



# **1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MICHIGAN STATE FAIR HOMEBREW COMPETITION GUIDEBOOK**

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## Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition Terms & Conditions

1. By entering exhibits at the Michigan State Fair, you agree to the Michigan State Fair's General Terms and Conditions & Rules and Regulations. It is YOUR responsibility to read and understand all the terms and conditions, which can be found within this guidebook.
2. Qualifications: Any homebrewer can enter the Michigan State Fair Homebrew competition. No professional breweries or professional brewers will be allowed to enter this year of the competition.
3. Disputes: Should any dispute arise, the Michigan State Fair reserves the right to determine the proper resolution
4. Judging: Entries into the Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition will be judged according to the 2015 BJCP style guidelines found at:

[https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015\\_Guidelines\\_Beer.pdf](https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Beer.pdf)

5. **The Michigan State Fair reserves the right to modify categories and/or subcategories to create a flight for judging and prize purposes.**
6. Parking: Parking for the awards ceremony/Friday Night Flights Beer Festival is available on-site at the Suburban Collection Showplace and is Free **if you show a copy of your registration confirmation.**

### Entry Information:

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*Enter Online Between March 1, 2019 – July 1, 2019*

*\$5.00 per beer entered (3, 12 oz. bottles per entry)*

*5 entry maximum per brewer*

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1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions described herein.
2. The 2019 Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition is limited to the first 300 entries total. As this is our first year running such a competition, we will be expanding the entry limit if possible, based on registered judges and registered entries.
3. **Online Entry: To enter the Michigan State Homebrew Competition, please go to <https://reggiebeer.com/ReggieEntry.php?CompetitionID=CNSBXW1000432> and enter online. Each exhibitor is required to pay the entry fee(s) online at the time of entry. An exhibitor will not be considered entered into the Competition until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card, debit card, or other valid form of online payment listed on the registration site.**
4. If you have any questions, please contact [Blair@SuburbanShowplace.com](mailto:Blair@SuburbanShowplace.com) with "Homebrew Competition" in the Subject Line.
5. No entries will be accepted after July 1, 2019 or sooner if the cap of 300 entries is reached. To ensure participation, do not wait until the last minute to register.
6. Entry Fee is 5.00 per beer entry (3 – 12 oz. bottles per entry)

7. Entries will be accepted for all BJCP categories; however, the Michigan State Fair reserves the right to organize the categories it may accept to facilitate judging, based on availability of judges, and flight the categories for prize purposes.
8. Do not submit more than one entry per subcategory. 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.

### **Beer Delivery Procedure**

1. Beer will be accepted by the Competition **beginning June 24, 2019**. All beer must be received by the Competition **no later than July 9, 2019**. Ship or drop off entries (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm) to the address below:

**Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition**  
**Attn: Blair Bowman Jr.**  
**46100 Grand River Ave. Novi, MI 48374**

2. Registration Forms and Bottle ID labels will be available at the competition website on Reggie Beer. Please print these documents and include them with your entry submission. Please attach the appropriate label to each bottle securely with a rubber band.

### **Competition Information**

1. Entries may not be submitted that have been brewed on equipment used for any commercial purpose, including research, production, or brew on premise establishments.
2. Assistant brewers of award-winning beers will be announced and listed in the official results, but prizes will be presented only to the primary brewer.
3. Entries must receive a minimum judge 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. The first-place winner in each category will advance to the "Best of Show" round.
4. Each entry must consist of three (3) bottles, 12 ounces in volume, brown or green glass. The Competition 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 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. 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.

5. This being the first occurrence of the new Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition, the Competition is limited to the first 300 entries. Additionally, to accommodate judging, entry categories may be limited. Competition reserves the right to alter these limits.
6. Winners will be notified following judging which is scheduled to be completed Sunday July 14th).
7. Awards will be presented at the Michigan State Fair Friday Night Flights Craft Beer Festival on Friday August 30, 2019 (each brewer will receive one complimentary ticket to the festival).
8. **Each brewer will receive one (1) ticket for admission to the Friday Night Flights Beer Festival, which includes FAIR ONLY entry into the Michigan State Fair. Additional tickets to the Festival/Fair may be purchased online at MichiganStateFairLLC.com. Beer Sample tickets may be purchased inside the beer tent.**

## **AWARDS**

*Awards to be presented at the Friday Night Flights Beer Festival, Friday Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> at the Michigan State Fair beer tent*

1. Best of Show – Trophy + Ribbon awarded to Best of Show. Best of Show recipient gets to brew their beer on a commercial system.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place B.O.S. - State Fair Ribbon + Sponsored Prize
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place B.O.S. - State Fair Ribbon+ sponsored prize
4. “State Fair Beer” Subcategory – State Fair Ribbon + Annual Pass to Suburban Collection Showplace + Sponsored Prize
5. Ribbons provided to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, in each Category
6. We reserve the right to combine categories or sub categories as necessary for the purposes of awarding prizes. All entries will be judged against the guidelines for the sub category originally entered. Additional and specific prizes to be announced as sponsors are announced.

