

**2023  
OPEN ENTRY  
BOOK**

**INDIANA  
BREWERS'  
CUP**



**INDIANA  
STATE FAIR**

# INDIANA BREWER'S CUP COMPETITION

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# OPEN COMPETITIONS & EVENTS

## GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. By submitting an Indiana State Fair Entry Form or online entry, Open Exhibitors agree to all Terms & Conditions.
  - a. Exhibitors entered under one account are also responsible and held accountable to all Terms and Conditions.
2. In the interest of all exhibitors, the Indiana State Fair Board, the agriculture industry, and all breeders of livestock, the following general terms, conditions and listing of prohibited activities are presented to maintain, insure and present a wholesome, high quality educational program. As the showcase of Indiana, it is imperative to promote and allow only ethical behavior by exhibitors at the Indiana State Fair.
3. The Indiana State Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms and conditions, contained in any and all parts of the Handbook/Premium List and to unilaterally settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Indiana State Fair. They further reserve the right to resolve unforeseen matters not covered by general or Department terms and conditions published in the Handbook/Premium List, to amend or add to these terms and conditions as in its judgment it may determine, and to withdraw all premium offerings in all Departments should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.
4. Fraud, deception, any prohibited activities, or violations of general or Departmental terms and conditions, or any activity determined to be improper or unethical by the Board or Department Superintendent shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to sanction and/or disqualification.
5. TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION relative to any exhibit is prohibited
6. No Exhibitor may take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.
7. Advertising - Commercial advertisement names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing is prohibited. Distribution or posting of flyers, advertisements or posters are prohibited from being hung in the Coliseum, Youth Arena or any other building, except for those in preapproved areas.

### DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8. The Executive Director or their designee assigned by the Indiana State Fair Board to the Department where a violation of any term or condition established for the Indiana State Fair is reported to have occurred prior to, during or after judging shall make an initial determination as to whether a violation has occurred upon determining a violation has occurred, the Executive Director or their designee shall make a determination as to the appropriate penalty to impose upon the violating person(s). The Executive Director or their designee may choose to impose one, all, or a combination of the following penalties.

### PENALTIES

9. The exhibitor in question is disqualified and forfeits all entry and other fees and all premiums, trophies, and awards from the Department.
10. Any or all State Fair premiums, trophies and awards won by an exhibitor in any and all State Fair Departments shall be withdrawn and required to be returned to the State Fair. All entry and other fees are forfeited.
11. The exhibitor and/or his/her immediate family shall be barred from State Fair competition for a period determined by the Executive Director or their designee that may include up to a lifetime.
12. The Executive Director or their designee may impose any other penalty deemed appropriate.

### DUE PROCESS

The following due process rights and right of appeal shall be utilized.

13. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing of the violation and penalty imposed within 15 days of the determination of a violation.
14. Within 15 days of receipt of written notification, the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Indiana State Fair Board. The written appeal must be delivered to the office of the State Fair Board within the 15 days.
15. Within 15 days of receipt of the written appeal, the Executive Director or their designee may rescind his/her initial determination. No further determination as to the reported violation may be subsequently made by the Superintendent. The exhibitor shall have no further remedy available upon the rescission of the initial determination.
16. Should the Executive Director or their designee take no action on the appeal within 15 days from the date of receipt in the office of the Fair Board, the exhibitor may request an appeal hearing no later than 18 days of the initial violation determination. Requests for an appeal hearing must be sent to the State of Indiana Office of

Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) by submitting a petition for review. To submit a request, go online to <https://www.in.gov/oalp/>, select that you are an individual filing for a petition for review. Then:

- a. Fill out the online form via the link at the bottom of the page (you will be asked to upload a copy of the violation determination);
  - b. Download a paper copy of the request form and mail it to OALP; or
  - c. Personally appear at OALP's office located at 100 N. Senate Avenue N802, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
17. OALP shall appoint an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct an appeal hearing. The ALJ shall issue an order to parties setting a date for the appeal hearing.
  18. OALP's assigned ALJ shall issue a final order concluding the Administrative Review.
  19. Either party wishing to appeal the ALJ's final order may file for judicial review of the order. Any judicial review shall take place in a competent court situated in Marion County, Indiana.
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#### GRIEVANCE

21. Within twenty-four (24) hours of observing any suspected infraction, Exhibitors competing in an Open Class competition shall personally present a Grievance Form (found at [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com)) to the Entry Office in the Communications Building. No other persons have standing to present a Grievance Form. In all cases of grievance affecting an exhibitor, the statement must be verified.
22. A grievance must also be personally presented to the Entry Office within 24 hours of the occurrence of the suspected infraction for all livestock activities and for all other activities prior to the official closing of the State Fair (5 pm the last Sunday of the Fair). In the event a grievance is presented after judging has begun on the item or activity in question, the judging will proceed, and the grievance will be handled as if the grievance were presented following the judging.
23. A grievance must be presented in writing, verified and accompanied by a \$500 cash or money order made out to the Indiana State Fair. The grievance must state the name of the exhibitor, the exhibit and class in question, the specific reason for ineligibility and the terms and conditions that govern the case.
24. The \$500 will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The \$500 will be forfeited if the grievance is not sustained.
25. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify, in writing and within 15 days of receiving the grievance, the person(s) submitting the grievance as to his/her determination of the validity of the grievance and the actions taken as a result of upholding the grievance. If the grievance is denied, the notifications shall state the reasons for denial.
26. The person(s) submitting the grievance shall have the due process rights set forth in the Due Process section of this Entry Book.

