards and certificate endowed by this competition.
  - **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** All breweries winning first place and Best of Show awards must provide winning product for tasting and staff at the California Grape & Gourmet, TBD, the State Fair Gala, TBD, and at the **Brewfest at the Fair** where the awards ceremony will be held on **July 30, 2011**.

## CATEG•RY

This competition shall utilize the Beer Judge Certification Program Style Guidelines issued 8/3/99 as follows:

<b>1. LIGHT LAGER:</b> 1A. Lite American Lager 1C. Premium American Lager 1 E. Dortmund Export	1 B. Standard American Lager 1 D. Munich Helles
<b>2. PILSNER</b> 2A. German Pilsner (Pils) 2C. Classic American Pilsner	2B. Bohemian Pilsener
<b>3. EUROPEAN AMBER LAGER</b> 3A. Vienna Lager	3B. Oktoberfest/Marzen
<b>4. DARK LAGER</b> 4A. Dark American Lager. 4C. Schwarzbier (Black Beer)	4B. Munich Dunkel
<b>5. BOCK</b> 5A. Maibock/Helles Bock 5C. Doppelbock	5B. Traditional Bock 5D. Eisbock
<b>6. LIGHT HYBRID BEER</b> 6A. Cream Ale 6C. Ko1 sch	6B. Blonde Ale 6D. American Wheat or Rye Beer.
<b>7. A M B E R H Y B R I D</b> Northern German Altbier 7C. Dusseldorf Altbier	7A. B. California Common Beer
<b>8. E N G L I S H P A L E A L E .</b> Standard/Ordinary Bitter 8C. Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)	8A. Standard/Ordinary Bitter 8B. Special/Best/Premium Bitter
<b>9. SCOTTISH AND IRISH ALE</b> 9A. Scottish Light 60/- 9C. Scottish Export 80/- 9E. Strong Scotch Ale	9B. Scottish Heavy 70/-. 9D. Irish Red Ale
<b>10. AMERICAN ALE</b> 1 0A. American Pale Ale 10C. American Brown Ale	1 0B. American Amber Ale
<b>11. ENGLISH BROWN ALE</b> 1 1A. Mild 1.1C. Northern English Brown Ale	1 1 B. Southern English Brown
<b>12. PORTER</b> 12A. Brown Porter 12C. Baltic Porter	12B. Robust Porter
<b>13. STOUT.</b> 13A. Dry Stout 13C. Oatmeal Stout 13E. American Stout	13B. Sweet Stout 13D. Foreign Extra Stout 13F. Russian Imperial Stout
<b>14. INDIA PALE ALE (IPA)</b> 14A. English IPA 14C. Imperial IPA	14B. American IPA
<b>15. GERMAN WHEAT AND RYE BEER</b> 15A. Weizen/Weissbier 1 5C. Weizenbock	15B. Dunkelweizen 15D. Roggenbier (German Rye Beer)
<b>16. BELGIAN AND FRENCH ALE</b> 1 6A. Witbier 1 6C. Saison 1 6E. Belgian Specialty Ale	1 6B. Belgian Pale Ale 1 6D. Biere de Garde
<b>17. SOUR ALE</b> 1 7A. Berliner Weisse 17C. Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin 17E. Gueuze	1 7B. Flanders Red Ale . 17D. Straight(Unblended) Lambic 17F. Fruit Lambic
<b>18. BELGIAN STRONG ALE</b> 18A. Belgian Blond Ale. 18C. Belgian Tripel 18E. Belgian Dark Strong Ale.	18B. Belgian Dubbel 18D. Belgian Golden Strong Ale
<b>19. STRONG ALE</b> 19A. Old Ale 19C. American Barleywine	19B. English Barleywine
<b>20. FRUIT BEER.</b> 21. <b>SPICE/HERB/VEGETABLE BEER</b> 21A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer 21 B.Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer	
<b>22. SMOKE-FLAVORED AND WOOD-AGED BEER.</b> 22A. Classic Rauchbier 22C. Wood-Aged Beer	22B. Other Smoked Beer
<b>23. SPECIALTY BEER</b> 24. <b>TRADITIONAL MEAD</b> 24A. Dry Mead 24C. Sweet Mead	24B. Semi-sweet Mead
<b>25. MELOMEL (FRUIT MEAD)</b> 25A. Cyser (Apple Melomel). 25C. Other Fruit Melomel	25B. Pyment (Grape Melomel)

