

Official Rules and Entry Requirements For the Alamo City Cerveza Fest 2008

CONTEST RULES

This contest is open to all home brewers. The competition is restricted to non-commercial home-brewed beer. Beers produced on the premises of commercial brewers including brew-on-premises establishments are not eligible. The Alamo City Cerveza Fest (ACCF) is hosted by the Bexar Brewers, and is an AHA/BJCP sanctioned competition and is a part of the Lone Star Circuit. See Style Guidelines for a complete listing of BJCP categories and subcategories, plus the special Pepper Beer category that may be entered in the ACCF.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each entry for the competition should consist of **three** bottles. To ensure the anonymity of entrants, bottles must meet the standard AHA National competition requirements. Every bottle must be 10 to 14 ounces in volume, brown glass, and free of raised-glass or inked brand-name lettering and paper labels.

If you submit an entry in **BJCP categories 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, or 28**, then you may submit those entries in a bottle as small as six and one-half (6.5) ounces (but still cannot be larger than fourteen (14) ounces).

Lettering and graphics on bottle caps must be obliterated with a permanent black marker. Traditional "longneck" style bottles are encouraged, while bottles with Grolsch-type swing tops and unusually shaped bottles are not allowed. Corked bottles meeting the above restrictions are acceptable; however, you must crimp a crown cap over the cork. Bottles not meeting these requirements will be disqualified. Brown bottles are encouraged for maximum protection from light. All bottles must be clean with a properly completed entry label attached by a rubber band. **DO NOT TAPE OR GLUE ON BOTTLE LABELS!!**

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

There is a limit of ONE entry per subcategory.

STYLE GUIDELINES

The Alamo City Cerveza Fest will be judging all BJCP beer, mead, and cider styles using the 2008 BJCP style guidelines. The full BJCP category descriptions and specifications are set forth in an extensive document available in downloadable format at <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.html>. The following is a listing of the BJCP categories and subcategories, as well as our special category 29, Ancho Pepper Beer.

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| 1. LIGHT LAGER | 2. PILSNER |
| 1A. Lite American Lager | 2A. German Pilsner (Pils) |
| 1B. Standard American Lager | 2B. Bohemian Pilsener |
| 1C. Premium American Lager | 2C. Classic American Pilsner |
| 1D. Munich Helles | |
| 1E. Dortmund Export | 3. EUROPEAN AMBER LAGER |
| | 3A. Vienna Lager |

- 3B. Oktoberfest/Märzen
- 4. DARK LAGER**
 - 4A. Dark American Lager
 - 4B. Munich Dunkel
 - 4C. Schwarzbier (Black Beer)
- 5. BOCK**
 - 5A. Maibock/Helles Bock
 - 5B. Traditional Bock
 - 5C. Doppelbock
 - 5D. Eisbock
- 6. LIGHT HYBRID BEER**
 - 6A. Cream Ale
 - 6B. Blonde Ale
 - 6C. Kölsch
 - 6D. American Wheat or Rye Beer
- 7. AMBER HYBRID BEER**
 - 7A. North German Altbier
 - 7B. California Common Beer
 - 7C. Düsseldorf Altbier
- 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 Ale
 - 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. 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
- 17. SOUR ALE**
 - 17A. Berliner Weisse
 - 17B. Flanders Red Ale
 - 17C. Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin
 - 17D. Straight (Unblended) Lambic
 - 17E. Gueuze
 - 17F. Fruit Lambic
- 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

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| <p>20. FRUIT BEER</p> <p>21. SPICE/HERB/VEGETABLE BEER
 21A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
 21B. Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer</p> <p>22. SMOKE-FLAVORED & WOOD-AGED BEER
 22A. Classic Rauchbier
 22B. Other Smoked Beer
 22C. Wood-Aged Beer</p> <p>23. SPECIALTY BEER</p> <p>24. TRADITIONAL MEAD
 24A. Dry Mead
 24B. Semi-Sweet Mead
 24C. Sweet Mead</p> <p>25. MELOMEL (FRUIT MEAD)
 25A. Cyser (Apple Melomel)
 25B. Pymment (Grape Melomel)</p> | <p>25C. Other Fruit Melomel</p> <p>26. OTHER MEAD
 26A. Metheglin
 26B. Braggot
 26C. Open Category Mead</p> <p>27. STANDARD CIDER AND PERRY
 27A. Common Cider
 27B. English Cider
 27C. French Cider
 27D. Common Perry
 27E. Traditional Perry</p> <p>28. SPECIALTY CIDER AND PERRY
 28A. New England Cider
 28B. Fruit Cider
 28C. Apple Wine
 28D. Other Specialty Cider or Perry</p> <p>29. ANCHO PEPPER BEER (non-BJCP)</p> |
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SPECIAL BEER CATEGORY

The ACCF is proud to retain its special pepper beer category as a salute to San Antonio. For 2008, the special pepper category is Ancho Pepper Beer. Beers entered in this category may be of any base style. However, you must state the base beer style when submitting a beer in this category, just as you would if you were entering Categories 6D, 16E, 17F, 20, 21, 22B, 22C, 23, 25C, 26A, 26C, 27E, 28B-D. Only Ancho peppers may be added to the beer. Other peppers are prohibited for this category.

