December 29, 2020

Greetings AHA Members!

We’re excited to invite you to be part of the largest homebrew competition in the world! The National Homebrew Competition celebrates the spirit of homebrewing and homebrewers. The field is tough, and to move on you must bring your best entries forward.

In this packet, you’ll find all the information you need to know about the competition, from how to enter and shipping information to categories and awards.

It broke our hearts when we had to cancel the 2020 competition just as it was set to get underway. Not having the annual tradition for our hundreds of judges and thousands of members left a hole in the spring and summer.

With uncertainty forecasted for 2021, we are doing everything we can to ensure NHC happens. Our promise to you is to bring you the best NHC ever. Find out how we plan to do that in this packet.

We invite you to hone your recipes and enter next year. Online application, registration, and payment opens February 17, 2021 and until 3 p.m. MST on March 3, 2021.

Cheers!
WHAT IS NEW IN 2021

Entry Fee Change
The entry fee in 2021 will be $29 per entry. Prior years had a first-round entry fee of $16 per entry and a final round entry fee of $9. To cover growing expenses and deliver the highest-quality competition, the new entry fee will offset expenses and allow for greater flexibility in the future. Growing expenses include space, meals for hundreds of judges and stewards, cold storage, truck and equipment rental, software and IT support, compensation, shipping space, supplies, and printing.

Single-Site Judge Center for Entire Competition
The 2021 NHC will see a major change with format and structure. The competition will no longer have first round judge centers and a final round judge center format. The competition will use a single-site judge center that moves entries through subsequent rounds until a final round is achieved, awarding first, second and third place in a category. This new format will allow entries to be judged in parallel rather than over a six-week period and establish consistent, high-caliber judging at one location than over 13 first round locations. Entrants will only need to brew and ship once.

Competition Ban on Cannabis-Infused Entries
All and any cannabis-infused, or ingredient derivative of, beers are strictly prohibited from the National Homebrew Competition. Any entrant found in violation of this rule will be banned from the competition and subject to additional penalties.

Specialty IPA Split with New England IPA
New England IPA and Specialty IPA will now be split into their own categories. We made this change to benefit the entrant because of the growing entry count in New England IPA.

British & Irish Stout Split
British Stout and Irish Stout are now split out into their out categories. We made this change to benefit the entrant because of the uniqueness of each stout category and to be more in line with the 2015 Style Guidelines.

Pale European Beer Split
Pale European Beer is now split out into Pale Malty European and Pale Bitter European categories. We made this change to benefit the entrant because of the uniqueness of the categories and to be more in line with the 2015 Style Guidelines.

Spiced Beer Split
Spiced Beer and Seasonal Beer are now split out into their out categories. We made this change to benefit the entrant because of the uniqueness of each category and to be more in line with the 2015 Style Guidelines.

Competition Registration & Application
The Competition Registration & Application process will set a predetermined entry limit. If there is capacity to add more entries, we will let entrants know before March 3.
WHO CAN ENTER THE NHC?

Entry Eligibility
All National Homebrew Competition entries must be homebrewed beer, mead, and cider. “Homebrewed” means that entrants cannot use professional equipment or other means provided by professional brewers or breweries. The competition does not currently have categories for seltzer, hard soda, kombucha, and other alternative fermentations. Please refer to the 2015 Beer Judge Certification Program Beer, Mead, and Cider Style Guidelines

Homebrewer Eligibility
Homebrewers must meet each of the following conditions as of midnight on March 3, 2021:

1. You must be a current American Homebrewers Association (AHA) member when entering the competition.
2. You must have your member number and email address associated with your membership.
3. You must be subscribed to receive emails from the National Homebrew Competition. If you are unsure, please log in to your account on HomebrewersAssociation.org and update your email preferences.
4. No employee of the Brewers Association may enter.
5. Open enrollment, beer registration, and beer payment is online only.

Fees
A non-refundable fee of $29 per entry is due upon entering the competition by March 3. This fee will cover each entry in for the entire competition.

Entry Capacity: The entry limit will be determined based on demand of the competition. There is no guarantee by the AHA or NHC an applicant will receive their requested entry amount or be accepted into the competition. Once capacity has filled, we will create a waitlist and work applicants into the competition as able after the initial registration and payment period closes. Our goal is to accommodate as many AHA members as possible in an effort to host a robust competition.

