

DEPARTMENT: HOME BREWING

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Read the General Rules for Home Brewing:

1. Entries open to any Ohio resident over the age of 21.
2. Registration is due, August 15th, 2026, by noon. Registration can be completed by FairEntry or by mail using the hard copy provided in the fair book. All registrations to be received by the deadline in the Fair Office.
3. Check-in will be in the Ag Center from 5-8 p.m. the Friday night prior to the opening of the fair. (Entries may be shipped to the Fair Office, ATTN: Home Brew Open Show, no sooner than the week preceding the Fair).
4. There will be no entries accepted after the registration deadline.
5. Entry should be submitted as three (3) 10-14 oz. capped brown glass bottles. No swing tops allowed.
6. Bottles will not be returned to the entrants.
7. Judging will occur by the Tuesday of the fair, before noon. Results will be posted no later than Friday of the fair at noon.
8. Entries will be judged on Aroma, Appearance, Flavor, Mouthfeel and Overall Impression
9. Entrants may not enter more than three (3) entries into a single class.
10. If a beer is miscategorized, the superintendents reserve the right to change an entry to the appropriate category rather than disqualify the entry.

All entry fees are \$2.00

Premiums	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00

The 1st place entries in each class will advance to a Best of Show competition, which will pay addition premiums as follows:

Best of Show Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00

Classes:

Classes follow BJCP categories (found on their website: <https://www.bjcp.org>)

31501: Light Lagers, numbers 1-5 in the 2021 BJCP Guide, Standard American Beer, International Lager, Czech Lager, Pale Malty European Lager, Pale Bitter European Beer.

31502: Dark Lagers, numbers 6-9 in the 2021 BJCP Guide, Amber Malty European Lager, Amber Bitter European Beer, Dark European Lager or Strong European Beer.

31503: European Ales, numbers 10-17 in the 2021 BJCP Guide, German Wheat Beer, British Bitter, Pale Commonwealth Beer, Brown British Beer, Scottish Ale, Irish Beer, Dark British Beer, Strong British Ale.

31504: American Ales, numbers 18-20 in the 2021 BJCP Guide, Pale American Ale, Amber and Brown American Beer, American Porter and Stout, IPA, Strong American Ale

31505: IPAs & Strong American Ales, Numbers 21 & 22 in the 2021 BJCP Guide, IPA, Strong American Ale

31506: Sours, Belgian Ales & Historical Beer, numbers 23-27 in the 2021 BJCP Guide, European Sour Ale, Belgian Ale, Strong Belgian Ale, Monastic Ale and Historical Beer.