#### JUDGES AND JUDGING

27. The awards will be made by judges who are hired by the Executive Director or their designee.
28. The time at which the judges will pass upon the different classes is determined by the Executive Director or their designee. All exhibition times are subject to change without announcement.
29. Any exhibit not presented promptly when called will be ruled out.
30. The judge, must, if any attempt be made by an exhibitor or his agent to interfere with or influence his decision, report the fact at once to the Executive Director or their designee.
31. An exhibitor who removes a placing ribbon, or authorizes another person to do so, in the presence of the judge, or in any manner insults the judge, shall forfeit all premiums, and be excluded from exhibiting, and the Fair Board may impose any additional penalty it so desires.
32. Regardless of the number of entries in each class by one exhibitor, only two premiums will be paid in any of the single classes and only one premium in any of the group classes.
33. Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits, whether there is competition or not, nor shall they award premiums on articles incorrectly entered or incorrectly named.

#### APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF JUDGES

34. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of a judge will exist only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the terms and conditions governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judges has been influenced or interfered with by another person.
35. The appellant must give verbal notice to the Executive Director or their designee in which the judging occurred within 2 hours of the judging. The written appeal as described below must be received within 24 hours of the verbal notice. The written appeal must be given to the Entry Office.
36. Appeals from the decision of a judge must be made in writing and must contain at least one specific charge, stating at length the facts relied upon and the term and condition violated, and naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proof is to be made.
37. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing within 15 days of receipt of the appeal as to their findings and actions resulting therein.
38. The exhibitor shall have the due process rights forth in the Due Process section of the Entry Book.

#### PREMIUMS

39. Premium checks will be mailed in October for all departments.
40. Premiums will be paid according to official judges' result sheets and payable to exhibitor name as entered.
41. To expedite delivery of premiums, any exhibitor receiving \$600.00 or more in monetary awards will be required to provide the Indiana State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 (W-8BEN for foreign exhibitors) providing a taxpayer identification number. Failure to provide this information will result in the forfeiture of all premium monies. Forms may be picked up at the Barn Offices, at the Entry Office in the Communications Building, or found on the IRS website [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).
42. Questions and/or discrepancies noted in issued premium checks must be addressed to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department prior to December 1, 2023 for resolution. Premium records will be considered closed on December 1, 2023 and any exhibitor right of protest or re-issue is thereafter relinquished. A \$35.00 handling

charge will be subtracted from a replacement check if check is lost, shredded, not cashed timely etc. Premium checks must be cashed within 90 days of receipt.

#### NSF CHECKS

43. A \$35.00 handling charge will be added to all checks returned as non-sufficient funds.
44. Any exhibitor not redeeming a non-sufficient funds check will be ineligible to show and/or forfeit all premiums and awards won.
45. An exhibitor with any NSF check not redeemed by the entry deadline(s) will be assessed all applicable late fees.
46. NSF checks are not re-deposited.

## **INDIANA STATE FAIR GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

All emergencies, safety concerns and suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the  
Indiana State Fair Operations Center at (317) 927-7520.

#### Prohibited Items

- No alcoholic beverages may be brought on to the Fairgrounds during the annual Indiana State Fair.
- No person in possession of a deadly weapon shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds, unless that person can demonstrate that the deadly weapon is intended for sale or trade at an event that is taking place on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(b)).
  - The definition of a deadly weapon includes firearms, knives or sharp bladed items (regardless of blade length), or any object carried or possessed with the intent to be used as a deadly weapon.
  - Exhibitors will be permitted to carry and use knives and other tools necessary for the proper care of their animals, tack, and equipment. However, these items may only be carried within the confines of the barn in which the animal(s) is housed. Knives and other tools carried outside of the barn are subject to confiscation under the deadly weapon rules found in the Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2.
- Any deadly weapon found in the possession of a person while on the Fairgrounds is subject to immediate confiscation by persons authorized to provide security protection services as well as city, county, and state police agencies. Federal, state, or local law enforcement officers or those employed or authorized by the Indiana State Fair Commission are excepted from this rule (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(a), (c), and Section 11-2-3 (1) and (2)).
- Any person properly licensed to carry a firearm must secure the firearm in a locked compartment of his/her vehicle and it shall not be visible to passersby (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(d)).
- No generators (not attached to a working/in transit RV/trailer/living quarters) or animal scales are permitted on the Fairgrounds except those furnished by the State Fair.

#### Animal Policies & Procedures

- The only animals permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair are: animals registered, boarded or entered for exhibition, show or other competition; animals that will be used in a scheduled performance or to perform work at the Fair; law enforcement animals and service animals. Household and family pets, whether domestic or wild, and service animals not recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 36.104 are not permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair. No person in possession of or having control over an unauthorized animal shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-4).
- Animals entered for exhibition, show or competition and animals scheduled to perform must remain in approved areas at all times. Violation may be disqualifiable offenses. See individual department terms and conditions for more specific information.

#### General Safety Policies & Procedures

- Smoking is not permitted inside barns and buildings. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the Fairgrounds.
- Cameras are located throughout the Fairgrounds for security and promotional purposes.
- Motorized vehicles, including golf carts, are not permitted in any barns or buildings (IFC 313.1). This does not apply to personal mobility devices. A valid State issued driver's license is required to operate a motorized vehicle including a golf cart on the Fairgrounds.

- Fans are permitted, so long as they have safety-approved shrouds. See individual department requirements pertaining to size, allowable number, and placement of fans.

#### Tents, Canopies, & Stall Coverings

- Any tent, canopy, or stall covering in a building must be made of a material to allow for or not block water distribution as well as meet or exceed NFPA Standard 701.
- A portable fire extinguisher must be located under each tent, canopy, or covering.

