

2020 NC Brewers Cup Competition (NCBC)

Entry Registration Guide

Use this Entry Registration Guide to determine the best registration categories for your entries. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Parker at lisa@ncbeer.org

1. Entries will be judged according to the 2015 Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) style guidelines at www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php for the category & subcategory that it is entered into.
2. Entries will be accepted for the 34 BJCP categories listed in the judging section. *The NCCBG reserves the right to combine categories for medal distribution, based on the number of entries received (see anticipated NCBC Medal Categories listed below.)*
3. Regardless of NCBC medal category, all entries will be judged blind according to the style guidelines for the BJCP subcategory that they are entered into.
4. Entries will additionally be accepted for a 35th category: "NC Home-Grown": To qualify for this category, 55% of the beer's dry-weight ingredients must be sourced from North Carolina produced products.
5. Entry limit: A brewery can submit a **maximum of 10 entries** into the competition.
6. Breweries may use the same beer brand for multiple entries. *(For example, if a beer is entered into a BJCP category, but also meets the definition of the "NC Home-Grown" category.)* However, Entrants must still submit three (3) containers for each entry registration.
7. Please avoid any reference to brewery name, brand, beer name, or locale in the descriptions / "Entry Notes".

BJCP Category	BJCP Subcategory	NCBC Medal Category (*subject to change)
1. Standard American Beer	A. American Light Lager	1. American Lager
	B. American Lager	1. American Lager
	C. Cream Ale	2. Light American Hybrid
	D. American Wheat Beer	2. Light American Hybrid
2. International Lager	A. International Pale Lager	4. International Lager
	B. International Amber Lager	4. International Lager
	C. International Dark Lager	4. International Lager
3. Czech Lager	A. Czech Pale Lager	5. International Pilsner
	B. Czech Premium Pale Lager	5. International Pilsner
	C. Czech Amber Lager	5. International Pilsner
	D. Czech Dark Lager	8. Dark European Lager
4. Pale Malty	A. Munich Helles	6. Malty European Lager

European Lager	B. Festbier	<i>7. European Amber Lager</i>
	C. Helles Bock	<i>6. Malty European Lager</i>
5. Pale Bitter European Beer	A. German Leichtbier	<i>5. International Pilsner</i>
	B. Kölsch	<i>3. Alternative Fermentation</i>
	C. German Helles Exportbier	<i>7. European Amber Lager</i>
	D. German Pils	<i>5. International Pilsner</i>
6. Amber Malty European Lager	A. Märzen	<i>7. European Amber Lager</i>
	B. Rauchbier	<i>29. Smoked Beer</i>
	C. Dunkles Bock	<i>8. Dark European Lager</i>
7. Amber Bitter European Beer	A. Vienna Lager	<i>7. European Amber Lager</i>
	B. Altbier	<i>3. Alternative Fermentation</i>
	C. Kellerbier <i>Specify the following under "Entry Notes":</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Kellerbier: Pale Kellerbier (based on Helles)</i> ● <i>Kellerbier: Amber Kellerbier (based on Märzen)</i> ● <i>You may specify another type of Kellerbier based on other base styles such as Pils, Bock, Schwarzbier, but need to supply a style description.*</i> 	<i>7. European Amber Lager</i>
8. Dark European Lager	A. Munich Dunkel	<i>8. Dark European Lager</i>
	B. Schwarzbier	<i>8. Dark European Lager</i>
9. Strong European Beer	A. Doppelbock <i>Specify "pale" or "dark" in "Entry Notes"</i>	<i>8. Dark European Lager</i>
	B. Eisbock	<i>8. Dark European Lager</i>
	C. Baltic Porter	<i>8. Dark European Lager</i>
10. German Wheat Beer	A. Weissbier	<i>9. European Wheat Beer</i>
	B. Dunkles Weissbier	<i>9. European Wheat Beer</i>

