

2024 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 2024 Beer Style Guidelines](#) in accordance with 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 2024 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. (Breweries must enter a minimum of 6 entries to be considered for NC Brewery of the Year or NC New Brewery of the Year.)
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.)*
7. Entrants must still submit two (2) containers for each entry registration.
8. **Please avoid any reference to brewery name, brand, beer name, or locale in "Entry Notes".**

NCBC Medal Category	NCBC Subcategory	2024 Brewers Association Style Category
1. British Pale & Bitter Ale	1A	Ordinary Bitter (64c)
	1B	Special Bitter or Best Bitter (64d)
	1C	Extra Special Bitter (65a,b)
	1D	English-Style Summer Ale (67a)
	1E	English-Style Pale Ale (67b)
	1F	English-Style IPA (67c)
2. Scottish & Irish Beer	2A	Scottish-Style Light Ale (68a)

	2B	Scottish-Style Heavy Ale (68b)
	2C	Scottish-Style Export Ale (68c)
	2D	Irish Style Red Ale (69)
	2E	Scotch Ale (87a,b)
3. British Porter & Brown Ales	3A	English-Style Pale Mild (64a)
	3B	English-Style Dark Mild (64b)
	3C	English-Style Brown Ale (70)
	3D	Brown Porter (81)
4. American Porter, Amber, & Brown Ales	4A	American-Style Brown (71)
	4B	Robust Porter (82)
	4C	American Amber/Red (95)
5. Stouts	5A	American-Style Imperial Porter (19a)
	5B	Classic Irish-Style Dry Stout (83a)
	5C	Export Stout (83b)
	5D	Sweet Stout or Cream Stout (84)
	5E	Oatmeal Stout (85)
	5F	American-Style Black Ale (72a)
	5G	American-Style Stout (72b)
	5H	American-Style Imperial Stout (86a)
	5I	British-Style Imperial Stout (86b)

	5J	Dessert Stout or Pastry Stout (11)
6. Strong Ale	6A	Old Ale (88a)
	6B	Strong Ale (88b)
	6C	American-Style Barleywine (88c)
	6D	British-Style Barleywine (88d)
	6E	Double Hopy Red Ale (96a)
	6F	Imperial Red Ale (96b)
	6G	American-Style Wheat Wine (20b)
7. Session IPA <i>(Includes Juicy or Hazy IPA, and Session Pale Ale)</i>	7A	Session IPA (18)
8. American Pale Ale	8A	American-Style Pale Ale (91)
	8B	American-Style Strong Pale Ale (93)
9. American-Style IPA	9A	American-Style IPA (101)
	9B	West Coast-Style IPA (100)
	9C	Imperial IPA (97)
10. Juicy/Hazy Pale Ale	10A	Juicy or Hazy Pale Ale (92)
	10B	Juicy or Hazy Strong Pale Ale (94)
11. Juicy or Hazy IPA	11A	Juicy or Hazy IPA (102)
	11B	Juicy or Hazy Imperial IPA (98)

12. American-Style Sour Ale	12A	American Sour Ale (26)
13. European Hybrid Styles	13A	German-Style Koelsch (57)
	13B	German-Style Altbier (61)
14. European Sour Ale	14A	Leipzig-Style Gose (58a)
	14B	Berliner-Style Weisse (58b)
	14C	Belgian-Style Lambic (77a)
	14D	Traditional Belgian-Style Gueuze (77b)
	14E	Belgian-Style Flanders Oud Bruin or Oud Red Ale (77d)
	14F	Other Belgian-Style Sour Ale (77e)
15. European Wheat (and Related) Beer	15A	South German-Style Hefeweissen (63)
	15B	South German-Style Kristal Weizen (62a)
	15C	German-Style Leichtes Weizen (62b)
	15D	South German-Style Bernsteinfarbenes Weizen (62c)
	15E	South German-Style Dunkel Weizen (62d)
	15F	South German-Style Weizenbock (62e)
	15G	German-Style Rye Ale (12b)
	15H	Belgian-Style Witbier (74)
16. Belgian Ales	16A	Belgian-Style Table Beer (17a)

	16B	Belgian-Style Session Ale (17b)
	16C	Belgian-Style Speciale Belge (73a)
	16D	Belgian-Style Blonde Ale (73b)
	16E	American-Belgo Style Ale (25)
17. Saison	17A	Classic Saison (75)
	17B	Specialty Saison (76)
	17C	French-Style Bière de Garde (73c)
18. Belgian Strong Ale / Monastic Ale	18A	Belgian-Style Strong Blonde Ale (78a)
	18B	Belgian-Style Strong Dark Ale (78b)
	18C	Belgian-Style Quadrupel (78c)
	18D	Belgian-Style Dubbel (79a)
	18E	Belgian-Style Tripel (79b)
19. Pale European & International Lager	19A	German-Style Leichtbier (38a)
	19B	Australasian, Latin American or Tropical-Style Light Lager (38b)
	19C	German-Style Pilsener (46)
	19D	Bohemian-Style Pilsener (47)
	19E	Munich-Style Helles (49)
	19F	Italian-Style Pilsener (48)
20. Amber European Lager	20A	Dortmunder/European-Style Export (50a)