#### Fire Safety

- The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office conducts regular inspections of all barns and buildings during the Indiana State Fair to identify any potential fire hazards or threats to life safety. The decisions of the fire marshal are final and will be enforced.
- Fire extinguishers are located throughout every barn and building. They may be used for approved purposes only. Do not use a fire extinguisher if you are not trained on its proper use.
- Most buildings and barns are equipped with fire alarm and/or fire suppression systems. In the event of a fire, these systems should be activated.
- Emergency exits are clearly marked in all barns and buildings. In the event of an emergency, calmly evacuate through the nearest accessible emergency exit.
- Do not store tack/supplies in primary aisle or in front of exit doors.

#### Severe Weather

- In the event of severe weather impacting the Fairgrounds, be it a severe thunderstorm or tornado, you may receive instructions over the barn or building public address system. If the barn or building is not equipped with a public-address system, State Fair staff will notify people in person.
- During a severe weather situation, you will be asked to remain inside, away from windows and doors whenever possible. Staff may be instructed to close all doors and windows, including overhead doors.
- Larger barns and buildings will be used for shelter-in-place (points of refuge) to allow Fairgoers to seek shelter. This may cause an influx of people into livestock areas and result in the postponement of a show or exhibition. Exhibitors should be mindful of this, keep aisles and walkways clear, and tend to their animals accordingly.

#### Food Preparation/Cooking Policies & Procedures

- Cooking inside and adjacent to barns and buildings should be kept to a minimum and in designated areas only. The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity plan recommends that food be excluded from animal areas. If cooking and/or food preparation is necessary, the following policies and procedures must be followed:
  - Cooking devices that use open flames, including charcoal and gas grills, exposed heating elements and non-electric power/ fuel sources are not permitted inside or outside barns or buildings.
  - Approved cooking devices are limited to crockpots, or similar slow cookers, and microwave ovens. Cooking devices must have a cover approved for use with the device and comply with all applicable electrical and fire codes. Cooking devices are also required to be powered by approved cords that are not frayed or malfunctioning in any way.
  - Exhibitors cooking in the barns and buildings do so at their own risk and assume all liability for their actions concerning food contamination from pathogens that may be present in or near a livestock area.

#### Extension Cords

- Extension Cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. IFC 2012 (605.4.1)
- Extension Cords shall not be affixed to structures. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not be buried under carpet or animal bedding.

#### Multi-plug Adapter/Power Strip

- Multi-plug adapter(s) are prohibited. IFC 2012 (605.4)
- Power strip(s) shall be grounded and be equipped with overcurrent protection. IFC 2012 (605.4.1)
- Power strip shall be directly connected to an electrical outlet (no piggy-backing). IFC 2012 (605.4.2)
- Power strip cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.4.3)

#### Animal Wellness & Care

The Animal Wellness & Care Plan (AWAC) was established to reinforce the Indiana State Fair's commitment and belief in the proper treatment of all animals in exhibition. The Indiana State Fair holds exhibitors of the various species of animals being exhibited to the highest standards in wellness, care and ethics of exhibition. The AWAC is responsible for ensuring the most up to date standards as well as to be a source for the public to seek answers to their questions relating to the health and safety of the animals involved in the Indiana State Fair.

#### Biosecurity

The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity Plan was developed to prevent the outbreak of diseases carried by both animals and humans that spread pathogens that can be transmitted to and from farm animals, as well as through the food supply. Many diseases and pathogens can be prevented through maintaining the cleanliness of facilities and encouraging good hygiene. The Biosecurity Plan will be enforced during the Indiana State Fair and all exhibitors are required to comply with it.

The Indiana State Fair is committed to providing opportunities for all 4-H participants to show their animals as part of the State Fair. The State Fair also wants to ensure the integrity of its 4-H competitions as is evidenced by the various terms and conditions set forth in this Entry Book, including its policy with respect to testing for unauthorized substances in certain animals that are entered into these competitions and the penalties associated with positive results. By entering into these competitions, you agree to these terms and conditions and as such, we strongly recommend that you read this information carefully prior to submitting your entry.

All exhibitors should be familiar with and must abide by the terms and conditions of the Indiana State Fair. Failure to do so may result in loss of the privilege to exhibit at the State Fair and/or ejection from the Fairgrounds.

## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

### FAIRGROUNDS ADMISSION

- General admission, adults — \$14
- Children, five (5) years old and under, accompanied by an adult - FREE
- General Parking on Fairgrounds \$10.00 per day (when available) during the Indiana State Fair.

### ENTRY INFORMATION

- Online Entry - <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/> Online entry requires credit card payment (accepting Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express).
- Indiana State Fair entries will not be processed without complete information, proper signatures and appropriate payment. Make sure that all of the information requested is completed correctly. Double check your total fee to make sure your check or money order is correct
- Entry Deadline - Please refer to individual departments for entry deadlines.
- Entry Forms: Indiana State Fair entries will not be processed without complete information, proper signatures and appropriate payment. Make sure that all of the information requested is completed correctly. Double check your total fee to make sure your check or money order is correct and enclosed. Previous year's entry forms will not be accepted. Mail in entry forms must be postmarked before or on the deadline day to receive the lower fees, even if deadline day falls on a weekend day or holiday.
- Entry Fees - Please see individual departments for entry fees.
- Refunds - Entry Fees, late fees, processing fees, overpayments, and any additional fees will not be refunded. If one check pays for more than one Open member's entries and any entry is incorrect, the correct entries will be processed, and the check will be deposited. The fees for the incorrect entries will be considered an overpayment on the correct entries. The incorrect entries will be returned to the exhibitor. After correction, the entries must be returned with entry fee as directed by the Entry Office will be subject to applicable late fees.
- Entry Revisions - Substitutions may be made within the same section, unless stated otherwise in departmental terms and conditions, provided the same number of entries is maintained as was entered on the original entry form, (i.e. If eight (8) exhibits are on the original entry form, you are limited to 8 entries, without paying a late fee). If a new section is entered, this is a new entry with all applicable fees. Any exhibit entered on an original entry form may be added any class for which it is eligible.