	C. Weizenbock <i>Specify "pale" or "dark" in "Entry Notes"</i>	<i>9. European Wheat Beer</i>
11. British Bitter	A. Ordinary Bitter	<i>10. Pale British Beer & Bitter</i>
	B. Best Bitter	<i>10. Pale British Beer & Bitter</i>
	C. Strong Bitter	<i>10. Pale British Beer & Bitter</i>
12. Pale Commonwealth Beer	A. British Golden Ale	<i>10. Pale British Beer & Bitter</i>
	B. Australian Sparkling Ale	<i>10. Pale British Beer & Bitter</i>
	C. English IPA	<i>10. Pale British Beer & Bitter</i>
13. Brown British Beer	A. Dark Mild	<i>11. Porter & British Brown</i>
	B. British Brown Ale	<i>11. Porter & British Brown</i>
	C. English Porter	<i>11. Porter & British Brown</i>
14. Scottish Ale	A. Scottish Light	<i>12. Scottish & Irish Beer</i>
	B. Scottish Heavy	<i>12. Scottish & Irish Beer</i>
	C. Scottish Export	<i>12. Scottish & Irish Beer</i>
15. Irish Beer	A. Irish Red Ale	<i>12. Scottish & Irish Beer</i>
	B. Irish Stout	<i>13. Stout</i>
	C. Irish Extra Stout	<i>13. Stout</i>
16. Dark British Beer	A. Sweet Stout	<i>13. Stout</i>
	B. Oatmeal Stout	<i>13. Stout</i>
	C. Tropical Stout	<i>13. Stout</i>
	D. Foreign Extra Stout	<i>13. Stout</i>
17. Strong British Ale	A. British Strong Ale	<i>14. Strong Ale</i>
	B. Old Ale	<i>14. Strong Ale</i>
	C. Wee Heavy	<i>12. Scottish & Irish Beer</i>
	D. English Barleywine	<i>14. Strong Ale</i>
18. Pale American	A. Blonde Ale	<i>2. Light American Hybrid</i>

Ale	B. American Pale Ale	16. American Pale Ale
19. Amber & Brown American Beer	A. American Amber Ale	15. American Amber & Brown Ale
	B. California Common	15. American Amber & Brown Ale
	C. American Brown Ale	15. American Amber & Brown Ale
20. American Porter & Stout	A. American Porter	11. Porter & British Brown
	B. American Stout	13. Stout
	C. Imperial Stout	13. Stout
21. IPA The IPA category is for modern American IPAs and their derivatives. English IPAs are grouped with English-derived beers, and Double IPA's are grouped with Strong American Ales.	A. American IPA	17. American IPA
	B. Specialty IPA <i>Specify the following under "Entry Notes":</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Specialty IPA: Belgian IPA ● Specialty IPA: Black IPA ● Specialty IPA: Brown IPA ● Specialty IPA: Red IPA ● Specialty IPA: Rye IPA ● Specialty IPA: White IPA <i>If entry does not fit styles above, entrant must describe type of Specialty IPA & its key characteristics. You may also specify hop varieties used.</i> <i>Also, entrants should specify a strength (session, standard, double); if no strength is specified, standard will be assumed.</i>	18. Speciality IPA
	C. New England IPA / Hazy IPA <i>(** Not a recognized BJCP sub-category**)</i>	19. New England / Hazy IPA
	D. Session IPA	00. Session IPA
22. Strong American Ale	A. Double IPA	20. Double IPA
	B. American Strong Ale	14. Strong Ale
	C. American Barleywine	14. Strong Ale

	D. Wheatwine	14. Strong Ale
23. European Sour Ale	A. Berliner Weisse	22. European Sour Ale
	B. Flanders Red Ale	22. European Sour Ale
	C. Oud Bruin	22. European Sour Ale
	D. Lambic	22. European Sour Ale
	E. Gueuze	22. European Sour Ale
	F. Fruit Lambic <i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify the type of fruit used, a carbonation level (low, medium, high), and a sweetness level (low/none, medium, high).</i>	22. European Sour Ale
24. Belgian Ale	A. Witbier	21. Belgian & French Ale
	B. Belgian Pale Ale	21. Belgian & French Ale
	C. Bière de Garde <i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify blond, amber, or brown bière de garde.</i>	21. Belgian & French Ale
25. Strong Belgian Ale	A. Belgian Blond Ale	21. Belgian & French Ale
	B. Saison <i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify the strength (table, standard, super) and color (pale, dark).</i>	21. Belgian & French Ale
	C. Belgian Golden Strong Ale	14. Strong Ale
26. Trappist Ale	A. Trappist Single	21. Belgian & French Ale
	B. Belgian Dubbel	14. Strong Ale
	C. Belgian Tripel	14. Strong Ale
	D. Belgian Dark Strong Ale	14. Strong Ale
27. Historical Beer	A. ALL Historical Beer styles.	23. Historical Beer

