The Boneyard Union of Zymurgical Zealots (B.U.Z.Z.) invite you to participate in the 28th running of the Boneyard Brew-Off Homebrew Competition. The competition will be held on Saturday October 11, 2025 at Hound's Rest at 120 N Walnut St. Champaign, IL. See https://www.buzzbrew.club for more information about the club.

We will be using Electronic Judging with BeerAwardsPlatform.com. Paper score sheets will also be provided for those who do not wish to bring an eJudging capable device or who prefer to use paper score sheets. Our entry limit is 200 and we are registered with the BJCP. There is a maximum entry of 8 entries per participant. 2 bottles/cans are required per entry.

High Gravity Category:There is also a special beer category for this competition called High Gravity. Any beer style with an OG of 1.080 or above can enter. Be sure to list it under that category which is labeled 55HG High Gravity. It will have you declare the base style and OG after you choose 55HG. See the official rules for more details.

Scale-Up: TreeHive Meadery will be doing a scale-up this year for the winning mead. The winning mead can be a BOS. If there is no BOS mead then a mead will be chosen from the winning mead table. TreeHive makes the ultimate decision on the mead. Your contact info will be provided to TreeHive if you choose to do the scale-up.

Judging Sessions:

10/11/2025 Morning Session, 9:30am- 12:00pm

10/11/2025 Afternoon Session, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

10/11/2025 BOS Round,4:30pm

This competition is AHA/BJCP sanctioned and open to any amateur homebrewer age 21 or older. We are using the 2021 BJCP Beer Style Guidelines and the 2015 BJCP Mead and Cider Guidelines for this competition.

All shipped entries must be received at the ship-to location by the entry deadline, no exceptions! Please allow for shipping time.

When utilizing drop-off locations for entries, please pay attention to the days and hours of operation for each drop-off location. If you drop off entries at a drop off location after the final date posted there is no guarantee that your entries will be received in time to be judged in this competition and you will not receive a refund for the entries.

All entries must be handcrafted products, containing ingredients available to the general public, and made using private equipment by hobbyist brewers (i.e., no use of commercial facilities or Brew on Premises operations, supplies, etc).

The competition organizers are not responsible for mis-categorized entries, shipped entries that are not received by the entry deadline, or entries that arrive damaged.
Please note that if you register and pay for entries and then do not actually submit those entries, you should not expect any refunds.

The competition organizers reserve the right to combine styles for judging and to restructure awards as needed depending upon the quantity and quality of entries.

Qualified judging of all entries is the primary goal of our event. Judges will evaluate and score each entry. The average of the scores will rank each entry in its category. Each flight will have at least one BJCP judge.

Brewers are limited to one entry per subcategory, with the exception that multiple entries will be allowed in the following subcategories:

Beer subcategories 21B Specialty IPA and 27A1 Kellerbier
Cider subcategory C2F
Mead subcategory M4C

Example 1 - a brewer may enter multiple beers under subcategory 21B – Specialty IPA so long as they are of different subcategories such as a Belgian IPA (21B1) and a Black IPA (21B2); but a brewer may not enter two Belgian IPAs. Entrants may use the base subcategory 21B for a different strength version of an IPA defined by its own BJCP subcategory (e.g., session-strength American or English IPA) – except where an existing BJCP subcategory already exists for that style (e.g., double [American] IPA). A Session IPA is a 21B Specialty IPA with a base style of 21A American IPA with Session strength. A Double IPA is Category 22A not 21B. Again, entrants may enter one beer into each of the 21B subcategories (21B, 21B1-21B7) but cannot enter two beers into the same 21B subcategory.

Example 2 – a brewer may enter both a Pils Kellerbier and a Märzen Kellerbier under subcategory 27A1, but the brewer may not enter two Pils Kellerbiers. Entrants must specify a base style when entering a beer into the 27A1 subcategory.

These rules will be strictly enforced! Multiple entries in an unapproved subcategory (i.e. one not listed above) will be disqualified and the entrant will not receive a refund for the disqualified entry. The competition coordinator reserves the right to combine categories based on number of entries. All possible efforts will be made to combine similar styles. All brews in combined categories will be judged according to the style entered.

Entry Acceptance Rules
Number of Bottles Required Per Entry: 2

Each entry will consist of capped or corked bottles that are void of all identifying information, including labels. Printed caps are allowed, but must be blacked out completely. Embossed bottles are ok. Cans are accepted, but must be void of all identifying information.

Bottles must fit in a standard case box, oversize bottles may be disqualified. (Meads may, however, be any size bottle within reason)

12oz brown glass bottles are preferred; however, green and clear glass will be accepted. Swing top bottles will likewise be accepted as well as corked bottles. Cans will be accepted as above.

Bottles will not be returned to contest entrants.

Bottle labels must be submitted with all entries, and can be printed directly from the competition website. Bottle labels should be attached to entries using a rubber band.

The competition reserves the right to reject/disqualify entries not adhering to rules or due to inappropriate brewer communications.

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