### EXHIBITOR ADMISSION

- Exhibitor Tickets - \$10.00 Tickets can be purchased online on Exhibitor's Corner account.
- All exhibitors entering the Fairgrounds or picking up exhibits on or after Friday, August 7, are required to pay

admission and parking or have an exhibitor ticket and parking pass to give to the gate attendant or to be scanned.

- Pass Outs - Any exhibitor leaving the Fairgrounds that wishes to return on the same day must obtain a hand stamp from the gate attendant or pay admission to re-enter. This policy will be strictly enforced. Pass outs are not permitted after 8pm.

#### EXHIBITOR PARKING

- Please see the individual department's terms and conditions for more information on parking, gate entrance, etc.

#### SCHEDULES

- Arrival/Check-in/Show Schedules - Please see individual departments for arrival/check-in/show times.

#### LOSS OR DAMAGE

- It is mutually agreed that the Indiana State Fair assumes no liability for any loss of property or any claim for personal injury, including death. The exhibitor herein agrees to release, discharge and indemnify the Indiana State Fair Commission, its component members, and their successors from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including death, which may occur within or upon the premises herein described in any manner connected with use thereof by exhibitor.



# 230: Indiana Brewers' Cup **II**

Master of Championship of Amateur Brewing (MCAB) Qualifying Event  
Midwest Home Brewer of the Year Circuit Event



## Indiana Brewers' Cup Terms & Conditions -

1. Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions - By entering exhibits at the Indiana State Fair, you agree to the Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions on page 1.
2. Indiana Brewers' Cup Department Terms and Conditions - Please read the Indiana Brewers' Cup Department Terms and Conditions, as well as each section's terms and conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.
3. Conflict of Terms and Conditions - In the event of conflict between general and departmental terms and conditions, the latter will govern.
4. Exhibitor Qualifications - Any Homebrewer or Professional Brewery (see definitions below) can enter the Indiana Brewers' Cup.
5. Disqualifications - Any item that is disqualified will not be displayed during the Indiana State Fair. Any entry that is deemed offensive or inappropriate will be disqualified.
6. Disputes - Should any dispute arise; the Indiana State Fair Executive Producer reserves the right to determine the proper resolution.
7. Style Guidelines/Judging - Beer entry categories are adopted from the American Homebrewers' Association/National Homebrewers' Competition. Style guidelines, judging procedures and contest terms and conditions have been adopted with permission from the 2021 version of the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) at [www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php](http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php).
8. Modifications - The Indiana Brewers' Cup Department reserves the right to modify categories and/or subcategories to create a flight for judging and prize purposes.
9. Homebrew Participants: 8 to 12 entries and you'll receive 2 Reception Tickets; 7 or less entries and you'll receive 1 Reception Ticket; if more tickets are needed you can purchase them online, or they will be sold onsite.
10. Professional Brew Participants: 10 to 12 entries and you'll receive 5 Reception Tickets; 9 or less entries and you'll receive 2 Reception Tickets; if more tickets are needed you can purchase them online, or they will be sold onsite.
11. Parking is FREE

## Entry Information

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions.
2. To ensure the competition in general and the adjudication process are managed in the most effective and efficient way possible, the 2023 Indiana Brewers' Cup is limited to 1,500 total entries of which 800 entries can be from Homebrewers and 700 entries can be from Professional Brewers. The Indiana State Fair Commission reserves the right to alter these limits.

3. Online Entry - To enter the Brewer's Cup Competition, please go to <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/> and enter online. Each exhibitor is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor will not be considered entered in the Indiana Brewers' Cup Competition until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card.
4. If you need to modify an entry after submission or have any questions, please contact [brewersCup@indianastatefair.com](mailto:brewersCup@indianastatefair.com)
5. Entry Deadlines and Fees - see below.

Enter online between Tuesday May 16,2023 - Wednesday  
June 21,2023

- Home Brew Division entry fee: \$12 per class entered
  - Professional Brewery Division entry fee: \$35 per class entered
6. No entries will be accepted after June 21, 2023 or sooner if the cap of 1,500 entries is reached. To ensure participation, do not wait until the last minute to register.
  7. There is a limit of one entry per subcategory per brewer except for those in Indiana Brewers' Cup categories 23 (Fruit Beer), 24 (Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer), 25 (Smoke-Flavored Beer), 26 (Wood-Aged Beer), 27 (American Wild Ale), 28 (Specialty Beer), 29 (Traditional Mead), 30 (Fruit Mead), 31 (Spice & Specialty Mead), 32 (Standard Cider and Perry), and 33 (Specialty Cider and Perry).  
Example: It is NOT acceptable to enter two American Amber Ales, but it IS acceptable to enter one American Amber Ale and one American Brown Ale since these are in different subcategories of the Other American Ale category.
  8. If you have any questions, please contact [brewerscup@indianastatefair.com](mailto:brewerscup@indianastatefair.com)

## Beer Delivery Procedure

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1. Once online entry is completed, please follow the below information.
2. Entry Tags - Entry Tags or Bottle ID Labels will be available on your Exhibitor's Corner account. In your account information you will find your Bottle ID Labels. Please print this document and attach the appropriate label to each bottle securely with a rubber band. Do not use labels from another source, such as the BJCP or NHC websites.
3. It is the responsibility of the brewer to package entries in a manner that will withstand handling by shippers and competition personnel. Any entry that is damaged in a manner that it is deemed unsuitable for competition by the officials will be disqualified.
4. *Note that there are different ship/drop-off locations and dates for the Homebrew and Professional Divisions*

