

**OPEN ENTRY
BOOK**

**INDIANA
BREWERS'
CUP**



**INDIANA
STATE FAIR**

INDIANA BREWERS' CUP COMPETITION

2025 ENTRY BOOK

OPEN COMPETITIONS & EVENTS GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

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.

GRIEVANCE

20. 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) 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. The \$500 will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The \$500 will be forfeited if the grievance is not sustained.
24. 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.
25. 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

26. The awards will be made by judges who are hired by the Executive Director or their designee.
27. 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.
28. Any exhibit not presented promptly when called will be ruled out.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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

33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. 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.
37. The exhibitor shall have the due process rights forth in the Due Process section of the Entry Book. PREMIUMS
38. Premium checks will be mailed in October for all departments.
39. Premiums will be paid according to official judges' result sheets and payable to exhibitor name as entered.
40. 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.
41. Questions and/or discrepancies noted in issued premium checks must be addressed to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department prior to December 1, 2024 for resolution. Premium records will be considered closed on December 1, 2024 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.

LOSS OR DAMAGE Waiver

42. 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

Midwest Home Brewer of the Year Circuit Event
2025 MHP Circuit of America 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 4.
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 beer/mead version of the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) and the 2025 Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) cider style guidelines at 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](#): Homebrewers who submit 8 to 16 entries will receive 2 Reception Tickets; those who submit 7 or fewer entries will receive 1 Reception Ticket; additional tickets may be purchased online or onsite.
10. [Professional Brew Participants](#): Professional Breweries who submit 10 to 12 entries will receive 5 Reception Tickets; those who submit 9 or fewer entries will receive 2 Reception Tickets; additional tickets may be purchased online or 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 2025 Indiana Brewers' Cup is limited to 1,500 total entries of which 900 entries can be from Homebrewers and 600 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://beerawardsplatform.com/indiana-brewers-cup-homebrew-division> for homebrew entrants and <https://beerawardsplatform.com/indiana-brewers-cup-professional-division> for professional entrants 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 you can do so in your Beer Awards Platform (BAP) account. If you need assistance, please contact BrewersCup@IndianaStateFair.com
5. Entry Deadlines and Fees - see below.

Enter online between
Thursday May 15, 2025 - Wednesday June 25, 2025
Home Brew Division entry fee: \$13 per class entered
Professional Brewery Division entry fee: \$40 per class entered

6. No entries will be accepted after June 25, 2025, or sooner than May 15, 2025 or 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 165 mead entries across both divisions and all categories.
8. There is a limit of one entry per subcategory per brewer except for those in Indiana Brewers' Cup categories 27 (Fruit Beer), 28 (Spiced Beer), 29 (Seasonal Spiced Beer), 30 (Smoke-Flavored Beer), 31 (Wood-Aged Beer), 32 (American Wild Ale), 33 (Specialty Beer), 34 (Traditional Mead), 35 (Cyser & Pyment), 36 (Fruit Mead), and 37 (Spice Mead), 38 (Specialty Mead), 39 (Traditional Cider), 40 (Strong Cider), 41 (Specialty Cider), and 42 (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 Amber and Brown Ale category.
9. If you have any questions, please contact BrewersCup@IndianaStateFair.com

Beer Delivery Procedure

1. Once online entry is completed, please follow the below information.
2. Entry Tags - Bottle ID Labels will be available in your Beer Awards Platform (BAP) account under "My Orders". Please print 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 16th - June 27th

*(Deliveries or shipments received prior to June 16th or after June 27th 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 Discovery Hall
1202 E. 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205*

Homebrew Registered Beer Delivery Dates

Please make sure ID labels are on all bottles

Shipped Entries: June 16th - June 27th

In Person Drop Offs: June 16th - June 28th

Great Fermentations is closed on Sundays

(Deliveries or shipments received prior to June 16th or after June 28th will NOT be accepted)