	20B	German-Style Oktoberfest/Festbier (50b)
	20C	Vienna-Style Lager (51)
	20D	Franconian-Style Rotbier (53a)
	20E	German-Style Maerzen (52)
21. Dark European Lager	21A	Munich-Style Dunkel (53b)
	21B	German-Style Schwarzbier (53c)
	21C	European-Style Dark Lager (54b)
	21D	Baltic-Style Porter (19B)
22. German-Style Bock	22A	Traditional German-Style Bock (55a)
	22B	German-Style Heller Bock/Maibock (55b)
	22C	German-Style Doppelbock (56a)
	22D	German-Style Eisbock (56b)
23. Smoke Beers	23A	Other Smoke Beer (36a)
	23B	Smoke Porter (36b)
	23C	Bamberg-Style Weiss Rauchbier (36c)
	23D	Bamberg-Style Helles Rauchbier (36d)
	23E	Bamberg-Style Maerzen Rauchbier (36e)
	23F	Bamberg-Style Bock Rauchbier (36f)
24. International Style Pale Ale & IPA	24A	International-Style Pale Ale (89a)
	24B	Classic Australian-Style Pale Ale (89b)

	24C	Australian-Style Pale Ale (89c)
	24D	New Zealand-Style Pale Ale (89d)
	24E	New Zealand India Pale Ale (90)
25. American-Style Lager	25A	American-Style Lager (39)
	25B	Contemporary American-Style Lager (40)
	25C	American-Style Light Lager (37a)
	25D	Contemporary American-Style Light Lager (37b)
26. Pilsner-Style Lager	26A	American-Style Pilsener (41a)
	26B	Contemporary American-Style Pilsener (41b)
	26C	International-Style Pilsener (42)
	26D	American-Style India Pale Lager (44a)
	26E	Other Hoppy Lager (44b)
27. American Amber Lager	27A	American-Style Amber Lager (45a)
	27B	California Common Beer (45b)
	27C	American-Style Maerzen/Okttoberfest (45c)
	27D	American-Style Dark Lager (54a)
28. American Hybrid Styles	28A	American Cream Ale (43)
	28B	Golden or Blonde Ale (66)

	28C	American Wheat Beer (1)
	28D	American-Style Malt Liquor (20c)
29. Fruit Beers <i>* You may use entry notes to specify the type of fruit used in this category.</i>	29A	American Fruit Beer (2)
	29B	Fruit Wheat Beer (3)
	29C	Belgian-Style Fruit Beer (80a)
30. Sour Fruit or Field Beers <i>* Use entry notes to specify the type of fruit used in this category.</i>	30A	Fruited American Sour Ale (27)
	30B	Contemporary Gose (60)
	30C	Belgian-Style Fruit Lambic (80b)
	30D	Contemporary Belgian-Style Spontaneous Fermented Ale (77c)
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	Field Beer (4)
	31B	Pumpkin/Squash Beer (5a)
	31C	Pumpkin Spice Beer (5b)
	31D	Chili Beer (6)
	31E	Herb and Spice Beer (7)
	31F	Chocolate Beer (8)
	31G	Coffee Beer (9)
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	Brett Beer (28)
	32B	Mixed-Culture Brett Beer (29)
	32C	Ginjo Beer or Sake-Yeast Beer (22b)

	32D	Wild Beer (22c)
33. Wood and Barrel-Aged Beers <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>	33A	Wood and Barrel-Aged Beer (30a,b)
	33B	Wood and Barrel-Aged Sour Beer (33)
	33C	Wood and Barrel-Aged Strong Beer (31)
	33D	Wood and Barrel-Aged Strong Stout (32)
	33E	Fruited Wood and Barrel-Aged Sour (34)
34. Specialty Beer <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>	34A	Rye Beer (12a)
	34B	Fresh Hop Beer (99)
	34C	Honey Beer (13)
	34D	Experimental Beer (22a)
	34E	Experimental India Pale Ale (21)
	34F	Gluten-Free Beer (24)
	34G	Non-Alcohol Beer (14,15, 16)
	34H	Aged Beer (22d)
35. Historic Beer	35A	Historical Beer (23a)
	35B	Kentucky Common Beer (23b)
	35C	Grodziskie (23c)
	35D	Adambier (23d)
	35E	Dutch-Style Kuyt Beer (23e)

	35F	Finnish-Style Sahti (23f)
	35G	Swedish-Style Gotlandsdricke (23g)
	35H	Breslau-Style Schoeps (23h)
	35I	Kellerbier or Zwickelbier (35a,b)
36. NC Home-Grown 55% of the beer's dry-weight ingredients must be sourced from NC produced products.	36A	NC Home-Grown