### Professional Registered Beer Delivery Dates

*Please make sure ID labels are on all bottles*

**June 12<sup>th</sup> - June 23<sup>th</sup>**

*(Deliveries or shipments received prior to June 12<sup>th</sup> or after June 23<sup>th</sup> will NOT be accepted)  
(In-person deliveries not accepted on Saturday & Sunday.)*

Ship or hand-deliver to:  
*Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center:  
ATTN: Hunter Bauman  
Communications Building  
1202 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46205*

*this year*

### Homebrew Registered Beer Delivery Dates

*Please make sure ID labels are on all bottles*

**June 9<sup>th</sup> - June 25<sup>th</sup>**

*(Deliveries or shipments received prior to June 9<sup>th</sup> or after June 25<sup>th</sup> will NOT be accepted)*




Ship or hand-deliver to:  
*Great Fermentations  
ATTN: Brewers Cup  
5127 E. 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46220*

# Division Descriptions

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## Homebrew Division

### Homebrew Division Terms & Conditions:

1. Please read the Indiana Brewers' Cup Department and Homebrew Division Terms and Conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.
2. Entries may not be submitted that have been brewed on equipment used for any commercial purpose, including research, production, or brew-on premise establishments.
3. Professional brewers, including owners and employees of any commercial brewery entering the Professional Division, may not compete in the Homebrew division.
-  4. *NEW FOR 2023*: Each homebrewer is limited to a maximum of 16 entries.
5. Entries must receive a minimum judge's score of 30 to be eligible for an award. First, second and third places will be awarded to the top three eligible entries in each category.
6. The first place winner in each Beer category (categories 1-29,36
7. ) will advance to the Beer Homebrewer Class "Best of Show" round. If there are sufficient entries in the opinion of competition officials, the first place winner of each Mead and Cider category (categories 30-35,37
8. ) will advance to a separate Mead and Cider Homebrewer Class "Best of Show" round.
9. Each entry must consist of three (3) bottles or cans, 12 ounces in volume, brown or green glass. Meads may also be submitted using bottles that are at least 7oz.
10. The Indiana Brewers' Cup strives to ensure that all entries can be judged ANONYMOUSLY to ensure the integrity of blind judging. Entries must be completely free of paper labels (besides Bottle ID Labels) and/or inked brand-name lettering. Brewers are encouraged to use plain gold or silver caps. Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker. Remove any other markings on the bottle or cap which may allow the entrant to be identified. Bottles with Grolsch-type swing tops are not allowed. Corked bottles meeting the above restrictions are acceptable. Bottles with raised glass logos of common breweries (Sam Adams, Dogfish Head, etc.) are acceptable, but any raised or engraved lettering or graphics identifying the entrant are not allowed. Bottles that do not meet these requirements, or cannot be judged anonymously for any other reason, will be disqualified and will not be judged. There will be no refund of entry fees or additional purchased items.
11. Only Gold, Silver, & Bronze winners will be listed. A list of all entrants will not be released.
12. To ensure the judging process is managed in the most effective and efficient way possible, the Indiana Brewers' Cup is limited to 800 Homebrew entries. The Indiana State Fair Commission reserves the right to alter these limits.
13. This competition is a Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing (MCAB) Qualifying Event and a participating member of the Midwest Home Brewer of the Year Competition.
14. In order to compete representing an AHA-recognized Homebrew Club, homebrewers should designate a club affiliation during registration. Homebrewers who are members of more than one Homebrew Club should pick one club to represent.
15. To be eligible to compete as an Indiana Homebrew Club, 60% of the entrants claiming membership must reside in Indiana.
-  16. Info for Indiana Only - Beer (Category 36)
  - a. Entries in this category are open to Indiana residents ONLY using ONLY Indiana ingredients (with the exception of yeast, and oak or other wood which may be sourced outside of Indiana). Beers in this category may also be entered in other categories and may be eligible for other medals in other categories; however, in the event the 1st place entry in the Indiana Only category is also advancing to BOS in another category, only ONE advancement will be permitted.
  - b. Entry Info: Entrants must specify which Indiana sourced or produced ingredients were used.
-  17. Info for Indiana Only - Meads (Category 37)
  - a. Entries in this category are open to Indiana residents ONLY using ONLY Indiana ingredients (with the exception of yeast, and oak or other wood which may be sourced outside of Indiana). Meads in this category may also be entered in other categories and may be eligible for other medals in other categories; however, in the event the 1st place entry in the Indiana Only category is also

advancing to BOS in another category, only ONE advancement will be permitted.

- b. Entry Info: Entrants must specify which Indiana sourced or produced ingredients were used in addition to levels of carbonation, sweetness, and strength.

**NEW**

18. Info for Indiana Only - Cider (Category 37)

- a. Entries in this category are open to Indiana residents ONLY using ONLY Indiana ingredients (with the exception of yeast, and oak or other wood which may be sourced outside of Indiana).
- b. Ciders in this category may also be entered in other categories and may be eligible for other medals in other categories; however, in the event the 1st place entry in the Indiana Only category is also advancing to BOS in another category, only ONE advancement will be permitted.
- c. Entry Info: Entrants must specify which Indiana sourced or produced ingredients were used in addition to levels of carbonation and sweetness.