ONLINE ENTRY & ELECTRONIC PAYMENT INFORMATION

This year all entries must be submitted electronically at www.sabeergroup.org. For each entry, entrants must fill out one (1) entry form (which is done for you if you enter online) and three (3) bottle ID labels. Please make sure that there are bottle ID labels attached to each of your three (3) bottles. We will again be using the Internet payment tool PayPal. With PayPal you can use a credit card to pay entry fees, event fees, and purchase ACCF merchandise. See www.sabeergroup.org for more information. If you are inhibited from registering and paying online please contact organizer directly for accommodation at accf_2008@att.net. The entrant must attach each completed bottle ID forms to each of their three (3) entry bottles using a rubber band.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is \$8 per entry. Remember, there is a limit of ONE entry per subcategory.

Delivery and Receipt of Entries

Entries must be received by the Organizer no later than Saturday, July 26, 2008. An entry is considered to be received by the Organizer when it actually arrives at one of the

drop off points specified below, and not when it is submitted by the entrant. The time when you ship entries is irrelevant; all that matters is whether the entries arrive at one of the drop off points on time. Your entries must arrive at a drop off point before the close of business on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at that particular drop off point. NOTE: different drop off points close at different times on Saturdays. Get your entries to the drop off points early to avoid a last-minute rush. Late entries will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

Drop Off Points

The Organizer has arranged for six drop-off points to which entrants may either ship their entries or deliver their entries in person. Entrants may ship their entries so that entries are delivered to the drop off points beginning on Saturday, July 12, 2008 and ending on Saturday, July 26, 2008. It is solely the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that entries are delivered to the Organizer. The Organizer does not guarantee that entries shipped to the drop-off points will be timely received by the Organizer, and entrants who deliver their entries to a drop-off point do so at their own risk. The Organizer cannot and will not acknowledge receipt of entries. Entrants should arrange for a return receipt with their shipping company if they wish to confirm delivery of their package. Packages with postage due or C.O.D. charges will be returned to the sender. Use a shipping company such as UPS, DHL, or Federal Express to ship entries. **DO NOT SHIP ENTRIES VIA THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE!** The drop-off points are:

San Antonio Homebrew Supply

Contact: Todd Huntress
2809 N. Saint Mary's St.
San Antonio, TX 78212-3530

Business Hours:

Please call for hours.

Phone: (210) 737-6604

Austin Homebrew Supply LLC

Contact: John Brack (J.B.)
7951 Burnet Rd.
Austin, TX 78757

Toll Free : (800) 890-2739
Phone: (512) 300-2739
Email: j.brack@austinhomebrew.com
Web: www.austinhomebrew.com

Business Hours:

Mon	10AM - 6PM
Tue	10AM - 6PM
Wed	10AM - 6PM
Thurs	10AM - 8PM
Fri	10AM - 8PM
Sat	10AM - 6PM
Sun	Noon - 5PM

DeFalco's Wine & Beer Supplies

Contact: Scott Birdwell
8715 Stella Link
Houston, TX 77025

Toll Free : (800) 216-BREW (2739)
Phone: (713) 668-9440

Business Hours:

Mon	10AM - 6PM
Tue	10AM - 6PM
Wed	10AM - 6PM
Thurs	10AM - 8PM
Fri	10AM - 6PM

Email: defalcos@sbcglobal.net
Web: www.defalcos.com

Sat
Sun

10AM - 5PM
Noon - 4PM

Brew It Yourself

Contact: Ray Philbrook
25770 Interstate 45 North, #107
Spring, TX 77386

Phone: (281) FOR-BREW (367-2739)
Email: raybrewz@yahoo.com
Web: www.brew-it-yourself.com

Business Hours:

Mon
Tue
Wed
Thurs
Fri
Sat
Sun

10AM - 6PM
Closed
10AM - 6PM
Noon - 8PM
10AM - 6PM
10AM - 5PM
11AM - 4PM

The Winemaker Shop

Contact: Emery or Janet Baca
3006 SE Loop 820
Fort Worth, TX 76140

Phone: (817) 568-4700
Email: brew@winemakershop.com
Web: www.winemakershop.com

Business Hours:

Mon
Tue
Wed
Thurs
Fri
Sat
Sun

10AM - 6PM
10AM - 6PM
10AM - 6PM
10AM - 6PM
10AM - 6PM
9AM - 3PM
Closed

Homebrew Headquarters, Inc.

Contact: Kelly Harris
300 N. Coit Rd, Suite #134
Richardson, TX 75080

Toll Free : (800) 966-4144
Phone: (972) 234-4411
Email: brewmaster@homebrewhq.com
Web: www.homebrewhq.com

Business Hours:

Mon
Tue
Wed
Thurs
Fri
Sat
Sun

10AM - 6PM
10AM - 6PM
10AM - 6PM
10AM - 7PM
10AM - 6PM
10AM - 6PM
1PM - 5PM

PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

If you must ship your entries, we recommend that you allow 2" of packing materials between the borders of the box you use to ship your beer and any beer you enclose with in. Fill with packing material. Wrapping each bottle in bubble wrap may also be helpful. Enclose all entries in a plastic garbage bag, and then seal the bag. Do not use US Mail – it is ILLEGAL!!. UPS will accept your package, but not if it is labeled “beer”. You may want to label it “Yeast Samples” or “Kitchen Supplies” or simply “Fragile”.

DISCLAIMER

All decisions of The Alamo City Cerveza Fest Committee and the Judging Staff are to be considered final. Be assured that every effort will be taken to create an uncompromising, blind-tasting environment for the judging of all entries. Entries that do not meet these rules will not be returned. Entry fees that have been submitted for entries that are

disqualified will not be refunded. No entries will be returned to entrants for any reason, whether the entries are received late or otherwise. All entries become property of The Bexar Brewers.