

2023 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 Brewers Association 2023 Beer Style Guidelines (<https://www.brewersassociation.org/edu/brewers-association-beer-style-guidelines/>) published by the Brewers Association, and according to the table below.
2. Entries will be accepted for the 36 NCBC categories listed below. *The NCCBG reserves the right to combine categories for medal distribution, based on the number of entries received.*
3. Regardless of NCBC medal category, each entry will be judged blind according to the 2023 Brewers Association Style Guideline for the associated NCBC subcategory entered into.
4. Entries will additionally be accepted for a 36th 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 submit the same beer brand into multiple categories. *(For example, if a beer is entered into a one NCBC category, but also meets the definition of the "NC Home-Grown" category.)* However, entrants must still submit two (2) containers for each entry registration.
7. **Please avoid any reference to brewery name, brand, beer name, or locale in "Entry Notes".**

NCBC Medal Category	NCBC Subcategory	2023 Brewers Association Style Category
1. British Pale & Bitter Ale	1A	British Origin Ale: Ordinary Bitter
	1B	British Origin Ale: Special Bitter or Best Bitter
	1C	British Origin Ale: Extra Special Bitter
	1D	British Origin Ale: English-Style Summer Ale / English Golden Ale
	1E	British Origin Ale: Classic English-Style Pale Ale
	1F	British Origin Ale: British-Style IPA

2. Scottish & Irish Beer	2A	British Origin Ale: Scottish-Style Light
	2B	British Origin Ale: Scottish-Style Heavy
	2C	British Origin Ale: Scottish-Style Export
	2D	Irish Origin Ale: Irish Style Red Ale
	2E	British Origin Ale: Scotch Ale or Wee Heavy
3. British Porter & Brown Ales	3A	British Origin Ale: English-Style Pale Mild
	3B	British Origin Ale: English-Style Dark Mild
	3C	British Origin Ale: English-Style Brown Ale
	3D	British Origin Ale: Brown Porter
4. American Porter, Amber, & Brown Ales	4A	British Origin Ale: Robust Porter
	4B	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Amber/Red
	4C	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Brown
	4D	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Black Ale
	4E	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: California Common Beer
5. Stouts	5A	Irish Origin Ale: Classic Irish-Style Dry Stout
	5B	British Origin Ale: Sweet Stout or Cream Stout
	5C	British Origin Ale: Oatmeal Stout

	5D	Irish Origin Ale: Export-Style Stout
	5E	British Origin Ale: British-Style Imperial Stout
	5F	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Stout
	5G	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Imperial Porter
	5H	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Imperial Stout
	5I	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Dessert Stout or Pastry Stout
6. Strong Ale	6A	British Origin Ale: Strong Ale
	6B	British Origin Ale: Old Ale
	6C	British Origin Ale: British-Style Barleywine
	6D	NA Origin Ale: Double Hopy Red Ale
	6E	NA Origin Ale: Imperial Red Ale
	6F	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Barleywine
	6G	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Wheat Wine
7. Session Pale & Session IPA	7A	NA Origin Ale: Session IPA
	7B	(NA Origin Ale: Session IPA) - Session Pale Ale
	7C	(NA Origin Ale: Session IPA) - Session Juicy or Hazy IPA

8. American Pale Ale	8A	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Pale Ale
	8B	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Strong Pale Ale
9. American-Style IPA	9A	NA Origin Ale: American-Style IPA
	9B	NA Origin Ale: West Coast-Style IPA
	9C	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Imperial or Double IPA
10. Juicy/Hazy Pale Ale	10A	NA Origin Ale: Juicy or Hazy Pale Ale
	10B	NA Origin Ale: Juicy or Hazy Strong Pale Ale
11. Juicy or Hazy Style IPA	11A	NA Origin Ale: Juicy or Hazy IPA
	11B	NA Origin Ale: Juicy or Hazy Imperial or Double IPA
12. American-Style Sour Ale	12A	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Sour Ale
13. European Hybrid Styles	13A	German Origin Ale: German-Style Koelsch
	13B	German Origin Ale: German-Style Altbier
14. European Sour Ale	14A	German Origin Ale: Berliner-Style Weisse
	14B	German Origin Ale: Leipzig-Style Gose
	14C	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Flanders Oud Bruin or Oud Red
	14D	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Lambic