	<p>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a BJCP-supplied style description from the list below, or a different historical beer style that is not described elsewhere in these guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Historical Beer: Gose ● Historical Beer: Kentucky Common ● Historical Beer: Lichtenhainer ● Historical Beer: London Brown Ale ● Historical Beer: Piwo Grodziskie ● Historical Beer: Pre-Prohibition Lager ● Historical Beer: Pre-Prohibition Porter ● Historical Beer: Roggenbier 	
28. American Wild Ale	<p>A. Brett Beer</p> <p>Use "Entry Notes" to specify either a base beer style (Classic Style, or a generic style family) or provide a description of the ingredients/specs/desired character. The entrant must specify if a 100% Brett fermentation was conducted. The entrant may specify the strain(s) of <i>Brettanomyces</i> used.</p>	24. Brett, Mixed, & Wild Ale
	<p>B. Mixed-Fermentation Sour Beer</p> <p>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a description of the beer, identifying the yeast/bacteria used and either a base style or the ingredients/specs/target character of the beer.</p>	24. Brett, Mixed, & Wild Ale
	<p>C. Wild Specialty Beer</p> <p>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a description of the beer, identifying the yeast/bacteria used and either a base style or the ingredients/specs/target character, to include the type of fruit, spice, herb, or wood used.</p>	24. Brett, Mixed, & Wild Ale
29. Fruit Beer	<p>A. Fruit Beer</p> <p>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base style (does not have to be a Classic Style), the type(s) of fruit used. Soured fruit beers that aren't lambics should be entered in the American Wild Ale category.</p>	25. Fruit Beer

	<p>B. Fruit and Spice Beer</p> <p><i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base style (does not have to be a Classic Style), the type of fruit and spices, herbs, or vegetables (SHV) used; individual SHV ingredients do not need to be specified if a well-known blend of spices is used (e.g., apple pie spice).</i></p>	26. Specialty Fruit and Fruit & Spice
	<p>C. Specialty Fruit Beer</p> <p><i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base style (does not have to be a Classic Style), the type of fruit used, the type of additional fermentable sugar or special process employed.</i></p>	26. Specialty Fruit and Fruit & Spice
30. Spiced Beer	<p>A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer</p> <p><i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base style (does not have to be a Classic Style), the type of spices, herbs, or vegetables used, but individual ingredients do not need to be specified if a well-known spice blend is used (e.g., apple pie spice, curry powder, chili powder).</i></p>	27. Spice, Herb or Vegetable Beer
	<p>B. Autumn Seasonal Beer</p> <p><i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base style (does not have to be a Classic Style), the type of spices, herbs, or vegetables used; individual ingredients do not need to be specified if a well-known blend of spices is used (e.g., pumpkin pie spice). The beer must contain spices, and may contain vegetables and/or sugars.</i></p>	27. Spice, Herb or Vegetable Beer
	<p>C. Winter Seasonal Beer</p> <p><i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base style (does not have to be a Classic Style), entrant must specify the type of spices, sugars, fruits, or additional fermentables used; individual ingredients do not</i></p>	27. Spice, Herb or Vegetable Beer

	<i>need to be specified if a well-known blend of spices is used (e.g., mulling spice).</i>	
31. Alternative Fermentables Beer	A. Alternative Grain Beer <i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base style (does not have to be a Classic Style); entrants must specify the type of alternative grain used.</i>	<i>30. Specialty Beer</i>
	B. Alternative Sugar Beer <i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base style (does not have to be a Classic Style); entrants must specify the type of sugar used.</i>	<i>30. Specialty Beer</i>
32. Smoked Beer	A. Classic Style Smoked Beer <i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a Classic Style base beer, and the type of wood or smoke if a varietal smoke character is noticeable.</i>	<i>29. Smoked Beer</i>
	B. Specialty Smoked Beer <i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base beer style (does not have to be a Classic Style), the type of wood or smoke if a varietal smoke character is noticeable, and the additional ingredients or processes that make this a specialty smoked beer.</i>	<i>29. Smoked Beer</i>
33. Wood Beer	A. Wood-Aged Beer <i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify the type of wood used and the char level (if charred), and a base style. If an unusual wood has been used, supply a brief description of the sensory aspects the wood adds to beer.</i>	<i>28. Wood-Aged Beer</i>
	B. Specialty Wood-Aged Beer <i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify a base style, and the additional alcohol character, with information about the barrel if relevant to the finished flavor profile. If</i>	<i>28. Wood-Aged Beer</i>

	<p><i>an unusual wood or ingredient has been used, supply a brief description of the sensory aspects the ingredients add to the beer.</i></p>	
<p>34. Specialty Beer</p>	<p>A. Clone Beer</p> <p><i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify the name of the commercial beer being cloned, specifications (vital statistics) for the beer, and either a brief sensory description or a list of ingredients used in making the beer.</i></p>	
	<p>B. Mixed-Style Beer</p> <p><i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify the styles being mixed. You may provide an additional description of the sensory profile of the beer or the vital statistics of the resulting beer.</i></p>	30. Specialty Beer
	<p>C. Experimental Beer</p> <p><i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify the special nature of the experimental beer, including special ingredients or processes that make it not fit elsewhere in the guidelines. Provide vital statistics, and either a brief sensory description or a list of ingredients used in making the beer.</i></p>	30. Specialty Beer
<p>35. NC Home-Grown Beer</p> <p><i>(Not a BJCP category.)</i></p> <p><i>At least 55% of this beer's dry-weight ingredients are sourced from North Carolina.</i></p> <p><i>This beer may also be dually entered into any other of the BJCP categories.</i></p>	<p>A. NC Home-Grown</p> <p><i>Use "Entry Notes" to specify NC-sourced ingredients used. Make sure to include any relevant information identifying the beer style, yeast/bacteria, and any noteworthy ingredients/specs/target character.</i></p>	31. NC Home-Grown Beer