## 26. OTHER MEAD

26A. Metheglin 26B. Braggot

## 27. STANDARD CIDER AND PERRY

27A. Common Cider 27B. English Cider  
27C. French Cider 27D. Common Perry

## 28. SPECIALTY CIDER AND PERRY.

28A. New England Cider 28B. Fruit Cider  
28C. Appletwine 28D. Other Specialty Cider/Perry

## SPECIAL RULES:

- Brewers must be:
  - A. official residents of California,
  - B. brewery must hold a valid commercial brewing license and
  - C. brewers must be at least 21 years of age.
  - D. PERSONS SUBMITTING ANY ENTRY MUST HAVE A DIRECT ASSOCIATION WITH THE BREWING OF THE ENTRY, BEING BREWER, OWNER, OR MANAGEMENT. DISTRIBUTORS ARE NOT CONSIDERED DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PRODUCTION OF BEER AND **MAY ONLY SUBMIT ENTRIES IN THE NAMES OF THEIR CLIENTS, AT THEIR CLIENTS REQUEST.**
  - E. Contract brews may only be entered by the brewery which produced them.
  - F. Entrants or their qualified representative **may** participate in the judging, on **any panel they are not entered.**
- Beers must be made in the State of California for commercial sale and been available in the State of California for one (1) month during the previous year. Beers available throughout the year are considered standard entries while beers available for less than three months are considered seasonal entries. No pilot batches are allowed.
- Number of beer entries per brewery:
  - a. Each brewery is limited to three entries per category where each is in a separate subcategory.
  - b. A beer may only be entered in one category/subcategory.
- **DO NOT REMOVE ANY COMMERCIAL BOTTLE LABELS. DO NOT black out any commercial or identifying designs or text on caps of entries. This facilitates the Cellar.**
- Attach the State Fair bottle entry form (copies are O.K.) to each bottle with rubber bands only. Do not glue or tape your forms to the bottles but they may be taped to kegs. Place entry forms on kegs so it may be easily read when processed. (Plastic bags may be used to keep forms dry.)
- Each entry for each category shall consist of a minimum six (6) 1 2oz bottles or six (6) 22oz bottles or 1 (one) keg cornelius or sanikey not to exceed 7.5 gallons.
- All judging will be done whenever possible with panels combining qualified judges and commercial brewing peers. Brewers or judges may not judge on panels in which they have entries or a conflict of interest. At least one judge who has been certified by the Beer Judge Certification Program will sit on each judging panel.
- Beers will be disqualified for entry requirement infractions. These beers will be judged and will receive evaluations but will be ineligible for awards.
- Kegs submitted will be available for pickup after the closed session judging **May 16**. Those kegs not retrieved at that time will be returned via mail or parcel post. Every attempt will be made to return kegs, however, Organizers and the State Fair can not be held responsible for loss of equipment not picked up.
- Best of Show and First Place award winners will be expected to be present at the awards presentation and at the State Fair Gala set for **TBD** and at the California Grape and Gourmet (Press Tasting) on **TBD**. Award winners are requested to have sufficient beer available (no later than **July 30** so that samples may be sold to the general public following the awards reception. All award winners are required to provide for display at least a Logo or Label (not to exceed 8.5 by 11 inches) and bottle (empty) or other item representing the award winning beer. The State Fair's representative from Ovation FanFare or other designated partner reserves the option to **purchase up to 3 Kegs** of each award winning brew for use in the **2011** Micro Brew Garden.
- The State Fair may, at its option, require that each brew receiving an award be certified by a qualified representative of the State Fair.
- Best of Show and First Place award winners will be contacted by organizer's representatives to request provision of their award winning beer for sale during the State Fair if it is available.
- All beers will be decanted prior to presentation to the judges. Kegs will be served off 5' quarter inch tubing at 10 psi.
- **BREWERS are urged to use online registration and payment methods.**