No refunds will be issued after March 17, 2021 and refunds will be issued on an extremely limited, case-by-case basis, upon request and pending review by the AHA. All regulatory and financial burdens associated with submitting and sending samples to the competition are the sole responsibility of the entering AHA member. In the event the competition is cancelled, the AHA will only refund entry fees and is incapable of reimbursing competition shipping fees.

HOW TO ENTER THE NATIONAL HOMEBREW COMPETITION

Step 1: Competition Application/Payment: February 17 – March 3

AHA members must log in to the competition website starting at 10 a.m. MST on February 17.
ENTRIES: Entrants must indicate how many entries they would like to submit to the competition and pay for all entries. The number of entries per entrant limit will be predetermined by the anticipated number of applications and demand of entries. You may enter more than one beer per category but not the same beer in the same category…that would be weird. You will be able to edit specific beer entry details after payment. NOTE: The competition registration and payment system is an all-inclusive system.

Fill out the application form in full. You will receive a confirmation email with your application.

It is your responsibility to subscribe to our emails before the open enrollment window closes and monitor your email during this time. Beers may be edited after registration and payment up until the shipping window.

Step 2: Entry Confirmation

CONFIRMATION EMAIL: Confirmation Emails are all sent after registering and paying for your entries. A $29 per entry charge is due by credit card upon registering for the competition. If you miss this window, you will lose your spot in the competition. This is where you tell us the entries you want to enter and which categories they will compete in!

Once you pay for your entries, you are officially entered in the competition.

Disclaimer: Failure to pay for entries will result in dismissal from the competition and lower priority on acceptance to future competitions. You must pay for all entries.

Step 3: Beer Editing and Labeling

Log into your account at apply.brewingcompetition.com and submit the entry information for each of your entries paid for in the “My Info and Entries” tab. Make sure all the information is correct. Provide all full names (first and last) of your team (if applicable).

NHC TABLES: Every year, the competition re-organizes the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines in a meaningful and manageable way. Review the tables in this handbook carefully to know which subcategories fall within which NHC Tables. Be sure to include any additional information required for the entry by referencing the subcategory in the BJCP 2015 Style Guidelines.

SUBCATEGORY ENTRY LIMIT: You may submit more than one entry per subcategory, but they cannot be the same entry…that would be weird. Once registration closes, category limits are put in place to build out the competition. As a category fills, no more entries will be permissible in that category. Specialty information may be edited until March 29.

HOMEBREW CLUB: Entrants may only choose one homebrew club total for the entirety of the competition. Changing a homebrew club is prohibited after the shipping window closes.
ENTRY LABELS: Available after payment. Entry labels are found in your Brewer Profile and emailed to you.

1. Verify the information is accurate
2. Print labels for ALL entries and bottles
3. Place them vertically on EACH bottle before packaging
4. Labels must be a minimum of 1” wide and 2.625” tall (Avery 5160)

Entries may be edited through March 28, 2021 (beginning of shipping window).

Step 4: Shipping Window: March 29 to April 9

All entries must be received during the shipping window at the designated shipping location. This information is shown on your Entry Labels, in the Rules & Regulations, and in your Brewer Profile. If you are unsure, please contact the competition organizer (nhc@brewersassociation.org).

Step 5: Feedback & Results

Comment sheets are sent back via email to entrants. Comment sheets will be available after the Award Ceremony. All those advancing to the Final Round judging will receive instructions in their package.

IMPORTANT: All Final Round medal winners are required to provide recipe information.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

January 31, 2021: Club Registration
Homebrew clubs must be registered with the AHA.

February 17 to March 3, 2021: Competition Registration & Beer Payment
Entrant Application deadline. Beer registration and payment for eligible entrants. Entrants have the until the deadline to apply to the competition and pay for their entries. Entries may be edited after payment.

Through March 28, 2021: Update/Edit Entries
Entrants may log into the competition website and edit their entries (specialty info). Any edits should be done BEFORE shipping entries.

March 29 – April 9, 2021: Shipping/Drop-off Window
All competition entries must be received at the entrant’s respected shipping or drop off location.

April 11 to April 17, 2021: Entry Check-in & Sorting
Competition entry check-in and sorting. Issues and problems from shipment or other entry issues will be reported to entrants as they arise.

April 26 to May 2, 2021: Competition Judging
All competition entries judged in parallel at a single-site location.

June 19, 2021: Award Ceremony
National Homebrew Competition winners announced at Award Ceremony during Homebrew Con.
BEER BOTTLE QUANTITIES & APPEARANCE

All homebrewers entering the 2021 National Homebrew Competition are required to send the following quantities of beer for each entry. Bottles not meeting the requirements may be disqualified.