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(based on 2019 entries)

* Subject to change based on entries received *

NCBC Medal Category	BJCP Sub-Category
1. American Lager	1A American Light Lager
	1B American Lager
2. Light American Hybrid	1C Cream Ale
	1D American Wheat Beer
	18A Blonde Ale
3. Alternative Fermentation	5B Kolsch
	7B Altbier
4. International Lager	2A International Pale Lager
	2B International Amber Lager
	2C International Dark Lager
5. International Pilsner	3A Czech Pale Lager
	3B Czech Premium Pale Lager
	3C Czech Amber Lager
	5A German Leichtbier
	5D German Pils
6. Malty European Lager	4A Munich Helles
	4C Helles Bock
7. European Amber Lager	4B Festbier
	5C German Helles Exportbier
	6A Marzen
	7A Vienna Lager
	7C Kellerbier
8. Dark European Lager	3D Czech Dark Lager

	6C Dunkels Bock
	8A Munich Dunkel
	8B Schwarzbier
	9A Doppelbock
	9B Eisbock
	9C Baltic Porter
9. European Wheat Beer	10A Weissbier
	10B Dunkels Weissbier
	10C Weizenbock
10. Pale British Beer & Bitter	11A Ordinary Bitter
	11B Best Bitter
	11C Strong Bitter
	12A English Golden Ale
	12B Australian Sparkling Ale
	12C English IPA
11. Porter & British Brown	13A Dark Mild
	13B English Brown Ale
	13C English Porter
	20A American Porter
12. Scottish & Irish Beer	14A Scottish Light
	14B Scottish Heavy
	14C Scottish Export
	15A Irish Red Ale
	17C Wee Heavy
13. Stout	15B Irish Stout
	15C Irish Extra Stout

	16A Sweet Stout
	16B Oatmeal Stout
	16C Tropical Stout
	16D Foreign Extra Stout
	20B American Stout
	20C Imperial Stout
14. Strong Ale	17A English Strong Ale / Burton Ale
	17B Old Ale
	17D English Barleywine
	22B American Strong Ale
	22C American Barleywine
	22D Wheatwine
	25C Belgian Golden Strong Ale
	26B Belgian Dubbel
	26C Belgian Tripel
	26D Belgian Dark Strong Ale
15. American Amber & Brown Ale	19A American Amber Ale
	19B California Common
	19C American Brown Ale
16. American Pale Ale	18B American Pale Ale
17. American IPA	21A American IPA
18. Speciality IPA	21B Specialty IPA (Black IPA, Red IPA, White IPA, Belgian IPA, Rye IPA, etc...)
19. New England / Hazy IPA	21C New England IPA (<i>not a recognized BJCP category</i>)
00. Session IPA	21D Session IPA (<i>not a recognized BJCP category</i>)
20. Double IPA	22A Double IPA

21. Belgian & French Ale	24A Witbier
	24B Belgian Pale Ale
	24C Biere de Garde
	25A Belgian Blond Ale
	25B Saison
	26A Trappist Single
22. European Sour Ale	23A Berliner Weisse
	23B Flanders Red Ale
	23C Oud Bruin
	23D Lambic
	23E Gueuze
	23F Fruit Lambic
23. Historical Beer	27A Historical Beers (ALL subcategories)
24. Brett, Mixed, & Wild Ale	28A Brett Beer
	28B Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer
	28C Wild Specialty Beer
25. Fruit Beer	29A Fruit Beer
26. Specialty Fruit & Fruit and Spice	29B Fruit and Spice Beer
	29C Speciality Fruit Beer
27. Spice, Herb or Vegetable Beer	30A Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
	30B Autumn Seasonal Beer
	30C Winter Seasonal Beer
28. Wood-Aged Beer	33A Wood-Aged Beer
	33B Specialty Wood-Aged Beer
29. Smoked Beer	6B Rauchbier
	32A Classic Style Smoked Beer

	32B Specialty Smoked Beer
30. Specialty Beer	31A Alternative Grain Beer
	31B Alternative Sugar Beer
	34B Mixed-Style Beer
	34C Experimental Beer
31. NC Home-Grown Beer	35 NC Home-Grown Beer