
Rules and Regulations: Portland Brewers Cup

Welcome to the Portland Brewers Cup! All entrants must adhere to the following rules and regulations to ensure a fair and successful competition.

1. Eligibility and Registration

- **1.1. Eligibility:** The Portland Brewers Cup is open to all amateur homebrewers aged 21 years or older. Professional brewers may enter, provided the entry was brewed on a non-commercial, homebrew scale.
- **1.2. BJCP Style Guidelines:** All entries will be judged according to the **2021 Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) Style Guidelines**.
- **1.3. Registration:** All entries must be registered online via this competition website by the specified deadline. No late registrations will be accepted.
- **1.4. Entry Fees:** A fee of **\$12.00** per entry is required. Payment must be made at the time of online registration. Entry fees can be refunded if circumstances warrant.
- **1.5. Entry Limit:** A brewer may submit a maximum of **8** total entries across all categories. Only one entry per subcategory is permitted (e.g., you cannot enter two different beers in 10A - American Pale Ale).

2. Entry Submission Requirements

- **2.1. Volume Requirement:** Each entry must consist of **three (3)** standard 12-ounce (355ml) bottles or cans. Swing-top bottles and others are OK for Belgian, meads, and other styles.
- **2.2. Bottle/Can Prep:**
 - Bottles must be brown or clear glass and clean. Cans must be clean.
 - All external markings, labels, and distinguishing features (e.g., painted logos, tape, bottle caps with commercial names) must be **completely removed or covered** to ensure blind judging.
 - A standard, unembossed bottle cap or plain can lid is preferred.
- **2.3. Entry Labels:** The official entry label (generated during the online registration process) must be securely attached to *each* bottle/can using a rubber band or clear packing tape. **Do not glue or permanently affix the label.**
- **2.4. Special Ingredients:** If the entry falls under a specialty category (e.g., Spice/Herb/Vegetable, Specialty Wood-Aged, Experimental), all special ingredients **must** be clearly listed in the recipe description provided during registration. Failure to list ingredients may result in lower scores.

3. Competition Process and Judging

- **3.1. Judging Standards:** Entries will be judged using a structured evaluation process by certified BJCP judges and experienced apprentices. Judging is conducted blind.
- **3.2. Judging Results:** Judging will be performed in a professional and courteous manner. Entrants will be able to discuss their scoresheets with the judges via email..

- **3.3. Awards:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded in each style category based on consensus scores.
 - Category winners will advance to the **Best of Show (BOS)** round to determine the Grand Prize winner.
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4. Important Dates

Online Registration Opens: 01/05/2026
Registration Closes: 03/06/2026
Drop-Off/Shipping Deadline: 03/11/2026
Judging Day(s): 03/14/2026 - 3/15/2026
Awards Ceremony: 03/15/2026

5. Liability

The Portland Brewers Cup, its organizers, volunteers, and host locations are not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of entries once they have been submitted.

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