The number of bottles/cans sent to the competitions depends on the bottle/can size. Please send no less than the state amount listed below. Entrants sending less than the required amount for judging will not be issued a credit/refund for your competition entries.

Quantities: The amount of bottles/cans needed is based on size and rounds within a given category. We recommend 5 to 6 bottles/entry, with a minimum of 4 bottles. The competition narrows down categories over multiple rounds of judging. Most categories will have three or four rounds of judging, with each round using a new bottle. The final round reserves two bottles for repours and other issues and one bottle is used for Best of Show. Sending fewer bottles risks judging entries in later rounds.

Minimum Container Size & Quantity Requirements

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- Entry Labels for each entry must be tapped on every bottle.
- Bottles, cans, and caps must be free from all labels, tape or any identifying marks. Bottles with raised lettering are allowed.
- Grolsch/Flip Tops/22 oz. bombers are acceptable.

Entries not conforming to the prescribed requirements may be disqualified. Disqualified entries may be judged but will not be eligible to advance. All entries received become property of the AHA and any and all bottles are dealt with at the AHA’s discretion.

Labeling Your Beers

Clarity and accuracy are key, please use the barcode better labels emailed to you by the AHA – these print on Avery 5160 label size or you may print out, cut and tape.

Verify the information on the label matches the info registered for the competition exactly. If the information differs, it will cause a problem sorting and judging. NHC is not responsible for issues caused due to errors in labeling.

Print the official barcode labels and affix one label to each bottle (adhesive label, clear packaging tape, glue, etc.). DO NOT RUBBER BAND.

Place them vertically on the side of the bottle or can (not the neck).
DETERMINING THE CORRECT SUBCATEGORY FOR YOUR ENTRY

Important Entry Information

Homebrewers entering in the National Homebrew Competition should carefully review the NHC Tables and subcategory designsations before registering an entry. Detailed descriptions of each subcategory are provided by the Beer Judge Certification Program 2015 Style Guidelines (including Provisional Styles) and available on PDF through the BJCP website, bjcp.org.

*Tip: keep it simple. When entering entries with ingredients such as fruit, vegetables, or spices, avoid words like extract, puree, fresh, all natural, or canned – just indicate the ingredient used.*

It is the entire responsibility of each entrant to enter their entries in the appropriate BJCP subcategory. The staff and volunteers of the National Homebrew Competition or the Brewers Association cannot aid entrants in this decision.

Judges and organizers will not classify or reclassify your entry. The competition uses the BJCP 2015 Style Guidelines and assigns BJCP subcategories to NHC Tables.

To eliminate the possibility of error, please reference the NHC’s Tables list below.

Special Ingredients & Entry Instruction Information

For specific information on special ingredients and entry instructions in a subcategory, please reference the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines, find your subcategory, and locate the subheading “Entry Instructions.” This section identifies the required information necessary to judge an entry.

Do not use brand names, geographic names, or any other proper names of special ingredients. Adding regional information could compromise the anonymity of your entry and will be reviewed and altered at the competition director’s discretion.

Entries not accompanied by this information will be at a disadvantage during judging.

All MEAD entries must include sweetness, carbonation, and strength information.

All CIDER entries must include sweetness and carbonation information.
SHIPPING INFORMATION

COMPETITION SHIPPING ADDRESS
NHC – AHA
587 S. Taylor Ave.
Louisville, CO 80027
*Mandatory to use official barcode shipping labels
**Deliveries allowed Mon-Fri | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Disclaimer:
All regulatory and financial burdens associated with submitting and sending samples to National Homebrew Competition are sole responsibility of the entrant. In the event the competition is cancelled, the competition will only refund entrants their competition entry fees and is unable to reimburse or pay for competition entry shipping fees or return competition entries to entrants.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING DETAILS
It is the entrant’s responsibility to make sure entries arrive on time and are labeled correctly. Please do not use the United States Postal Service (USPS).

1. The AHA highly encourages using Spirited Shipper for easy-to-use, minimal waste containers. The packaging cuts down on waste materials and delays in unpacking and sorting.
2. Plan on using a private courier. It is best to schedule a pickup from home or place of business. Often shipments brought directly through UPS/FedEx store may get denied as shipping alcohol against policy. Indicate “glassware” or “samples” if asked to provide such information.
3. Beware of scrutiny with ground shipping.
4. Package MUST have “NHC – AHA” listed on package when delivered.
5. Deliver Direct (drop-off): Entrants may deliver their beers directly to their site’s designated drop off or shipping location.
6. Arrange for a return receipt or tracking number. Shipping/drop-off locations cannot confirm delivery of your entries.
7. Pack it well (make it unbreakable).
8. Create a packing list/inventory each box in case of an incident
9. If more than one box of entries is being shipped, keep samples of each brand in the same box and label each box “box 1 of 2,” “box 2 of 2.”

