

Michigan Renaissance Festival, Ale and Cider/Mead Competition

This is a BJCP-sanctioned competition.

Fee: \$10.00 for the first three beers entered. \$1.50 for each additional beer.

Cash or check (checks payable to Rick Hopman-Competition Director)

Each competitor will receive two tickets for admission to the festival

Saturday September 8th - entrees due at drop-off sites

All entrees are due at the drop-off sites by 4:00 pm.

The drop off sites and format are listed at <http://www.hopmanssupply.com>

Or call Hopmans Beer and Wine Making Supply at (248) 674-4677

Sunday, September 17th 1:00 pm Ale Judging

The entrees will be judged, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place from each of the three categories will be selected. These nine beers will then be sent to the judging for a Best of Festival (show).

The Cider and Mead judging will be determined by the number of entrees submitted.

Saturday the 22nd 10:00 am - The Best of Festival Ale Judging

The judges will be judging the nine best ales, starting at 10:00 am at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. Awards will follow.

Sunday, the 23rd 10:00 am - Mead and Cider Competition

This will have the same format as the Ale Best of Festival competition.

There are three main categories: Light, Amber and Dark. The festival will follow the BJCP guidelines and use ten of the twenty-four BJCP styles. The breakdown is as follows:

Light Ale Category

Style 6: Light Hybrids

6A: Cream Ale

6B: Blonde Ale

6C: Kolsch

Style 8: English Pale Ale

8A: Standard/ Ordinary Bitter

8B: Special/Best/ Premium Bitter

8C: ESB

Style 15: German Wheat and Rye Beer

- 15A: Weizen
- 15B: Dunkelweizen
- 15D: Roggenbier

Amber Category

Style 7: Amber Hybrid

- 7A: Northern Alt
- 7B: California Common
- 7C: Dusseldorf Alt

Style 10: American Ale

- 10A: American Pale
- 10B: American Amber
- 10C: American Brown

Style 11: English Brown

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

Style 14: India Pale Ale

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

Dark Category

Style 12: Porter

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

Style 13: Stout

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

Style 19: Strong Ale

19A: Old Ale

19B: English Barleywine

19C: American Barleywine

Beer Entry Information

- To reiterate, the online entry fee is \$10 for the first three entries and \$1.50 for each additional entry.
- We are restricting the entries to **10-22** oz bottles. We will be as lenient as possible with the types of bottles, but they must be **10-22** oz
- Each entry must consist of **two (2)** bottles from a single batch of beer, with no labels or identifying marks. Caps with any markings must be darkened with an indelible magic marker. Commercially available bottles from widely distributed beers are acceptable. Unique bottles will only be allowed at the discretion of the Competition Organizer.
- Enter your beer into the category and subcategory where you feel it will perform the best.
- You may enter as many categories and subcategories as you like, but no member of an entrant (as defined above) may submit another entry of the same subcategory, whether as an individual entrant, a member of the same entrant, or a member of another entrant.
- Meads and Ciders will be at the discretion of the entrant. Please see <http://www.bjcp.org/styles04/mead.html> and <http://www.bjcp.org/styles04/cider.html> for more information.

The official style guidelines for this competition are the current (2004) Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) Beer Style Guidelines. They can be found on the BJCP Website at <http://www.bjcp.org/>.

Make checks payable to **Rick Hopman – Competition Director**

Entries will be accepted until 4:00 pm Saturday September 8th.

This date is firm. No entry will be accepted after that.

Please check <http://www.hopmanssupply> for a list of the drop-off sites.

Enter your beers by printing off the form provided. Send your form and money with your entries.

The Other Stuff

Judging

a) A panel of two judges will evaluate each entry according to the category in which it was entered. No judge will be assigned to judge a category for which they are entrants. First, Second, and Third place may be awarded in each category at the judges' discretion.

b) Entrants will receive the score sheets with the judges' comments for their entries upon request.

c) All entries become property of the Hopmans Beer and Wine Making Supply, and will not be returned.

d) Those interested in participating as judges or stewards can contact the Judge Director, Mike Christopher, using the [SNOBs](#) web site forum.

We welcome people interested in judging or assisting as stewards. Even if you have never judged before, we will pair you with an experienced judge to help you learn. BJCP points will be awarded to those in the Beer Judge Certification Program.

e) The first, second, and third place winners will advance to the Best of Festival (Show) Round. The Best of Show Judging will take place as listed above. Awards Presentation will take place following the judging. Awards time will be announced at the judging.

f) Judging results will be available for pick up immediately after the Best of Festival (Show) Awards Presentation, or mailed, upon request.

Contact Information – Please direct questions regarding entries, styles, etc to the competition organizer: [Rick Hopman](#), Competition Organizer.