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

Division Descriptions

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. 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 1-33,43) 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 winners in each Mead and Cider category (categories 34-42, 44) will advance to a separate Mead and Cider Homebrew Class "Best of Show" round.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Only Gold, Silver, & Bronze winners will be listed. A list of all entrants will not be released.
10. To ensure the judging process is managed in the most effective and efficient way possible, the Indiana Brewers' Cup is limited to 900 Homebrew entries. The Indiana State Fair Commission reserves the right to alter these limits.
11. This competition is , a participating member of the Midwest Home Brewer of the Year Competition and a 2025 MHP Circuit of America event.
12. 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.
13. To be eligible to compete as an Indiana Homebrew Club, 60% of the entrants claiming membership must reside in Indiana.
14. Info for Indiana Only - Beer (Category 43)
 - a. Entries in this category are open to exhibitors 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, the style according to how the entry would be (or is) entered in normal competition, and any necessary descriptors for that style.
15. Info for Indiana Only - Meads (Category 44)
 - a. Entries in this category are open to exhibitors 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, the style according to how the entry would be (or is) entered in normal competition, and any necessary descriptors for that style.
16. Info for Indiana Only - Cider (Category 44)
- a. Entries in this category are open to exhibitors 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, the style according to how the entry would be (or is) entered in normal competition, and any necessary descriptors for that style.

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. Competition 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 1-33, 43) 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 34-42, 44) 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 600 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.
10. Info for Indiana Only - Beer (Category 43)
 - a. Entries in this category are open to exhibitors using ONLY Indiana ingredients (with the exception of *hops*, 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. Entry Info: Entrants must specify which Indiana sourced or produced ingredients were used, the style according to how the entry would be (or is) entered in normal competition, and any necessary descriptors for that style.
11. Info for Indiana Only - Meads (Category 44)
 - a. Entries in this category are open to exhibitors 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,

the style according to how the entry would be (or is) entered in normal competition, and any necessary descriptors for that style.

12. Info for Indiana Only - Cider (Category 44)

- a. Entries in this category are open to exhibitors 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, the style according to how the entry would be (or is) entered in normal competition, and any necessary descriptors for that style.

All Categories

*All Categories with an asterisk will require additional information during entry

Category 1: Pale American Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
American Light Lager	1A	1st – 3rd Medals
American Lager	1B	
Cream Ale	1C	

Category 2: Pale European Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
International Pale Lager*	2A	1st – 3rd Medals
German Leichtbier	5A	
Kölsch	5B	
German Helles Exportbier	5C	
Kellerbier (Historical Beer) *	27A1	

Category 3: Pilsner

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Czech Pale Lager	3A	1st – 3rd Medals
Czech Premium Pale Lager	3B	
German Pils	5D	
Pre-Prohibition Lager (Historical Beer)	27A6	
New Zealand Pilsner	X5	

Category 4: Pale Malty European Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Munich Helles	4A	1st – 3rd Medals
Festbier	4B	
Helles Bock	4C	

Category 5: Amber European Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
International Amber Lager	2B	1st – 3rd Medals
Czech Amber Lager	3C	
Marzen	6A	
Vienna Lager	7A	
Altbier	7B	

Category 6: Dark European Lager

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
International Dark Lager	2C	1st – 3rd Medals
Czech Dark Lager	3D	
Munich Dunkel	8A	
Schwarzbier	8B	

Category 7: American Wheat & Blonde

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
American Wheat Beer	1D	1st – 3rd Medals
Blonde Ale	18A	
Dorada Pampeana	X1	

Category 8: German Wheat & Rye Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Weissbier	10A	1st – 3rd Medals
Dunkles Weissbier	10B	
Weizenbock*	10C	
Roggenbier (Historical Beer)	27A8	
Sahti (Historical Beer)	27A9	

Category 9: Pale British Ale

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Ordinary Bitter	11A	1st – 3rd Medals
Best Bitter	11B	
Strong Bitter	11C	
British Golden Ale	12A	
Australian Sparkling Ale	12B	
English IPA	12C	

Category 10: Scottish & Irish Ale

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Scottish Light	14A	1st – 3rd Medals
Scottish Heavy	14B	
Scottish Export	14C	
Irish Red Ale	15A	

Category 11: American Pale Ale

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
American Pale Ale	18B	1st – 3rd Medals

Category 12: Amber & Brown American Ale

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
American Amber Ale	19A	1st – 3rd Medals
California Common	19B	
American Brown Ale	19C	
Kentucky Common (Historical Beer)	27A2	

