

National Organic Homebrew Challenge

For 10 years, the number of homebrewers brewing organic has exploded. Now, for the first time organic brewers can compete head to head in a national competition just for organic beers. The basic spirit of this contest is to celebrate the diversity of organic ingredients that are available. Creative & inspired interpretation of recipes is strongly encouraged because not every ingredient under the sun is available organic. The range of ingredients may be more limited, but with today's choices of fresh, clean, organic ingredients, virtually any style is possible to homebrewers with open minds and creative skills!

Brewing great organic beer at home is a true challenge, and now those who take the challenge can realize the rewards of prizes and recognition that participating in this contest can bring. These challenges are similar to what commercial organic breweries face- how to brew popular, tasty beer styles without resorting to conventionally grown malt or hops or chemical additives. Brewers who make the choice to brew organic are helping fund a global endeavor to support the huge effort organic hop and malt growers face in cultivating crops commercially and profitably without using a

Dates:

Entries begin September 1st, 2008. No entries will be accepted before September 1. Entry deadline is October 10th at 5 pm. Entries received after this deadline will not be entered in the contest.

Entry Requirements:

Entry fee of \$7 for first entry and \$5 for each additional entry from the same brewer. Bottles must be no smaller than 8 oz. and no larger than 16 oz, with no labels or other markings on the bottle. All malt, hops, and adjuncts must be verified organically grown. If an organic ingredient is unknown by the contest committee (comprised of 7 Bridges staff and volunteers) further verification may be required, such as a purchase receipt showing that the item purchased is organically grown.

Prizes:

There are prizes for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winning entries that score at least 25 points in each category. All of the prizes and sponsors for the 2008 competition will be listed on the website once known: www.breworganic.com/competition/Prizes-sponsors.html

Rules:

All Ingredients must be certified organic or organically homegrown except yeast and non flavor, non chemical additives. The only non-organic additives allowed are: Burton salts, calcium carbonate, calcium chloride, citric acid, gypsum, Irish moss, lactic acid, magnesium sulfate, potassium chloride, and non GMO yeast. Each entry must include a recipe form which lists the source of each ingredient. Entries and empty bottles will not be returned. Entries will be judged according to the BJCP Style guidelines which are published here: <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.html>



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Categories:

1. Light Lager

- 1A. Lite American Lager
- 1B. Standard American Lager
- 1C. Premium American Lager
- 1D. Munich Helles
- 1E. Dortmunder Export

3. European Amber Lager

- 3A. Vienna Lager
- 3B. Oktoberfest/Märzen

8. English Pale Ale

- 8A. Standard/Ordinary Bitter
- 8B. Special/Best/Premium Bitter
- 8C. Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)

9. Scottish and Irish Ale

- 9A. Scottish Light 60/-
- 9B. Scottish Heavy 70/-
- 9C. Scottish Export 80/-
- 9D. Irish Red Ale
- 9E. Strong Scotch Ale

10. American Ale

- 10A. American Pale Ale
- 10B. American Amber Ale
- 10C. American Brown Ale

11. English Brown Ale

- 11A. Mild
- 11B. Southern English Brown
- 11C. Northern English Brown Ale

12. Porter

- 12A. Brown Porter
- 12B. Robust Porter
- 12C. Baltic Porter

13. Stout

- 13A. Dry Stout
- 13B. Sweet Stout
- 13C. Oatmeal Stout
- 13D. Foreign Extra Stout
- 13E. American Stout
- 13F. Russian Imperial Stout

14. India Pale Ale (IPA)

- 14A. English IPA
- 14B. American IPA
- 14C. Imperial IPA

15. German Wheat and Rye Beer

- 15A. Weizen/Weissbier
- 15B. Dunkelweizen
- 15C. Weizenbock
- 15D. Roggenbier (German Rye Beer)

16. Belgian and French Ale

- 16A. Witbier
- 16B. Belgian Pale Ale
- 16C. Saison
- 16D. Bière de Garde
- 16E. Belgian Specialty Ale

18. Belgian Strong Ale

- 18A. Belgian Blond Ale
- 18B. Belgian Dubbel
- 18C. Belgian Tripel
- 18D. Belgian Golden Strong Ale
- 18E. Belgian Dark Strong Ale

19. Strong Ale

- 19A. Old Ale
- 19B. English Barleywine
- 19C. American Barleywine

21. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer

- 21A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
- 21B. Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer

23. Specialty Beer & Other Styles

If the style you enter is not listed above (1- 21), enter it here. If it is a BJCP listed style (<http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.html>) enter it with the BJCP style name in this category and it will be judged according to standard BJCP guidelines for that style.