



2023 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

HOMEBREW COMPETITION

ENTRY GUIDE

Presented by: Draught Board Homebrew Club

Entry Fee:
\$3.00 per entry
Click [HERE](#) to enter!

Entry Deadline: Thursday, April 13th @ Midnight
****New* Only accepting online entries***

Each exhibitor who submits an entry for judging will receive an e-ticket (one per exhibitor regardless of the number of entries) good for one admission to the 2023 Alameda County Fair. Tickets will be sent to the email on file prior to the opening date of the fair.

Tickets are good for any day the Fair is open.

For Questions, please contact:
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BAY AREA BREW OFF HOMEBREW COMPETITION

Alameda County Fair Homebrew Competition Coordinator

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Thank you to our Homebrew Competition Drop-Off Locations!

More Beer! - San Leandro

More Beer! - Los Altos

More Beer! - Concord

Oak Barrel Winecraft- Berkeley

Clandestine Brewing- San Jose

ALL STATE and LOCAL RULES APPLY

BJCP Sanction Competition

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Delivery Information

Alameda County Fairgrounds

Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

OR

See next page for Drop-Off Locations accepting entries

Saturday, April 1 to Thursday, April 13

Drop Off Locations

Saturday April 1 to Thursday April 13th	MORE BEER! San Leandro Showroom www.morebeer.com 2315 Verna Court San Leandro, CA 94577 510-351-3517	Mon-Sun	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday April 1 to Thursday April 13th	MORE BEER! Los Altos Showroom www.morebeer.com 991 N. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos, CA 94022 650-949-2739	Mon-Fri Sat & Sun	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday April 1 to Thursday April 13th	MORE BEER! Concord Showroom www.morebeer.com 995 Detroit Ave., Unit G Concord, CA 94518 925-771-7107	Mon-Fri Sat & Sun	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday April 1 to Thursday April 13th	Oak Barrel Winecraft www.oakbarrel.com 1443 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley, CA 94702 510-849-0400	Mon-Fri Sat Sun	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CLOSED
Saturday April 1 to Thursday April 13th	Clandestine Brewing www.clandestinebrewing.com 980 S. First St., Ste B San Jose, CA 95110 408-520-0220	Mon & Tue Wed & Thurs Fri Sat Sun	CLOSED 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday April 15th ONLY	Alameda County Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Pleasanton, CA 94566	Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Homebrew Department Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules.

1. ENTRY REGISTRATION:

- a. All homebrew entries must be pre-registered with entry fees paid by Midnight on Thursday, April 13th at <https://alamed.fairwire.com/>
- b. With submission of entry registration, the exhibitor confirms their ability to deliver entry to the fair or drop off locations on the posted delivery date(s) and time(s). Entry fees will not be refunded.

2. DELIVERY:

- a. Bottles and Cans must be hand-delivered to any of the drop off locations identified on page 3 between April 1- April 13 within their listed business hours. If you plan to drop off on April 13 it must be dropped off an hour before the location is closed, see page 3 for specific location hours.
- b. Entries may be dropped off to the Alameda County Fairgrounds only on Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to Noon. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

3. LIMITATIONS:

- a. Competition is open to all homebrewers over 21 years of age on April 13
- b. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per BJCP Subcategory
- c. Fair Management and/or competition organizer may consolidate classes into suitable flights, if warranted, due to low number of entries in a class (i.e. BJCP category)
- d. Greatest care will be exercised in handling entries, but the Fair Management, Alameda County Fair Association, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft, or damage of any kind from any cause.

4. BOTTLING/CANNING:

- a. Each exhibitor must submit a minimum of THREE (3) clean, unmarked bottles and cans, which are free of any identifying markings. **12oz bottles** or **12-16oz cans** only. Due to inconvenience of handling, no other size bottles and cans will be accepted. NIP bottles (6oz-8oz) will only be accepted in the strong ale, mead and barley wine categories.
- b. Each bottle must have a label attached including entrant name, division, class (spelled out), and fair assigned entry number. Print the computer generated label online at: BABO Label Link.
- c. PLEASE review the 2021 BJCP style guidelines at www.BJCP.org.
- d. Special attentions should be given to any Entry Instructions noted in the category and subcategory so your brew will be entered and judges according to the proper style.
- e. Each entry qualifies for the homebrew label design competition.
- f. The competition organizer reserves the right to disqualify entries not meeting the documented rules.
- g. Entries become the property of the Alameda County Fair and will not be returned.