Category 13: Brown British Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Dark Mild	13A	1st – 3rd Medals
British Brown Ale	13B	
English Porter	13C	
Longdon Brown Ale (Historical Beer)	27A4	

Category 14: Irish & British Stout

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Irish Stout	15B	1st – 3rd Medals
Irish Extra Stout	15C	
Sweet Stout	16A	
Oatmeal Stout	16B	
Tropical Stout	16C	
Foreign Export Stout	16D	

Category 15: American Porter and Stout

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
American Porter	20A	1st – 3rd Medals
American Stout	20B	
Pre-Prohibition Porter (Historical Beer)	27A7	

Category 16: American IPA

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
American IPA	21A	1st – 3rd Medals

Category 17: Specialty IPA

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Specialty IPA*	21B	1st – 3rd Medals
Belgian IPA	21B1	
Black IPA	21B2	
Brown IPA	21B3	
Brut IPA	21B47	
Red IPA	21B4	
Rye IPA	21B5	
White IPA	21B6	
IPA Argenta	X2	

Category 18: Hazy IPA

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Hazy IPA	21C	1st – 3rd Medals

Category 19: Strong American Ale

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Double IPA	22A	1st – 3rd Medals
American Strong Ale	22B	
American Barleywine	22C	
Wheatwine	22D	

Category 20: Strong European Lager

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Dunkles Bock	6C	1 st – 3 rd Medals
Doppelbock*	9A	
Eisbock	9B	

Category 21: Strong British Ale

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
British Strong Ale	17A	1 st – 3 rd Medals
Old Ale	17B	
Wee Heavy	17C	
English Barleywine	17D	

Category 22: Imperial Porter and Stout

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Baltic Porter	9C	1 st – 3 rd Medals
Imperial Stout	20C	

Category 23: Saison

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Saison*	25B	1 st – 3 rd Medals

Category 24: Belgian Ale

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Witbier	24A	1 st – 3 rd Medals
Belgian Pale Ale	24B	
Biere de Garde*	24C	
Belgian Blonde Ale	25A	
Belgian Single	26A	

Category 25: Belgian Strong Ale

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Belgian Golden Strong Ale	25C	1 st – 3 rd Medals
Belgian Dubbel	26B	
Belgian Tripel	26C	
Belgian Dark Strong Ale	26D	

Category 26: European Sour Ale

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Berliner Weisse	23A	1 st – 3 rd Medals
Flanders Red Ale	23B	
Oud Bruin	23C	
Lambic	23D	
Gueuze	23E	
Fruit Lambic*	23F	
Gose	23G	

Category 27: Fruit Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Fruit Beer*	29A	1st – 3rd Medals
Fruit and Spice Beer*	29B	
Specialty Fruit Beer*	29C	
Grape Ale*	29D	
Catharina Sour*	X4	

Category 28: Spiced Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Spiced Beer*	30A	1st – 3rd Medals
Specialty Spice Beer*	30D	

Category 29: Seasonal Spiced Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Autumn Seasonal Beer*	30B	1st – 3rd Medals
Winter Seasonal Beer*	30C	

Category 30: Smoke-Flavored Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Rauchbier	6B	1st – 3rd Medals
Lichtenhainer (Historical Beer)	27A3	
Piwo Grodziskie (Historical Beer)	27A5	
Classic Style Smoked Beer*	32A	
Specialty Smoked Beer*	32B	

Category 31: Wood-Aged Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Wood-Aged Beer*	33A	1st – 3rd Medals
Specialty Wood-Aged*	33B	

Category 32: American Wild Ale

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Brett Beer*	28A	1st – 3rd Medals
Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer*	28B	
Wild Specialty Beer*	28C	
Straight Sour Beer*	28D	

Category 33: Specialty Beer

Class Description	BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)	
Other Historical*	27A	1st – 3rd Medals
Alternative Grain Beer*	31A	
Alternative Sugar Beer*	31B	
Commercial Specialty Beer*	34A	
Mixed-Style Beer*	34B	
Experimental Beer*	34C	

