

Four Leaf Brewing Homebrew Contest Rules 2022

All 2021 BJCP Categories

Eligibility:

The competition is open to any home brewer from within the state of Michigan or province of Ontario. Contestants will be considered as an individual entrant on the basis of the person's name appearing on the registration form.

Team beers are acceptable, but the entrant must have been an active participant in the brewing process.

Only one entry per category is allowed by each entrant. Beers brewed in commercially licensed facilities are ineligible. The Best of Show winner should be available to participate in the recipe winning brew day at Four Leaf Brewing. Exact date TBD depending on winning style. All 2021 BJCP Categories will be accepted for judging. (Wood aged and Sour Beers may not be eligible for BOS)

Entry Fees:

The entry fee is \$5.00 for each entry. Cash only accepted and all entry fees must be submitted with registration form at time of drop off. Entries received without fee will not be judged and no late payments will be accepted.

Registration/Entry Drop Off:

Entries must be received with registration form and entry at one of the listed drop off locations by May 17, 2022 end of business day. **Any mailed in entries should be sent to the Four Leaf Location and must be received by the same date.** Actual Entrant need not be present to drop off.

Drop off Locations:

Four Leaf Brewing	Michigan Brew Supply	Hop Craft Supply Co	Reed City Brewing	Hunter's Ale House
412 N. McEwan St., Clare, Mi. 48617 (989) 424-6114	126 Townsend St., Midland, Mi. 48640 (989) 486-9265	6440 Bay Rd., Saginaw, MI 48604 (989) 401-6276	141 W Upton Ave., Reed City, MI 49677 (231) 465-4222	4855 E Blue Grass Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 779-2626

Entry Requirements:

- Two bottles of each entry must be submitted. (We recommend submitting 3, One for initial judging, one for possible mini BOS and one for final round)
- Only one entry per category per entrant.
- The beer must be homebrewed to enter. No beer brewed at a commercial facility accepted.
- All entrants **MUST** be 21 years of age to enter.

Bottle Restrictions:

Entries must be received in 12-16oz brown, long-neck glass bottles, free from any raised or embossed markings or other identifying features. Bottles must also be clean of any labels (inked, paper or otherwise). Standard gold or silver caps are encouraged. Soft drink or other printed crown caps are acceptable; however, they must be blacked out with a black marker to ensure anonymity in all judging situations.

Late Entries and Disqualifications:

No Entries will be returned whether received late or otherwise. All entries become property of Four Leaf Brewing. No late entries will be accepted. Beers can be disqualified for bottle requirement infractions. These entries will still be judged, but may be deemed ineligible for awards or prizes. You will be notified if your entry has been disqualified.

Entry Form and Labels:

All entries must include completed registration form at time of drop off. The registration form must be legible and attached to the bottles with a rubber band. The use of tape or glue to attach the forms is not acceptable.

Judging Information:

Each Entry should be entered according to the 2021 BJCP style guidelines. Entries will be referred to by category and subcategory letter. All Specialty beers will still be judged with the base beer style (bock or saison) in mind.

This contest will follow the established AHA/BJCP contest guidelines:

1. Organizers have the right to run their competitions as they see fit, consistent with these rules. Organizers have wide latitude to create a unique competition experience. The [BJCP Competition Handbook](#) provides good guidance and advice, but is not binding. Just keep in mind that experienced judges anticipate a certain rhythm to competitions, so be sure to advise judges when the competition has unusual or out-of-the-ordinary elements.
2. Organizers have the right to select the judges and staff needed to run their competition. No judge has a right to be seated at any competition, session, or panel. Judges may not "pull rank" to get a judging slot.
3. Organizers have the right to remove or replace disruptive or non-performing judges or staff at their discretion, and to optionally ban them for cause from future competitions they run.
4. Organizers have the right to exclude scoresheets from any judge who are clearly not performing their duties.
5. Competition-specific rules must be published and not be changed from the time registration is open until the competition concludes. Unpublished rules cannot be enforced. If any entries are not eligible for any award, these criteria must be explained in advance.
6. Judging must be fair to all entrants. Competition rules must be applied and enforced uniformly. Competitions must be run in a spirit of fairness, even as unique characteristics are incorporated.
7. Blind tasting must be used. Judges must not be given the identity of the brewer or entrant. Competition staff are allowed to judge provided that they do not know the association between entries and entrants. Judges may enter competitions in which they judge provided they do not judge any competition category in which they have entries.
8. Entries must be judged to published styles. The [BJCP Style Guidelines](#) are preferred, but any other published guidelines may be used provided that entrants and judges are using the same guidelines. If styles require additional information, organizers must provide this information to the judges.
9. Judge panels must have a minimum of two judges and a maximum of four judges, including any non-BJCP or provisional judges. Excess judges should be encouraged to steward or observe the judging, provided they are not a distraction and that adequate sample volume exists for judging.
10. Judges must always pick the best beer from those eligible. Judges, not organizers or staff, determine scores, ranking, and winners. Winners must not be selected on score alone when scores were determined by multiple panels of judges.
11. Feedback must be given to the brewer or entrant. [BJCP Judging Forms](#) are recommended, but are not mandatory. Scoresheets must be returned promptly to entrants.
12. An organizer's report must be filed with the BJCP within 21 days, preferably using the [BJCP Organizer Reporting System](#). The BJCP Experience Point Award Schedule must be followed.
13. The [BJCP Privacy Policy](#) must be followed. Judge data may only be used to run the competition, and not be used for other purposes or shared with third-parties.
14. The [BJCP Disability Policy](#) must be followed.

Judging Sessions:

The initial judging sessions will begin at 10:00am EST May 21, 2022 . Mini BOS rounds will be utilized as needed and the best of show round will follow once all the categories have been judged, scored and tallied. The top beer from each style category will be submitted into the Best of Show Round. BJCP score sheets will be filled out for each entry, and provided to the entrant via mail. (Some categories will be combined depending on number of entries)

Awards and Prizes:

The overall Best of Show winner will have the opportunity to brew the winning recipe on the 3bbl system at Four Leaf Brewing and have their beer showcased on tap in the Four Leaf tap room. Release date is anticipated within 6 months post competition. All other awards and prizes will be determined based on the number of entrants and mailed to the address provided on the registration forms.

