



Titletown Open Homebrew Competition A BJCP sanctioned competition



Contest Dates: 4/11/2008 1st round judging (large flights only)
4/12/2008 2nd round judging

Registration Opens: 4/1/2008

Shipped entries due: 4/10/2008

On-site Registration: 4/9/2008 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Entry Fees (1st entry): \$7.00

Per addtl. entry (2nd-4th entries): \$5.00 5th and additional entries are free!

All BJCP (2004) styles sub-styles EXCEPT meads, ciders, and sake are eligible. Awards will be given in the following groups:

Group A (Light Ales Lagers) - Categories 1, 2, 6a-c, 7b

Group B (Pale Ales) - Categories 8, 10a, 14

Group C (Mild Amber Brown) - Categories 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 7a, 7c, 9a-d, 10b, 10c, 11

Group D (Wheat Rye Beers) - Categories 6d, 15

Group E (Dark Beers) - Categories 12 13a-e

Group F (Strong Beers) - Categories 5c, 5d, 9e, 18b-e, 19

Group G (Belgian French Ales) - Categories 16, 17, 18a

Group H (Specialty Beers) * - Categories 20, 21, 22,,

*** The contest organizer reserves the right to disqualify from judging and award eligibility any beer entered in BJCP category 20, 21, or 23 if the specialty additives are deemed by the judges to be offensive, blatantly inappropriate, or so overpowering that effective judging of the underlying beer style is not possible. There will be no refunds for disqualified beers.**

The 2004 BJCP guidelines will be used for judging. See the BJCP guidelines at www.bjcp.org for style guidelines.

Eligibility:

1. Open to any individual or group home brewer(s). Professional brewers may compete as long as the entries complies with eligibility rule #2.
2. Entries must be brewed at home or non-commercial site. Entries brewed in commercial breweries, brewpubs or brew-on-premises are not eligible for entry.



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Entry Requirements:

1. Two bottles (2) per regular entry. Four (4) bottles required if entering in the People's Choice competition as well.
2. Brown or green bottles capable of holding 12-16 ounces and must meet other requirements listed below. The following will NOT be allowed - ½ liter bottles, plastic bottles, clear glass bottles, and ceramic-closure bottles. Bottles must be free of all labels, raised lettering/decorations, or other identifying marks. Caps must be solid colored OR blacked out with permanent marker.
3. The following paperwork is required for all entries; Entry for, Recipe for, bottle label on EACH BOTTLE. These must be attached by rubber bands. NO tape or glue;
4. Entry fee (Check or money-order ONLY with shipped/dropped off entries. On-site registration may pay cash.

Registration:

1. On-line registration can be done www.rackers.org Be sure to print off a copy of your registration form to include when your entry is shipped or dropped off.
2. Walk-in registration may bring in a copy of on-line registration form or the attached fill-in form. On-site registration will be in the upstairs beer cellar at Titletown Brewing Company.
3. No additional registrations (other than judges) will be allowed after walk-in registration is closed.

Delivery of entries:

1. Shipped entries should be packaged carefully to avoid breakage and leaking should breakage occur. Shipped entries should be sent to: Titletown Open HBC c/o Michael Conard, 1021 Juneau Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216. There will be no refund for entries damaged in transit.
2. Drop off entries can be left at Titletown Brewing Company, 200 Dousman Street, Green Bay, WI 54303 during their regular business hours. Please remember that they are a busy brewpub. Calling ahead would be greatly appreciated. Remember – dropped off entries must be accompanied by all paperwork and entry fees. Check or MO only – NO CASH!



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Awards:

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for all groups in which there are at least four entries. In groups where there are less than four entries, the contest organizer shall determine how many awards there will be for that group.

A single People's Choice award will be determined by popular vote of the participating public.

Judges reserve the right to give special recognition awards to beers of particular note, regardless of their overall score or award placement.

The BOS round shall consist of a maximum of twelve (12) beers. Beers advancing to the BOS round must meet the following criteria:

1. Attain a minimum average score. The baseline minimum score for BOS shall be 30 points. In the event that the average overall scoring of the beers is exceptionally high or exceptionally low, the contest organizer (in consultation with the BOS judges) may adjust the base minimum score up or down.
2. The first place beer in each group (A-H) shall advance to BOS round ONLY if they meet the established minimum score. The remaining beers advancing to the BOS round shall be the top-scoring beers regardless of group provided they meet the established minimum score.
3. No beer shall advance to the BOS if it has not attained the established minimum score.
4. People's Choice winner is NOT eligible for the BOS round.

Disclaimer:

The Green Bay Rackers are solely responsible for the conduct of this contest. All recipes, leftover beer, and empty bottles become the property of the Green Bay Rackers. Entry into this competition shall constitute permission for the Rackers to publish all results and recipes on their website.

Call for judges and stewards:

If you are interested in judging or stewarding for this competition, register on-line at www.rackers.org

Information:

See the Green Bay Rackers website at www.rackers.org or contact
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