## All Categories

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### Category: Light Lager

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
American Light Lager	1A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
American Lager	1B	
International Pale Lager	2A	
German Leichtbier	5A	
Munich Helles	4A	
Festbier	4B	
Helles Exportbier	5C	

### Category: Pilsner

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Czech Pale Lager	3A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
German Pils	5D	
Czech Premium Pale Lager	3B	
Pre-Prohibition Lager (Historical Beer)	27F	

### Category: European Amber Lager

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Vienna Lager	7A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Czech Amber Lager	3C	
Märzen	6A	
Kellerbier	7C	

### Category: Dark Lager

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
International Dark Lager	2C	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Munich Dunkel	8A	
Czech Dark Lager	3D	
Schwarzbier	8B	
Baltic Porter	9C	

### Category: Bock

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Helles Bock	4C	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Dunkles Bock	6C	
Doppelbock	9A	
Eisbock	9B	

### Category: Light Hybrid Beer

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Cream Ale	1C	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Kölsch	5B	
American Wheat Beer	1D	

**Category: Amber Hybrid Beer**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
International Amber Lager	2B	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Kentucky Common (Historical Beer)	27B	
California Common	19B	
Altbier	7B	

**Category: English Pale Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Ordinary Bitter	11A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Best Bitter	11B	
Strong Bitter	11C	
British Golden Ale	12A	
Australian Sparkling Ale	12B	
English IPA	12C	

**Category: Scottish and Irish Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Scottish Light	14A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Scottish Heavy	14B	
Scottish Export	14C	
Irish Red Ale	15A	
Wee Heavy	17C	

**Category: American Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
American Pale Ale	18B	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes

**Category: Other American Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Blonde Ale	18A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
American Amber Ale	19A	
American Brown Ale	19C	

**Category: English Brown Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Dark Mild	13A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
London Brown Ale	27D	
British Brown Ale	13B	

**Category: Porter**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
English Porter	13C	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Pre-Prohibition Porter (Historical Beer)	27G	
American Porter	20A	

**Category: Stout**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Irish Stout	15B	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Irish Extra Stout	15C	
Sweet Stout	16A	
Oatmeal Stout	16B	

**Category: Strong Stout**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Tropical Stout	16C	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Foreign Export Stout	16D	
American Stout	20B	
Imperial Stout	20C	

**Category: American IPA**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
American IPA	21A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes

**Category: India Pale Ale (IPA)**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Double IPA	22A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Specialty IPA (all)	21B	

**Category: German Wheat and Rye Beer**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Weissbier	10A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Dunkles Weissbier	10B	
Weizenbock	10C	
Roggenbier (Historical Beer)	27H	
Sahti (Historical Beer)	27I	

**Category: Belgian and French Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Witbier	24A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Trappist Single	26A	
Belgian Pale Ale	24B	
Saison	25B	
Bière de Garde	24C	

**Category: Sour Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Berliner Weisse	23A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Historical: Gose	27A	
Flanders Red Ale	23B	
Oud Bruin	23C	
Lambic	23D	
Gueuze	23E	
Fruit Lambic	23F	

**Category: Belgian Strong Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Belgian Blonde Ale	25A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Belgian Dubbel	26B	
Belgian Tripel	26C	
Belgian Golden Strong Ale	25C	
Belgian Dark Strong Ale	26D	

**Category: Strong Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Old Ale	17B	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
British Strong Ale	17A	
American Strong Ale	22B	
English Barleywine	17D	
American Barleywine	22C	
Wheatwine	22D	

**Category: Fruit Beer**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Fruit Beer	29A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Fruit and Spice Beer	29B	
Specialty Fruit Beer	29C	

**Category: Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Spice, Herb, or Vegetable beer	30A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Autumn Seasonal Beer	30B	
Winter Seasonal Beer	30C	

**Category: Smoke-Flavored Beer**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Piwo Grodziskie (Historical Beer)	27F	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Lichtenhainer (Historical Beer)	27C	
Rauchbier	6B	
Classic Style Smoked Beer	32A	
Specialty Smoked Beer	32B	

**Category: Wood-Aged Beer**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Wood-Aged Beer	33A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Specialty Wood-Aged	33B	

**Category: American Wild Ale**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Brett Beer	28A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer	28B	
Wild Specialty Beer	28C	



**Category: Specialty Beer**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
Alternative Grain Beer	31A	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes
Alternative Sugar Beer	31B	
Clone Beer	34A	
Mixed-Style Beer	34B	
Experimental Beer	34C	
Other Historical Beer	27J	

**Category: State Fair Beer**

Class Description	2015 Style Guidelines Category	Awards
State Fair Beer- Beer brewed with ONLY Michigan Made Ingredients	Judged Against Declared Style	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rosettes



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