## Professional Brew Division

### Professional Brew Division Terms & Conditions:

1. Please read the Indiana Brewers' Cup Department and Professional Brew Division Terms and Conditions. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.
2. Contest is open to all commercial brewers. Breweries with multiple locations will be considered separate entities if and only if each location brews under a different license. Each commercial brewery is limited to a maximum of 12 entries.
3. Each entry must consist of three (3) identical samples, in any size bottles/cans (16 oz or smaller strongly encouraged). Labeled bottles/cans are acceptable.
4. Professional class judging will be conducted by teams of qualified judges, including Beer Judge Certification Program judges, experienced competition judges and professional brewers. Participating beer judges may submit entries but may not judge the flights that include or impact their own entries.
5. Entries must score a minimum of 30 points to be eligible for an award. First, Second, and Third places will be awarded to the top three eligible entries in each category.
6. The first place winners in each Beer category (categories 1-29,36) will advance to the Professional Class "Best of Show" round. If there are sufficient entries in the opinion of competition officials, the first place winners in each Mead and Cider category (categories 30-35,37) will advance to a separate Mead and Cider Professional Class "Best of Show" round.
7. Only first, second, and third place winners will be listed. A list of all entrants will not be released.
8. To ensure the judging process is managed in the most effective and efficient way possible, the Indiana Brewers' Cup is limited to 700 Professional Brew entries. The Indiana State Fair Commission reserves the right to alter these limits.
9. Each beer brand may be entered only one time. A beer brand may not be entered in multiple subcategories. A beer brand may not be renamed and entered in multiple subcategories. Any beers with the same brand name will be disqualified and the entry fee and additional purchased items will not be refunded.

**NEW**

10. Info for Indiana Only - Beer (Category 36)

- a. Entries in this category are open to Indiana residents ONLY using ONLY Indiana ingredients (with the exception of yeast, and oak or other wood which may be sourced outside of Indiana). Beers in this category may also be entered in other categories and may be eligible for other medals in other categories; however, in the event the 1st place entry in the Indiana Only category is also advancing to BOS in another category, only ONE advancement will be permitted.
- b. Entry Info: Entrants must specify which Indiana sourced or produced ingredients were used.

**NEW**

11. Info for Indiana Only - Meads (Category 37)

- a. Entries in this category are open to Indiana residents ONLY using ONLY Indiana ingredients (with the exception of yeast, and oak or other wood which may be sourced outside of Indiana). Meads in this category may also be entered in other categories and may be eligible for other medals in other categories; however, in the event the 1st place entry in the Indiana Only category is also advancing to BOS in another category, only ONE advancement will be permitted.
- b. Entry Info: Entrants must specify which Indiana sourced or produced ingredients were used in addition to levels of carbonation, sweetness, and strength.

**NEW**

12. Info for Indiana Only - Cider (Category 37)

- a. Entries in this category are open to Indiana residents ONLY using ONLY Indiana ingredients (with the exception of yeast, and oak or other wood which may be sourced outside of Indiana). Ciders in this category may also be entered in other categories and may be eligible for other medals in other categories; however, in the event the 1st place entry in the Indiana Only category is also advancing to BOS in another category, only ONE advancement will be permitted.
- b. Entry Info: Entrants must specify which Indiana sourced or produced ingredients were used in addition to levels of carbonation and sweetness.

## All Categories

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### Category: Pale American Beer

Class #	Class Description	BJCP 2021 Style Guide	
01A	American Light Lager	1A	1st – 3rd Medals
01B	American Lager	1B	
01C	Cream Ale	1C	
01D	American Wheat Beer	1D	
01E	Blonde Ale	18A	
01F	Dorada Pampeana	X1	

### Category: Pale European Beer

Class #	Class Description	BJCP 2021 Style Guide	
02A	International Pale Lager	2A	1st – 3rd Medals
02B	Munich Helles	4A	
02C	Festbier	4B	
02D	German Leichtbier	5A	
02E	Kölsch	5B	
02F	German Helles Exportbier	5C	

### Category: Pilsner

Class #	Class Description	BJCP 2021 Style Guide	
03A	Czech Pale Lager	3A	1st – 3rd Medals
03B	Czech Premium Pale Lager	3B	
03C	German Pils	5D	
03D	Pre-Prohibition Lager (Historical Beer)	27	
03E	New Zealand Pilsner	X5	

### Category: Amber European Beer

Class #	Class Description	BJCP 2021 Style Guide	
04A	International Amber Lager	2B	1st – 3rd Medals
04B	Vienna Lager	7A	
04C	Czech Amber Lager	3C	
04D	Märzen	6A	
04E	Altbier	7B	
04F	Kellerbier* (Historical Beer)	27	

### Category: Dark European Lager

Class #	Class Description	BJCP 2021 Style Guide	
05A	International Dark Lager	2C	1st – 3rd Medals
05B	Czech Dark Lager	3D	
05C	Munich Dunkel	8A	

05D	Schwarzbier	8B	
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Category: Strong European Lager

Class #	Class Description		
06A	Helles Bock	4C	1st - 3rd Medals
06B	Dunkles Bock	6C	
06C	Doppelbock*	9A	
06D	Eisbock	9B	

Category: German Wheat and Rye Beer

Class #	Class Description		
07A	Weissbier	10A	1st - 3rd Medals
07B	Dunkles Weissbier	10B	
07C	Weizenbock*	10C	
07D	Roggenbier (Historical Beer)	27	
07E	Sahti (Historical Beer)	27	

Category: Pale British Ale

Class #	Class Description		
08A	Ordinary Bitter	11A	1st - 3rd Medals
08B	Best Bitter	11B	
08C	Strong Bitter	11C	
08D	British Golden Ale	12A	
08E	Australian Sparkling Ale	12B	
08F	English IPA	12C	

Category: Scottish and Irish Ale

Class #	Class Description		
09A	Scottish Light	14A	1st - 3rd Medals
09B	Scottish Heavy	14B	
09C	Scottish Export	14C	
09D	Irish Red Ale	15A	

Category: American Pale Ale

Class #	Class Description		
10A	American Pale Ale	18B	1st - 3rd Medals

Category: Other American Ale

Class #	Class Description		
11A	American Amber Ale	19A	1st - 3rd Medals
11B	California Common	19B	
11C	American Brown Ale	19C	
11D	Kentucky Common (Historical Beer)	27	

