



2017 Competition Guide

The Sonoma County Fair is excited to announce the addition of a Beer Competition and Festival to this year's Fair!

Important Competition Details:

Entry Deadline:	March 31, 2017
Online Entry:	http://www.NorCalBrewFest.com
Entry Fee:	\$30.00 per entry
Entry Requirement:	3 bottles or cans (Competition Bottle ID Label Required)
Bottles are <u>only</u> accepted:	Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 14 Open Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bottle Drop-off Location:	Sonoma County Fairgrounds Administration Building 1350 Bennett Valley Road Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Entry Limit:	Limit of 1 entry per class. No maximum on number of classes entered.
Contest Judging:	Saturday, May 6 at the Showcase Café Results will be posted online on Friday, May 12, 2017

For more information - contact the Sonoma County Fair Entry Office at: (707) 545-4203 or entryoffice@sonomacountyfair.com

Benefits of Entry:

1. Top beer will be purchased for the public NorCal Brew Fest on August 5, 2017 at the Sonoma County Fair!
2. Exhibitors invited to provide product for the public tasting will be given complimentary tickets to the festival and are encouraged to attend.
3. Winners will be advertised at the NorCal Brew Fest.
4. Winners will be posted on the website NorCalBrewFest.com.



2017 Official Rules and Regulations:

Eligibility: The competition is open to any licensed brewery, brewpub or cidery in the United States.

Competition Rules:

1. This competition is sanctioned by the Beer Judging Certification Program (BJCP).
2. 2015 BJCP style guidelines will be used for the judging and judges will be a combination of BJCP certified judges, professional brewers and “novice” judges who will be guided by BJCP protocol.
3. Limit of 1 entry per class. No Maximum on number of classes entered.
4. Three bottles of beer are required for each entry.
5. Bottles must be 10 – 14 oz. brown or green bottles with no identifiable markings.
6. Each bottle must have an identification label affixed with rubber band. (Bottle Identification Labels are available as a PDF: <http://www.NorCalBrewFest.com>)
7. No refunds of entry fees will be allowed.
8. Classes must have at least 6 entries to be judged as an individual class. Classes with fewer than 6 entries will be combined into a new sub-class at the discretion of the coordinators.

Prizes: Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each class.
Best of Show winner will receive a specialized award.

How do I enter?

1. Register your entries at: <http://www.NorCalBrewFest.com>
 - a. You need to register as a new exhibitor using our secure online entry system.
 - b. Create/add your entries to your shopping cart.
 - c. During check out you will pay for entries in your shopping cart with a credit card.
 - d. Print out your receipt.
2. Print out the bottle identification label template, fill out the labels and use a rubber band to affix them to each of your beer bottles.
3. Deliver your entries to Sonoma County Fairgrounds during the receiving period.
(Make sure you bring 3 bottles of each beer you entered, with your labels filled out and rubber-banded to each bottle)

During Online Entry Registration:

After you login and register as a NEW Exhibitor...you will **“create”** your entries

- Select the department: Sonoma County Fair
- Select the division: Beer Competition
- Select the Category and Sub-Class:

Standard American Beer

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

International Lager

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

Czech Lager

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

Pale Malty European Lager

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

Pale Bitter European Beer

- 5A German Leichtbier
- 5B Kolsch
- 5C German Helles Exportbier
- 5D German Pils

Amber Malty European Lager

- 6A Marzen
- 6B Rauchbier
- 6C Dunkles Bock

Amber Biter European Beer

- 7A Vienna Lager
- 7B Altbier
- 7C Kellerbier

Dark European Lager

- 8A Munich Dunkel
- 8B Schwarzbier

Strong European Beer

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

German Wheat Beer

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

British Bitter

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

Pale Commonwealth Beer

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

Brown British Beer

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

Scottish Ale

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

Irish Beer

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

Dark British Beer

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

Strong British Ale

- 17A British Strong Ale
- 17B Old Ale
- 17C Wee Heavy
- 17D English Barleywine

Pale American Ale

- 18A Blonde Ale
- 18B American Pale Ale

Amber and Brown American Beer

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

American Porter and Stout

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

IPA

- 21A American IPA
- 21B Specialty IPA

Strong American Ale

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

European Sour Ale

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

Belgian Ale

- 24A Witbier
- 24B Belgian Pale Ale
- 24C Biere de Garde

Strong Belgian Ale

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

Trappist Ale

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

Historical Beer

- 27A Any Other Historical Beer
- 27B Dutch-Style Kuyt Beer
- 27C Adambier

American Wild Ale

- 28A Brett Beer
- 28B Mixed-Fermentation Sour Beer
- 28C Wild Specialty Beer

Fruit Beer

- 29A Fruit Beer
- 29B Fruit and Spice Beer
- 29C Specialty Fruit Beer

Spiced Beer

- 30A Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
- 30B Autumn Seasonal Beer
- 30C Winter Seasonal Beer

Alternative Fermentables Beer

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

Smoked Beer

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

Wood Beer

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

Standard Cider and Perry

- 34A New World Cider
- 34B English Cider
- 34C French Cider
- 34D New World Perry
- 34E Traditional Perry

Specialty Cider and Perry

- 35A New England Cider
- 35B Cider with Other Fruit
- 35C Applewine
- 35D Ice Ciders
- 35E Cider with Herbs/Spices
- 35F Specialty Cider/Perry

**1st Annual NorCal Brew Fest to be held at Sonoma County Fair on August 5!
Watch the website for more details!**