Category 34: Traditional Mead

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Dry Mead*	M1A	1st – 3rd Medals
Semi-Sweet Mead*	M1B	
Sweet Mead*	M1C	

Category 35: Cyser & Pymnt

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Cyser*	M2A	1st – 3rd Medals
Pymnt*	M2B	

Category 36: Fruit Mead

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Melomel*	M2E	1st – 3rd Medals
Berry Mead*	M2C	
Stone Fruit Mead*	M2D	

Category 37: Spice Mead

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Fruit & Spice Mead*	M3A	1st – 3rd Medals
Spice, Herb, Vegetable Mead*	M3B	

Category 38: Specialty Mead

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Braggot*	M4A	1st – 3rd Medals
Historical Mead*	M4B	
Experimental Mead*	M4C	

Category 39: Traditional Cider

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Common Cider*	C1A	1st – 3rd Medals
Heirloom Cider*	C1B	
English Cider*	C1C	
French Cider*	C1D	
Spanish Cider*	C1E	

Category 40: Strong Cider

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
New England Cider*	C2A	1st – 3rd Medals
Applewine*	C2B	
Ice Cider*	C2C	
Fire Cider*	C2D	

Category 41: Specialty Cider

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Fruit Cider	C3A	1st – 3rd Medals
Spiced Cider*	C3B	
Experimental Cider*	C3C	

Category 42: Perry

Class Description		BJCP Style Guide (For Guidance Only)
Common Perry*		C4A
Heirloom Perry*		C4B
Ice Perry*		C4C
Experimental Perry*		C4D

1st - 3rd Medals

Category 43: Indiana Beer

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

Category 44: Indiana Cider/Mead

Class Description		
Cider/Mead (Any Style)		1 st - 3 rd 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. Second place will receive a silver medal and a second-place rosette. Third place will receive a bronze medal and a third place rosette.
- Mead/Cider Winner will receive a trophy and banner. Second place will receive a silver medal and a second-place rosette. Third place will receive a bronze medal and a third place rosette.

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.

HOMEBREWER OF THE YEAR

- The Homebrewer of the Year will be awarded to the entrant who receives the highest total number of points in Beer categories (1-33, 43)
- Winner will receive the Homebrewer of the Year Trophy, banner, and a Blichmann Boilermaker Brewpot.

MEAD/CIDERMAKER OF THE YEAR

- The Mead/Cidermaker of the Year will be awarded to the entrant who receives the highest total number of points in Mead and Cider categories (34-42, 44)
- Winner will receive the Mead/Cidermaker of the Year Trophy and banner

AMATEUR GRAND CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

- The 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- 33, 43)
- Winner will receive the Amateur Grand Champion of the Year Trophy and a banner

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, SECOND AND THIRD FOR EACH CATEGORY

- First place will receive a gift card from Great Fermentations, a gold medal and a first place rosette
- Second place will receive a silver medal and a second place rosette.
- Third place will receive a bronze medal and a third place rosette.

Tie Breaking Rules:

- In the event of a tie, the 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 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 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. Second place will receive a silver medal and a second-place rosette. Third place will receive a bronze medal and a third place rosette.
- Mead/Cider winner will receive a trophy and banner. Second place will receive a silver medal and a second-place rosette. Third place will receive a bronze medal and a third place rosette.

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 beer categories 1-33, 43. 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 Taproom.

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 Mead and Cider categories (34-42, 44). 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 beer categories 1-33, 43. 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.

INDIANA STATE FAIR

Safety Information

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 exempted 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.
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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 is not advised. 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. Failure or refusal by an exhibitor or fairgoer to comply with the Animal Wellness & Care Plan can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

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 expected to carryout and preform basic biosecurity and hygienic task including:

- Hand Washing/sanitizing following exposure to animals and always before consuming food or drinks
- Excluding human food and food preparation from animal areas
- Maintaining general cleanliness of animals and animal areas
- Properly disposing of animal waste/soiled bedding in properly identified/designated areas
- Cleaning-up after your animal if it soils/has a biological event in a building/Fair common space
- Reporting the appearance or evidence of animal/human sickness or distress to Fair officials

Failure or refusal to comply with the above can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

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.