Category: Brown British Beer

Class #	Class Description		
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12A	Dark Mild	13A	1st - 3rd Medals
12B	British Brown Ale	13B	
12C	English Porter	13C	
12D	London Brown Ale (Historical Beer)	27	

Category: American Porter and Stout

Class #	Class Description		
13A	American Porter	20A	1st - 3rd Medals
13B	American Stout	20B	
13C	Pre-Prohibition Porter (Historical Beer)	27	

Category: British & Irish Stout

Class #	Class Description		
14A	Irish Stout	15B	1st - 3rd Medals
14B	Irish Extra Stout	15C	
14C	Sweet Stout	16A	
14D	Oatmeal Stout	16B	
14E	Tropical Stout	16C	
14F	Foreign Export Stout	16D	

Category: Imperial Porter and Stout

Class #	Class Description		
15A	Baltic Porter	9C	1st - 3rd Medals
15B	Imperial Stout	20C	

Category: American IPA

Class #	Class Description		
16A	American IPA	21A	1st - 3rd Medals
16B	IPA Argenta	X2	1st-3rd Medals

Category: Specialty IPA

Class #	Class Description		
17A	Specialty IPA (all)	21B	1st - 3rd Medals
17B	Hazy IPA	21C	

Category: Strong American Ale

Class #	Class Description		
18A	Double IPA	22A	1st - 3rd Medals
18B	American Strong Ale	22B	
18C	American Barleywine	22C	
18D	Wheatwine	22D	

Category: Strong UK Ale

Class #	Class Description		
19A	British Strong Ale*	17A	1st - 3rd Medals
19B	Old Ale	17B	
19C	Wee Heavy	17C	
19D	English Barleywine	17D	

Category: Saison



Class #	Class Description		
20A	Saison	25B	1st - 3rd Medals

Category: Belgian Ale

Class #	Class Description		
21A	Witbier	24A	1st - 3rd Medals
21B	Belgian Pale Ale	24B	
21C	Bière de Garde*	24C	
21D	Belgian Blonde Ale	25A	
21E	Belgian Single	26A	

Category: Belgian Strong Ale

Class #	Class Description		
22A	Belgian Golden Strong Ale	25C	1st - 3rd Medals
22B	Belgian Dubbel	26B	
22C	Belgian Tripel	26C	
22D	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	26D	

Category: European Sour Ale

Class #	Class Description		
23A	Berliner Weisse	23A	1st - 3rd Medals
23B	Flanders Red Ale	23B	
23C	Oud Bruin	23C	
23D	Lambic	23D	
23E	Gueuze	23E	
23F	Fruit Lambic*	23F	
23G	Gose	23G	

Category: Fruit Beer

Class #	Class Description		
24A	Fruit Beer*	29A	1st - 3rd Medals
24B	Fruit and Spice Beer*	29B	
24C	Specialty Fruit Beer*	29C	
24D	Grape Ale*	29D	
24E	Catharina Sour*	X4	

Category: Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer

Class #	Class Description		
25A	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer*	30A	1st - 3rd Medals
25B	Autumn Seasonal Beer*	30B	
25C	Winter Seasonal Beer*	30C	
25 D	Specialty Spice Beer	30 D	

Category: Smoke-Flavored Beer

Class #	Class Description		
26A	Rauchbier	6B	1st - 3rd Medals
26B	Lichtenhainer (Historical Beer)	27	
26C	Piwo Grodziskie (Historical Beer)	27	
26D	Classic Style Smoked Beer*	32A	
26E	Specialty Smoked Beer*	32B	

#### Category: Wood-Aged Beer

Class #	Class Description		
27A	Wood-Aged Beer*	33A	1st - 3rd Medals
27B	Specialty Wood-Aged*	33B	

#### Category: American Wild Ale

Class #	Class Description		
28A	Brett Beer*	28A	1st - 3rd Medals
28B	Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer*	28B	
28C	Wild Specialty Beer*	28C	
28D	Straight Sour Beer	28D	

#### Category: Specialty Beer

Class #	Class Description		
29A	Alternative Grain Beer*	31A	1st - 3rd Medals
29B	Alternative Sugar Beer*	31B	
29C	Commercial Specialty Beer	34A	
29D	Mixed-Style Beer*	34B	
29E	Experimental Beer*	34C	

#### Category: Traditional Mead

Class #	Class Description		
30A	Dry Mead*	35A	1st - 3rd Medals
30B	Semi-Sweet Mead*	35B	
30C	Sweet Mead*	35C	

#### Category: Fruit Mead

Class #	Class Description		
31A	Cyser*	36A	1st - 3rd Medals
31B	Pyment*	36B	
31C	Berry Mead*	36C	
31D	Stone Fruit Mead*	36D	
31E	Melomel*	36E	

#### Category: Spice Mead

Class #	Class Description		
32A	Fruit & Spice Mead*	37A	1st - 3rd Medals
32B	Spice, Herb Vegetable Mead*	37B	

#### Category: Specialty Mead

Class #	Class Description		
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33A	Braggot*	38A	
33B	Historical Mead*	38B	
33C	Experimental Mead*	38C	

Category: Standard Cider and Perry

Class #	Class Description		
34A	New World Cider*	39A	1st - 3rd Medals
34B	English Cider*	39B	
34C	French Cider*	39C	
34D	New World Perry*	39D	
34E	Traditional Perry*	39E	

Category: Specialty Cider and Perry

Class #	Class Description		
35A	New England Cider*	40A	1st - 3rd Medals
35B	Cider with Other Fruit*	40B	
35C	Applewine*	40C	
35D	Ice Cider*	40D	
35E	Cider with Herbs/Spices*	40E	
35F	Specialty Cider/Perry*	40F	

Category: Indiana Category: Beer

Class #	Class Description		
36	Beer (Any Style)		1st - 3rd Medals

Category: Indiana Category: Cider/Mead

Class #	Class Description		
37	Cider/Mead (Any Style)		1st - 3rd Medals

# Awards

## Homebrew Division Awards

### BEST OF SHOW

- Beer Winner will receive a trophy, banner, and have the opportunity to brew the winning recipe at Broad Ripple Brew Pub.
- Mead/Cider Winner will receive a trophy and banner.