	14E	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Traditional Belgian-Style Gueuze
15. European Wheat (and Related) Beer	15A	German Origin Ale: South German-Style Hefeweissen
	15B	German Origin Ale: South German-Style Kristalweizen
	15C	German Origin Ale: German-Style Leichtes Weizen
	15D	German Origin Ale: South German-Style Bernsteinfarbenes Weizen
	15E	German Origin Ale: South German-Style Dunkel Weizen
	15F	German Origin Ale: South German-Style Weizenbock
	15G	German Origin Ale: German-Style Rye Ale
	15H	German Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Witbier
16. Belgian Ales	16A	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Table Beer
	16B	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Session Ale
	16C	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Speciale Belge
	16D	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Blonde Ale
	16E	NA Origin Ale: American-Belgo Style Ale

17. Saison	17A	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Classic French & Belgian-Style Saison
	17B	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Specialty Saison
	17C	Belgian & French Origin Ale: French-Style Bière de Garde
18. Belgian Strong Ale / Monastic Ale	18A	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Strong Blonde Ale
	18B	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Strong Dark Ale
	18C	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Dubbel
	18D	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Tripel
	18E	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Quadrupel
19. Pale European Lager	19A	European Origin Lager: German-Style Leichtbier
	19B	European Origin Lager: German-Style Pilsener
	19C	European Origin Lager: Bohemian-Style Pilsener
	19D	European Origin Lager: Munich-Style Helles
20. Amber European Lager	20A	European Origin Lager: Dortmunder/European-Style Export
	20B	European Origin Lager: Vienna-Style Lager

	20C	European Origin Lager: Franconian-Style Rotbier
	20D	European Origin Lager: German-Style Maerzen
	20E	European Origin Lager: German-Style Oktoberfest/Wiesn
21. Dark European Lager	21A	European Origin Lager: Munich-Style Dunkel
	21B	European Origin Lager: European-Style Dark Lager
	21C	European Origin Lager: German-Style Schwarzbier
	21D	Other Origin Lager: Baltic-Style Porter
22. German-Style Bock	22A	European Origin Lager: German-Style Heller Bock/Maibock
	22B	European Origin Lager: Traditional German-Style Bock
	22C	European Origin Lager: German-Style Doppelbock
	22D	European Origin Lager: German-Style Eisbock
23. Smoke Beers	23A	European Origin Lager: Bamberg-Style Helles Rauchbier
	23B	European Origin Lager: Bamberg-Style Maerzen Rauchbier
	23C	European Origin Lager: Bamberg-Style Bock Rauchbier

	23D	German Origin Ale: Bamberg-Style Weiss Rauchbier
	23E	NA Origin Ale: Smoke Porter
	23F	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Smoke Beer
24. Other International Origin Styles	24A	Other Origin Ale: Adambier
	24B	Other Origin Ale: Dutch-Style Kuit, Kuyt or Koyt
	24C	Other Origin Ale: Breslau-Style Schoeps
	24D	Other Origin Ale: International-Style Pale Ale
	24E	Other Origin Ale: Classic Australian-Style Pale Ale
	24F	Other Origin Ale: Australian-Style Pale Ale
	24G	Other Origin Ale: New Zealand-Style Pale Ale
	24H	Other Origin Ale: New Zealand-Style India Pale Ale
	24I	Other Origin Lager: Australasian, Latin American or Tropical-Style Light Lager
25. American-Style Lager	25A	NA Origin Lager: American-Style Lager
	25B	NA Origin Lager: Contemporary American-Style Lager
	25C	NA Origin Lager: American-Style Light Lager

