



HOMEBREW COMPETITION

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE & DROP-OFF: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025			
BJCP Sanctioned Competition!			
ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL	
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor	21 & Up	Amateur & Professionals	
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Monday, July 28, 2025.			
The winner of the Homebrew Competition will be eligible to have their recipe reproduced and canned commercially.			
1ST PLACE GOLD MEDALLION	2ND PLACE SILVER MEDALLION	3RD PLACE BRONZE MEDALLION	
Entries must be dropped off by April 30, 2025 at either of the following locations:	Erie County Fairgrounds Main Offices (9:30 AM – 4:30 PM) at 5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY	Hamburg Brewing Company during business hours (Please check availability ahead of time) at 6553 Boston State Rd, Hamburg, NY	Resurgence Brewing Company during business hours (Please check availability ahead of time) at 155 Chandler St, Buffalo, NY

Please call the Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or email ceoffice@ecfair.org with all questions.

Homebrew Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Wednesday, April 30, 2025.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. Open to any home brewer, 21 years or older, who is a resident of New York State.
4. No amateur exhibitor shall be involved in commercial beer making or use the services of a commercial beer making facility.
5. All beers must be produced and bottled in New York State by the exhibitor. Any beer entered in competition becomes the property of the Erie County Agricultural Society.
6. Each brewer will be limited to 5 entries. All beers should be 7% ABV or lower. All beers should be named something other than the style.
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8. Two (2) bottles per entry. Each bottle must be labeled (paper label attached to the bottle with a rubber band, do **NOT** stick or tape labels to the bottles) with the following: (1) name of beer, (2) class number, (3) variety, (4) beer maker's name, (5) beer maker's address, (6) ABV of entry. (One (1) bottle will be used for the first pour of the competition. The second bottle will be used for Best of Show) A fillable template can be found along with class list.
9. The decision of the judges shall be final.
10. All exhibitors will receive a standard BJCP score sheet for each beer entered from at least two (2) judges (with at least one BJCP Certified or higher).
11. Some recipes are more challenging to make commercially, the Erie County Fair reserves the right to bypass the Best of Show based upon recipe. Beer must be dropped off for judging **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2025**. If you are mailing your entry you must mail the entry to: The Erie County Fair, Attn: Home Brew Competition, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY 14075.

The Erie County Fair would like to thank Hamburg Brewing Company and Try-It Distributing for their support of the Erie County Fair!





CLASSES

AMATEUR HOMEBREW - 1

Amateur – someone not involved commercially with brewing. Does not sell beer.

1. Standard American Beer

- 1A. American Light Lager
- 1B. American Lager
- 1C. Cream Ale
- 1D. American Wheat Beer

2. International Lager

- 2A. International Pale Lager
- 2B. International Amber Lager
- 2C. International Dark Lager

3. Czech Lager

- 3A. Czech Pale Lager
- 3B. Czech Premium Pale Lager
- 3C. Czech Amber Lager
- 3D. Czech Dark Lager

4. Pale Malty European Lager

- 4A. Munich Helles
- 4B. Festbier
- 4C. Helles Bock

5. Pale Bitter European Beer

- 5A. German Leichtbier
- 5B. Kölsch
- 5C. German Helles Exportbier
- 5D. German Pils

6. Amber Malty European Lager

- 6A. Märzen
- 6C. Dunkles Bock

7. Amber Bitter European Beer

- 7A. Vienna Lager
- 7B. Altbier

8. Dark European Lager

- 8A. Munich Dunkel
- 8B. Schwarzbier

10. German Wheat Beer

- 10A. Weissbier
- 10B. Dunkles Weissbier
- 10C. Weizenbock

11. British Bitter

- 11A. Ordinary Bitter
- 11B. Best Bitter
- 11C. Strong Bitter

12. Pale Commonwealth Beer

- 12A. British Golden Ale
- 12B. Australian Sparkling Ale
- 12C. English IPA

AMATEUR HOMEBREW - 1 cont.

13. Brown British Beer

- 13A. Dark Mild
- 13B. British Brown Ale
- 13C. English Porter

14. Scottish Ale

- 14A. Scottish Light
- 14B. Scottish Heavy
- 14C. Scottish Export

15. Irish Beer

- 15A. Irish Red Ale
- 15B. Irish Stout
- 15C. Irish Extra Stout

16. Dark British Beer

- 16A. Sweet Stout
- 16B. Oatmeal Stout
- 16C. Tropical Stout
- 16D. Foreign Extra Stout

18. Pale American Ale

- 18A. Blonde Ale
- 18B. American Pale Ale

19. Amber & Brown American Beer

- 19A. American Amber Ale
- 19B. California Common
- 19C. American Brown Ale

20. American Porter & Stout

- 20A. American Porter
- 20B. American Stout

21. IPA

- 21A. American IPA
- 21B. Specialty IPA (Belgian, Black, Brown, Red, Rye, Brut)
- 21C. Hazy IPA

23. European Sour Ale

- 23A. Berliner Weisse
- 23B. Flanders Red Ale
- 23C. Oud Bruin
- 23D. Lambic
- 23E. Gueuze
- 23F. Fruit Lambic
- 23G. Gose

24. Belgian Ale

- 24A. Witbier
- 24B. Belgian Pale Ale
- 24C. Biere de Garde

25. Strong Belgian Ale

- 25A. Belgian Blond Ale
- 25B. Saison



CLASSES

AMATEUR HOMEBREW - 1 cont.

- 26. Monastic Ale**
26A. Belgian Single
- 27. Historical Beer**
27A. Any Historical Beer (Kellerbier, Kentucky Common, Lichtenhainer, London Brown Ale, Piwo Grodziskie, Pre-Prohibition Lager, Pre-Prohibition Porter, Roggenbier, Sahti)
- 29. Fruit Beer**
29A. Fruit Beer
29B. Fruit and Spice Beer
29C. Specialty Fruit Beer
29D. Grape Ale
- 30. Spiced Beer**
30A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
30B. Autumn Seasonal Beer
30D. Specialty Spice Beer
- 34. Specialty Beer**
14B. Mixed-Style Beer
14C. Experimental Beer

PROFESSIONAL HOMEBREW - 2

Professional – someone who is involved commercially with brewing. Works for a brewery or sells their own beer.
1. Any Style

SPECIAL AWARDS

BEST OF SHOW AMATEUR
\$100 & Banner & Reproduction of Winning Beer
Will be awarded for overall outstanding amateur beer **

BEST OF SHOW PROFESSIONAL
\$75 & Banner
Will be awarded for overall professional outstanding beer

MOST CREATIVE
\$50 & Banner
Will be awarded for overall most creative beer

**If the recipe is too challenging, we reserve the right to reproduce another beer as deemed necessary.