Cost Saving Tip: Entrants may consolidate shipments when sending competition beers. This saves time and money! Consider contacting your local homebrew club, homebrew shop, or brewery to discuss options.

ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING DETAILS
Homebrewers located outside the US may ship their entries:

1. You may ship using a courier and customs clearance company of your choice (such as FedEx, UPS, DHL), but we recommend a national courier of your country.
2. Declare the package as “samples, glassware” with a $0 or $1 value as a gift. If you have questions about this, please contact nhc@brewersassociation.org for assistance.

Disclaimer: Some brewers have had trouble with US Customs. The AHA is not responsible for any confiscated, lost or damaged entries.
**Guide for Registering Online**


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JUDGING & AWARDS PHILOSOPHY

The National Homebrew Competition recognizes brewing excellence in 40 NHC Tables of beer, cider, and mead and does so over multiple rounds of judging within a category to reach a final table of entries that are awarded first, second and third place.

Judging Process

The National Homebrew Competition Director selects judges from a list of internationally recognized brewers, sensory experts, certified judges, and other experts within the beer industry. These individuals have been selected based on formal sensory training, experience evaluating beers on flavor panels and/or at competitions, judging demeanor, knowledge of beer styles and brewing process and industry/peer recognition.

Judges evaluate flights in panels (two or three) in parallel (not queued). The judge panels fill out comment sheets for each entry and identify up to three world class entries that best represent the beer style category described by the BJCP guidelines.

After the comment round, entries are evaluated against one another and panels advance up to three entries to subsequent rounds. Once a NHC table reaches 12 or fewer entries, a final table is assigned where a five-judge panel evaluates all finalist entries.

The judge panel then determines first, second and third place winners in each of the NHC Tables and entries will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively.

First place entries in each NHC Table will move on to the Best-Of-Table round to determine the major award winners for beer, mead and cider.

AWARDS FIRST ROUND

Entry Recognition Certificates

A recognition award does not signify an entry placed in a NHC Table. It is a recognition of an entry’s quality in relation to the style guidelines and not towards the competing entries within that category.

Gold Recognition – Earned by entries advancing to the final table of a category.

Silver Recognition – Earned by entries advancing to the second to last round of a category.
Bronze Recognition – Earned by entries receiving a quality beer indication on the Entry Summary, but did not advance.

**Competition Medals** *

**Gold Medal** – a world-class beer that accurately exemplifies the specified style, displaying the proper balance of taste, aroma, and appearance.

**Silver medal** – an excellent beer that may vary slightly from style parameters while maintaining close adherence to the style and displaying excellent taste, aroma, and appearance.

**Bronze medal** – a fine example of the style that may vary slightly from style parameters while still displaying quality taste, aroma, and appearance.

*Each entry that wins a medal will receive one medal. Additional medals may be acquired by the entrants. Email nhc@brewersassociation.org for more information.*

**NATIONAL HOMEBREW COMPETITION MAJOR AWARDS**

For more information on how awards are calculated and tiebreakers, please reference the competition’s FAQ page.

**Homebrewer of the Year Award**
First place winning entries in all of the beer NHC Tables will compete in a best-of-table (BOT) judging. The Best of Table beer determines this award.

**Meadmaker of the Year Award**
First placing winning entries in all the mead NHC Tables will compete in a best-of-table (BOT) judging. The Best of Table mead determines this award.

**Cidermaker of the Year Award**
First place winning entries in all the cider NHC Tables will compete in a best-of-table (BOT) judging. The Best of Table cider determines this award.

**Ninkasi Award**
Homebrewers are awarded points based on the number of gold (6 points), silver (5 points), and bronze (4 points) medals won in the competition. To be eligible for the award, entrants must have at least one entry place in the beer categories.
NHC Homebrew Club Award
Clubs are awarded points based on the number of gold (6 points), silver (5 points), and bronze (4 points) medals won in the competition. In the event of a tie, tiebreaker criteria will determine a winner.