	25D	NA Origin Lager: Contemporary American-Style Light Lager
26. Pilsner-Style Lager	26A	NA Origin Lager: American-Style Pilsener
	26B	NA Origin Lager: Contemporary American-Style Pilsener
	26C	Other Origin Lager: International-Style Pilsener
	26D	NA Origin Lager: American-Style India Pale Lager
27. American Amber Lager	27A	NA Origin Lager: American-Style Amber Lager
	27B	NA Origin Lager: American-Style Maerzen/Okttoberfest
	27C	NA Origin Lager: American-Style Dark Lager
28. American Hybrid Styles	28A	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: American-Style Cream Ale
	28B	NA Origin Ale: Golden or Blonde Ale
	28C	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: American-Style Wheat Beer
	28D	NA Origin Lager: American-Style Malt Liquor
29. Fruit Beers <i>* You may use entry notes to specify the type of fruit used in this category.</i>	29A	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: American-Style Fruit Beer
	29B	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Fruit Wheat Beer
	29C	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Belgian-Style Fruit Beer

30. Sour Fruit or Field Beers <i>* Use entry notes to specify the type of fruit used in this category.</i>	30A	NA Origin Ale: American-Style Fruited Sour Ale
	30B	German Origin Ale: Contemporary-Style Gose
	30C	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Belgian-Style Fruit Lambic
	30D	Belgian & French Origin Ale: Contemporary Belgian-Style Spontaneous Fermented Ale
31. Field & Spiced Beers <i>* You may use entry notes to specify the underlying beer style upon which the entry is based, type or form of herb(s) or spice(s), vegetable(s), type of chilis, chocolate, and/or coffee used or other factors which influence perceived sensory outcomes. * Well-known spice blends are accepted, such as pie spice, curry powder, chili powder.</i>	31A	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Field Beer
	31B	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Pumpkin Spice Beer
	31C	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Pumpkin/Squash Beer
	31D	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Chocolate or Cocoa Beer
	31E	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Coffee Beer
	31F	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Chili Pepper Beer
	31G	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Herb and Spice Beer
32. Brett, Mixed Culture, & Wild Ales <i>* You may use entry notes to specify the underlying beer style upon which the entry is based, or other information unique to the entry such as type of Brett(s), yeast/bacteria, and/or other culture(s) used.</i>	32A	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Brett Beer
	32B	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Mixed-Culture Brett Beer
	32C	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Wild Beer
	32D	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Ginjo Beer or Sake-Yeast Beer

<p>33. Wood and Barrel-Aged Beers</p> <p><i>* Use entry notes to specify the underlying beer style upon which the entry is based, length of time aged, type of wood or barrel, char level or previous liquids held by the wood, ingredients or other processing which influence perceived sensory outcomes.</i></p>	33A	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Wood and Barrel-Aged Beer
	33B	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Wood and Barrel-Aged Sour Beer
<p>34. Specialty Beer</p> <p><i>* Use entry notes to specify an underlying beer style(s) upon which the entry is based (if such style(s) is apparent), or other information unique to the entry such as ingredients or processing which influence perceived sensory outcomes.</i></p>	34A	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Rye Beer
	34B	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Fresh Hop Beer
	34C	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Specialty Beer (brewed with atypical sources of fermentable sugar such as grains, tubers, starches, or syrups which contribute to alcohol content & provide distinctive sensory attributes..)
	34D	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Specialty Honey Beer
	34E	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Experimental Beer
	34F	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Experimental India Pale Ale
	34G	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Gluten-Free Beer
	34H	All Origin Hybrid Mixed: Non-Alcohol Malt Beverage
	34I	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Aged Beer
<p>35. Historic Beer</p>	35A	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Kentucky Common Beer
	35B	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Historical Beer
	35C	All Origin Hybrid/Mixed: Kellerbier or Zwickelbier

	35D	Other Origin Ale: Grodziskie
	35E	Other Origin Ale: Finnish-Style Sahti
	35F	Other Origin Ale: Swedish-Style Gotlandsdricke
36. NC Home-Grown 55% of the beer's dry-weight ingredients must be sourced from NC produced products.	36A	NC Home-Grown