5. JUDGING:

- a. This homebrew competition uses the American system of judging.
- b. Beers will be ranked against one another to identify one 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entry in each flight.
- c. Judges will evaluate entries against the 2021 BJCP Guideline at www.BJCP.org.
- d. Judges will be experienced and BJCP ranked. Judges' decision is final.
- e. Judging will be closed to exhibitors. Results will not be given by phone.

6. DISPLAY:

- a. Homebrew will be displayed in Building Q for the duration of the Alameda County Fair.

7. AWARDS:

- a. Special Rosettes awarded for Best of Show and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class.
- b. Cash Awards: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00
- c. Best of Show \$75 gift certificate from OAK BARREL WINECRAFT – Berkeley
- d. Gift Certificates will be awarded to 1st place entries with the highest average scores from our sponsors:
 - THE BISTRO – Downtown Hayward
 - THE COOLER – Downtown San Leandro
 - PORKY'S PIZZA PALACE – Pleasanton
- e. Results will not be given over the phone or before opening day of the Fair.

Homebrew - DIVISION 405

2021 BJCP Beer Styles Categories correspond to Fair Class Number

For detailed beer descriptions, see <http://www.bjcp.org>

Class 1. STANDARD AMERICAN BEER

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

Class 2. INTERNATIONAL LAGER

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

Class 3. CZECH LAGER

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

Class 4. PALE MALTY EUROPEAN LAGER

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

Class 5. PALE BITTER EUROPEAN LAGER

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

Class 6. AMBER MALTY EUROPEAN LAGER

- 6A. Märzen
- 6B. Rauchbier
- 6C. Dunkles Bock

Class 7. AMBER BITTER EUROPEAN BEER

- 7A. Vienna Lager
- 7B. Altbier

Class 8. DARK EUROPEAN LAGER

- 8A. Munich Dunkel
- 8B. Schwarzbier

Class 9. STRONG EUROPEAN BEER

- 9A. Doppelbock
- 9B. Eisbock
- 9C. Baltic Porter

Class 10. GERMAN WHEAT BEER

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

Class 11. BRITISH BITTER

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

Class 12. PALE COMMONWEALTH BEER

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

Class 13. BROWN BRITISH BEER

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

Class 14. SCOTTISH ALE

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

Class 15. IRISH BEER

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

Class 16. DARK BRITISH BEER

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

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Class 17. STRONG BRITISH ALE

- 17A. British Strong Ale
- 17B. Burton Ale
- 17C. Old Ale
- 17D. Wee Heavy
- 17E. English Barley Wine

Class 18. PALE AMERICAN ALE

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

Class 19. AMBER & BROWN AMERICAN

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

Class 20. AMERICAN PORTER & STOUT

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

Class 21. IPA

- 21A. American IPA
- 21B. Specialty IPA
 - Specialty IPA: Belgian IPA
 - Specialty IPA: Black IPA
 - Specialty IPA: Brown IPA
 - Specialty IPA: Red IPA
 - Specialty IPA: Rye IPA
 - Specialty IPA: White IPA
 - Specialty IPA: Brut IPA
- 21C. Hazy IPA

Class 22. STRONG AMERICAN ALE

- 22A. Double IPA
- 22B. American Strong Ale
- 22C. American Barleywine
- 22D. Wheatwine

Class 23. EUROPEAN SOUR ALE

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

Class 24. BELGIAN ALE

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

Class 25. STRONG BELGIAN ALE

- 25A. Belgian Blond Ale
- 25B. Saison
- 25C. Belgian Golden Strong Ale

Class 26. MONASTIC ALE

- 26A. Belgian Single
- 26B. Belgian Dubbel
- 26C. Belgian Tripel
- 26D. Belgian Dark Strong Ale

Class 27. HISTORICAL BEER

- Historical Beer: Kellerbier
- Historical Beer: Kentucky Common
- Historical Beer: Lichtenhainer
- Historical Beer: London Brown Ale
- Historical Beer: Piwo Grodziskie
- Historical Beer: Pre-Prohibition Lager
- Historical Beer: Pre-Prohibition Porter
- Historical Beer: Roggenbier
- Historical Beer: Sahti

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For detailed beer descriptions, see <http://www.bjcp.org>

Class 28. AMERICAN WILD ALE

- 28A.** Brett Beer
- 28B.** Mixed- Fermentation Sour Beer
- 28C.** Wild Specialty Beer
- 28D.** Straight Sour Beer