### HOMEBREW CLUB OF THE YEAR

- A traveling trophy and banner will be presented to the Indiana Homebrew Club which earns the most points in the Indiana Brewers' Cup. Homebrew Club entrants must declare club affiliation on entry form.

### BILL FRIDAY CLUB AWARD

- A traveling trophy will be presented to the Indiana Homebrew Club which scores the highest average number of points per entry in the Indiana Brewers' Cup. The average for each club will be determined by dividing the total number of points scored by the total number of club entries. To be eligible for this award, clubs must meet the requirements (defined in Rule #2) to compete as an Indiana Homebrew Club, have a minimum of 5 club members entering the competition, and submit a minimum of 15 total entries. Homebrew Club entrants must declare club affiliation on entry form.

### INDIANA HOMEBREWER OF THE YEAR

- The Indiana Homebrewer of the Year will be awarded to the entrant who receives the highest total number of points in Beer categories (1-29)
- Winner will receive the Homebrewer of the Year Trophy, banner, and a Blichmann Boilermaker Brewpot.

### INDIANA MEAD/CIDERMAKER OF THE YEAR

- The Indiana Mead/Cidermaker of the Year will be awarded to the entrant who receives the highest total number of points in Mead and Cider categories (30-35)
- Winner will receive the Indiana Mead/Cidermaker of the Year Trophy and banner

### INDIANA AMATEUR GRAND CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

- The Indiana Amateur Grand Champion of the Year will be awarded to the entrant who receives the highest total number of points across all categories, with at least one medal awarded for an entry in the Beer categories (1-29)
- Winner will receive the Indiana Amateur Grand Champion of the Year Trophy, a banner, and a Spike Flex Fermenter

### Homebrew Scoring:

Best of Show First Place, 3 points  
Best of Show Second Place, 2 points  
Best of Show Third Place, 1 point  
Category First Place, 3 points  
Category Second Place, 2 points  
Category Third Place, 1 point

### FIRST FOR EACH CATEGORY

- First place will receive a gift card from Great Fermentations

### Tie Breaking Rules:

- In the event of a tie, the Indiana Homebrewer of the Year will be awarded to the brewer in the tie who earned the most first place awards. Best of Show awards are not included for the purposes of the tie-breaker.
- If there is a tie among the first-place awards, then the brewer in the tie with the most second place awards will be awarded Indiana Homebrewer of the Year.
- If there is a tie among the second-place awards, then the brewer in the tie with the most third place awards will

be awarded Indiana Homebrewer of the Year.

- If there is a tie among the third-place awards, then the final tie-breaker will be determined by the brewer with the highest percentage of winning entries. This will be determined on a per-brewer basis by dividing the number of awards won by the number of total entries.

## Professional Brew Division Awards:

### BEST OF SHOW

- Beer winner will receive a trophy and banner.
- Mead/Cider winner will receive a trophy and banner.

### INDIANA BREWERY OF THE YEAR

- The Indiana Brewery of the Year is presented by the Brewers of Indiana Guild to the Indiana brewery that earns the most points in the Indiana Brewers' Cup Competition. All entries from Indiana breweries are eligible to score points towards the Indiana Brewery of the Year. The winner will receive a trophy for the year, a banner to hang in their brewery and have the opportunity to have their beer served on tap at the Indiana State Fair Beer, Wine, & Spirits Pavilion.

### INDIANA MEADERY/CIDERY OF THE YEAR

- The Indiana Meadery/Cidery of the Year is presented by the Brewers of Indiana Guild to the Indiana meadery or cidery that earns the most points in the Indiana Brewers' Cup Competition in the Mead and Cider categories (30-35). All entries from Indiana meaderies or cideries are eligible to score points towards the Indiana Meadery/Cidery of the Year. The winner will receive a trophy for the year, a banner to hang in their facility and have the opportunity to have their mead or cider served at the Indiana State Fair Beer, Wine, & Spirits Pavilion.

### GRAND CHAMPION BREWERY AWARD

- The Grand Champion Brewery Award is presented to the competing brewery, regardless of location, that earns the most points in the Indiana Brewers' Cup Competition. All entries are eligible to score points towards the Grand Champion Brewery Award. The winner will receive a trophy and banner.

## Professional Brew Scoring:

Best of Show First Place, 3 points

Best of Show Second Place, 2 points

Best of Show Third Place, 1 point

Category First Place, 3 points

Category Second Place, 2 points

Category Third Place, 1 point

## TIE BREAKING RULES

- In the event of a tie, the Brewery of the Year will be awarded to the brewery in the tie who earned the most first place awards that were awarded to eligible beers. Best of Show awards are not included for the purposes of the tie-breaker.
- If there is a tie among the eligible first-place awards, then the brewery in the tie with the most second place awards that were awarded to eligible beers will be awarded Brewery of the Year.
- If there is a tie among the second-place awards, then the brewery in the tie with the most third place awards that were awarded to eligible beers will be awarded Brewery of the Year.
- If there is a tie among third-place awards, then the final tie-breaker will be determined by the brewery with the highest percentage of winning eligible entries. This will be determined on a per-brewery basis by dividing the number of awards won by eligible beers by the number of total entries.