

A BJCP/AHA Sanctioned Competition for Homemade Beer

Saturday, October 3rd, 2015

Danner Kline, Coordinator

Online Registration Only

ENTRY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 30th.

Online registration of entries opens at 8:00am CDT on Monday, August 24th, and closes at 11:59pm CDT on Sunday, August 30th. Late entries will not be accepted. On-line Entry Registration at www.alabamabrewoff.com

NO LAST MINUTE CLASS CHANGES. If it's not on the online entry submission, it will not be judged. Processing fees are non-refundable.

Limit 10 entries per person and 275 total entries in the competition. This competition is for **beer only**. Mead and cider are excluded.

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at Birmingham Budweiser, 141 Industrial Dr. Birmingham, AL 35211 between 8:00am CDT, Monday, August 31st, and 4:00pm CDT, Friday, September 18th.

Entries may be mailed or dropped off in-person, but the beer must be received (not postmarked) by end of business on September 18th. If dropping off in-person, entries will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, August 31st through September 18th. No entries will be accepted the day of the competition (exceptions for judges). Entries will be refrigerated. Every precaution will be employed to ensure the proper handling of the entries before the competition.

JUDGING: Saturday, October 3rd, and Friday October 2nd.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

How do I enter?

Registration is required. Online registration of entries opens at 8:00am CDT on Monday, August 24th, and closes at 11:59pm CDT on Sunday, August 30th. Late entries will not be accepted.

Who can enter?

Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or older. You may enter if you are a professional brewer but all entries must be brewed on amateur equipment. Judges and stewards are eligible, but may not participate in judging their entries. Every effort is made to maintain a blind judging.

Is there a Fee?

Processing fee is \$5.00 per beer. Processing fees are non-refundable. Cash or check payable to Birmingham Budweiser.

Is there a Limit?

There is a limit of 10 entries per person and 1 entry per subcategory. For example, you may enter a Best Bitter and a Strong Bitter, but not two Best Bitters.

Where do I deliver my entry?

Deliver pre-registered entries to Birmingham Budweiser, 141 Industrial Dr. Birmingham, AL 35211 between 8:00am CDT, Monday, August 31st, and 4:00pm CDT, Friday, September 18th. Entries may be mailed or dropped off in-person, but the beer must be received (not postmarked) by end of business on September 18th. If dropping off in-person, entries will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm, August 31st through September 18th.

When is the contest?

Saturday, October 3rd. Additional judging will take place Friday evening, October 2nd.

What do I submit?

Each entry shall consist of two full 12 oz glass beer bottles; one for first round of judging and one for Best of Show judging, if necessary. Print out your entry forms and attach them to the bottles with rubber bands. DO NOT use champagne bottles or 22oz bottles. It is important that all entries use 12oz. bottles for storage purposes. Specially designed carafes, jars, bottles or containers will not be accepted. Bottles with raised lettering (like Sam Adams) are accepted but discouraged. Black out any identifying marks on the bottle cap with permanent marker.

What is the judging procedure?

Judging will begin Friday evening, October 2nd. It will continue throughout the day on Saturday, October 3rd. Beer will not be returned after judging. Entries will be judged per the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines: www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php. At the discretion of the coordinator, entries not meeting these eligibility or entry requirements will be disqualified. Qualified beer judges please contact Tracy Hamilton at t_p_hamilton@yahoo.com. Winners will be announced immediately after judging.

AWARDS

Alabama Brew Off offers medals, 1st through 3rd place, if merited, for each class.

Best of Show

1st place winners in each class will compete for Best of Show honors. Winner of Best of Show receives a \$1,000 cash prize and the option to have his or her recipe brewed in a full production batch at a local Alabama commercial brewery.

The classes for judging will not exactly match the 34 categories in the 2015 Style Guidelines. Some categories will have insufficient entries to comprise a class for for judging purposes and thus will be combined with other categories. The custom classes will be determined after online registration closes and organizers know the total number of entries in each category.

Call coordinator Danner Kline at (205) 924-3733 or email dkline@bhambud.com if you have any questions. Due to volume of entrants, please allow at least 48 hours for a response.