Class 29. FRUIT BEER

- 29A.** Fruit Beer
- 29B.** Fruit & Spice Beer
- 29C.** Specialty Fruit Beer
- 29D.** Grape Ale

Class 30. SPICED BEER

- 30A.** Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
- 30B.** Autumn Seasonal Beer
- 30C.** Winter Seasonal Beer
- 30D.** Specialty Spice Beer

Class 31. ALTERNATIVE FERMENTABLES

- 31A.** Alternative Grain Beer
- 31B.** Alternative Sugar Beer

Class 32. SMOKED BEER

- 32A.** Classic Style Smoked Beer
- 32B.** Specialty Smoked Beer

Class 33. WOOD BEER

- 33A.** Wood-Aged Beer
- 33B.** Specialty Wood-Aged Beer

Class 34. SPECIALTY BEER

- 34A.** Commercial Specialty Beer
- 34B.** Mixed-Style Beer
- 34C.** Experimental Beer

Class X. LOCAL STYLES

- X1.** Dorada Pampeana
- X1A.** Pampas Golden Ale
- X2.** IPA Argenta
- X2A.** Argentine IPA

- X3.** Italian Grape Ale
- X4.** Catharina Sour
- X5.** New Zealand Pilsner

Class M1. TRADITIONAL MEAD 2015

- M1A.** Dry Mead
- M1B.** Semi-Sweet Mead
- M1C.** Sweet Mead

Class M2. FRUIT MEAD 2015

- M2A.** Cyser
- M2B.** Pyment
- M2C.** Berry Mead
- M2D.** Stone Fruit Mead
- M2E.** Melomel

Class M3. SPICED MEAD 2015

- M3A.** Fruit & Spice Mead
- M3B.** Spice, Herb or Vegetable Mead

Class M4. SPECIALTY MEAD 2015

- M4A.** Braggot
- M4B.** Historical Mead
- M4C.** Experimental Mead

Class C1. STANDARD CIDER & PERRY 2015

- C1A.** New World Cider
- C1B.** English Cider
- C1C.** French Cider
- C1D.** New World Perry
- C1E.** Traditional Perry

Class C2. SPECIALTY CIDER & PERRY 2015

- C2A.** New England Cider
- C2B.** Cider with Other Fruit
- C2C.** Applewine
- C2D.** Ice Cider
- C2E.** Cider with Herbs/Spices
- C2F.** Specialty Cider/Perry

Homebrew Label Design - DIVISION 415

Exhibitors entering Homebrew Division 405 (see pages 6-8), may enter the Homebrew Label Design Division 415 for free.

1. ENTRY REGISTRATION:

- a. All homebrew label design entries must be pre-registered by Midnight on Thursday, April 13th at <https://alamed.fairwire.com/>

2. DELIVERY:

- a. Please refer to page 2 & 3 for delivery dates and drop off locations
- b. Homebrew design label entries may be dropped off to the Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, April 15. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

3. LIMITATIONS:

- a. Only 1 Homebrew Label Design per class will be accepted
 - **Class 1. Summer Vibes**
 - **Class 2. Best Homebrew Label**

4. PREPARING BOTTLE/CAN ENTRIES:

- a. For each Homebrew Label Design entry, submit one empty, clean, standard, brown 12oz bottles or 12-16oz cans only with the Homebrew Label design neatly affixed to the bottle. Due to inconvenience of handling, no other size bottles and cans will be accepted. NIP bottles (6oz-8oz) will only be accepted in the strong ale, mead and barley wine categories.
- b. Attach an entry label via rubber band, preferably printing the computer generated label online at: [Beer Labels](#). Otherwise, this label should uniquely identify the entry including entrant name, assigned fair entry number, Division 415, Class ('1' or '2' as defined below). Please also spell out the class name description. This label will be used by fair staff to track Homebrew Label Design entries.
- c. Entries become the property of the Alameda County Fair and will not be returned.

5. JUDGING:

- a. Homebrew label designs must reflect good taste.
- b. Judging criteria will be based on an exhibitor's creativity and originality.
- c. Judges will be looking for an "*attention grabber*" that elicits further investigation based on use of color, design and composition.
- d. Judges' decision is final. Judging will be closed to exhibitors.
- e. Results will not be given by phone.

6. DISPLAY:

- a. Homebrew Labels will be displayed in Building Q for the duration of the Alameda County Fair.

7. AWARDS:

- a. Special Rosettes awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class
 - **Class 1. Summer Vibes**
 - **Class 2. Best Homebrew Label**