Gambrinus Club Award
Clubs are awarded points based on the number of gold (6 points), silver (5 points), and bronze (4 points) medals won in the competition. The winner is determined by total entry points awarded by total number of entrants. In the event of a tie, tiebreaker criteria will determine a winner.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
For any award or other honor, including the major awards, the homebrewer(s) identified on the registration application determines which person and which homebrew club is awarded points. Individual members of a group of brewers earn points as a group and do not earn points on individual basis. Points and awards are not transferable.

Entrants may choose only one homebrew club to affiliate themselves with. All points earned by the individual will go to the affiliated club for the major club awards.

By rule, NHC and Brewers Association employees cannot aid entrants in entry category decisions. The NHC reserves the right to combine categories with fewer than 12 entries with similar categories prior to and during any competition, and reserves the right to discontinue tables in future years to reflect changes in brewing interest and other conditions.

AWARDS CEREMONY
The National Homebrew Competition Award Ceremony announces the award-winning entries at an awards ceremony during Homebrew Con. A list of winners will be available on HomebrewersAssociation.org.
The NHC tables are determined by the AHA Competition Subcommittee using the Beer Judge Certification Program’s 2015 Style Guidelines and previous years’ data. The following is a list of NHC Tables and the BJCP subcategories.

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- 10C. Weizenbock*
- 27H. Roggenbier
- 27I. Sahti

### Table 10 Scottish & Irish Ale
- 12A. British Golden Ale
- 12B. Australian Sparkling Ale
- 12C. English IPA

### Table 11 American Pale Ale (18B)

### Table 12 Amber & Brown American Ale
- 19A. American Amber Ale
- 19B. California Common
- 19C. American Brown Ale
- 27B. Kentucky Common

### Table 13 Brown British Beer
- 13A. Dark Mild
- 13B. British Brown Ale
- 13C. English Porter
- 27D. London Brown Ale

### Table 14 British Stout
- 16A. Sweet Stout
- 16B. Oatmeal Stout
- 16C. Tropical Stout
- 16D. Foreign Extra Stout

### Table 15 Irish Stout
- 15B. Irish Stout
- 15C. Irish Extra Stout

### Table 16 American Porter & Stout
- 20A. American Porter
- 20B. American Stout
- 27G. Pre-Prohibition Porter

### Table 17 American IPA (21A)

### Table 18 Specialty IPA (21B)*

### Table 19 New England IPA (X2)*

### Table 20 Strong American Ale
- 22A. Double IPA
- 22B. American Strong Ale
- 22C. American Barleywine
- 22D. Wheatwine
Table 21 Strong European Lager
6C. Dunkels Bock
9A. Doppelbock*
9B. Eisbock
Table 22 Strong UK Ale
17A. English Strong Ale*
17B. Old Ale
17D. English Barleywine
Table 23 Imperial Porter & Stout
9C. Baltic Porter
20C. Imperial Stout
Table 24 Saison (25B)*
Table 25 Belgian Ale
24A. Witbier
24B. Belgian Pale Ale
24C. Biere de Garde*
25A. Belgian Blond Ale
26A. Trappist Single
34D. Clone Beer (Belgian Styles only)*
Table 26 Strong Belgian Ale
25C. Belgian Golden Strong Ale
26B. Belgian Dubbel
26C. Belgian Tripel
26D. Belgian Dark Strong Ale
Table 27 European Sour Ale
23A. Berliner Weisse
23B. Flanders red Ale
23C. Oud Bruin
23D. Lambic
23E. Gueuze
23F. Fruit Lambic*
27A. Historical: Gose
Table 28 Fruit Beer*
29A. Fruit Beer*
29B. Fruit & Spice Beer*
29C. Specialty Fruit Beer*
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X4. Catharina Sour*
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COMMON ISSUES & WHO TO CONTACT

Shipping Related Issues & Questions
Shipping information is found in this packet with the shipping location and address. Please read ALL information about shipping and drop-off locations (if applicable) for entries. Contact National Homebrew Competition for specific shipping inquiries.

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If you paid for your entries and an entry is missing from your “Entry Table,” contact National Homebrew Competition to resolve the issue.

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If an entry requires specialty information, you are required to provide that information when registering your entries. There is a 90-character limit. If you have questions about what information to include, please reference the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines. Competition staff may not and will not assist entrants on determining specialty information. Do not include identifying information – this will be altered or removed prior to the judging.

Judging Location
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If your club is not listed in the drop-down under “Club Affiliation” then your club did not register before the deadline of January 31, 2021 to be eligible for the competition club awards. We do not provide a write in for club affiliation.

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How did my entry rank in category?
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Your Competition Notes: