

BARCELONA BEER CHALLENGE 2018

Set of Regulations



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Introduction

The second edition of beer contest Barcelona Beer Challenge (hereinafter BBC) is organized by the company Beer Events SL (hereinafter Beer Events), dedicated to organizing beer themed events with the objective to spread beer culture, placing emphasis on its gastronomic and social side, thus promoting responsible consumption.

From its constitution as a company, the main event it organizes is the Barcelona Beer Festival, which is already going into its sixth edition as one of the craft beer festivals of reference in the South of Europe. Around 30,000 attendees and the presence of the best international beers will provide support and giving scope to this contest, lending it a remarkable media impact.

This third edition will once again be supported by the type of great media coverage and high levels of participation that the awards enjoyed throughout its first edition. The 2017 edition saw participation from 200 different breweries from 25 countries, with more than 750 beers submitted to the contest. This successful level of participation meant that 34 styles could be included in the BJCP guide.

This set of regulations, as well as additional information regarding the BBC, is available at any time on the contest's website <http://www.barcelonabeerchallenge.com>

You are also welcome to contact the contest organisers to answer any questions you may have at the following email address:

✓ E-mail: info@barcelonabeerchallenge.com

Contest Presentation

Objectives

The BBC contest has, among others, the following objectives:

- ✓ To disseminate and give value to high quality beer.
- ✓ To promote quality in the beer sector, awarding a prestigious prize to those beers that meet high standards.
- ✓ To give visibility to the diverse range of established beer types.
- ✓ To generate a context where breweries from all over the state come to compete, not only among themselves, but also with other international brewers.
- ✓ To promote the internationalization of local beer creations.
- ✓ To promote education and knowledge of quality beer to end consumers.
- ✓ To highlight and reflect trends in the brewing world, both nationally and internationally.
- ✓ To spread knowledge of the quantity and variety of existing brewers.
- ✓ To foster a culture of responsible beer consumption, highlighting the value of beer in a gastronomic environment.
- ✓ To create a seal that recognizes the quality of the beers that are worthy of it, which will in turn give the public an ability to steer their own consumption decisions.

Who can take part in the contest?

The BBC is open to all breweries who wish to participate and who ensure compliance with current legislation in their corresponding countries in terms of the production and marketing of beer.

Participation in the contest is also open to brands that produce beer in the facilities of a brewer that has the appropriate permissions to produce and market beer.

Logistical Aspects

Registration

Those interested in registering must fill in the form found on the contest's website: www.barcelonabeerchallege.com. The registration period ends on 13/01/2017.

Prices:

Number of beers registeres	Total price	Price per beer
Registration for 1 beer	€120	€115
Registration for 2 beers	€170	€85
Registration for 3 beers	€207	€69
Registration for 4 beers	€230	€57,5
Registration for 5 beers	€256	€51,2

Each beer up to 5: +€25 cost

IMPORTANT: Possible additional custom charges (non EU beers) will be charged to the brewery.

The organisers of the BBC will confirm the correct processing of the registration via e-mail, as well as the reception of the payment. Next, an invoice for the contestant will be generated, which will include the fiscal data stated on the registration form.

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Reception of registered beers

The delivery of the beers submitted to the contest will be the responsibility of the participant. We will communicate the beers reception address with the confirmation of the registration

Start beer reception period: 22/01/18

End beer reception period : 26/01/18

Deliveries must arrive between the 22/01/18 and 26/01/18 taking into account both the logistics at reception and the preservation of the beer itself, which will be safeguarded by the BBC's organisers, who will ensure proper handling to preserve their properties by keeping them refrigerated.

For every beer entered into the contest, participants shall provide the organisation with a certain amount of samples, depending on the capacity of the container in which they are presented, details of which are found in the table below:

Container capacity	Units to be sent
Under 33 cl.	6
Between 33 cl. and 37.5cl.	4
Over 37.5 cl.	3

It is recommended that the packaging of the submitted beers is suitable for transport and guarantees delivery without incident. The organisers of the BBC will not admit samples sent in fully or partially damaged containers.

In case any irregularity was detected during the reception of the beers, the organisers will notify the participant by telephone. In order to solve this potential incidence, the participants will be required to send new samples of the damaged beers by urgent courier.

Organisation

The organisation of the BBC is made up of three differentiated bodies: a Steering Committee, a Technical Secretariat and the Jury, which will have the following functions.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is the highest decision making body in the organisation of the BBC. Its mission is to ensure the contest is conducted appropriately, as well as coordinating the different areas involved.

The main functions and duties of the Steering Committee include:

- ✓ Design of the contest's strategic guidelines.
- ✓ Creation of the governing norms, which is formed by this set of regulations.
- ✓ Ensuring the proper development of the contest, in accordance with the governing regulations.
- ✓ Coordination of the different areas, especially the Jury and the Technical Secretariat.
- ✓ Coordination with the external actors involved in the different aspects of the contest (design, communications, etc.)
- ✓ Selection and appointment of the contest Jury.
- ✓ Analysis of the data on Jury assessments and proposal for winners.
- ✓ Collection of data, both statistical and non-quantifiable, and generation of conclusions for the beers registered.

Jury

The BBC's organisers are committed to the professionalization of the sector, which is why the jury will be made up of only accredited judges with a BJCP certification, and /or recognized graduates in sommelier. Its function is, basically, to evaluate the registered beers in accordance with the parameters set out within these regulations, as well as assisting the Director of the Jury as and when required.

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For his part, the Jury has the following responsibilities:

- ✓ Creation of the evaluation system, with a proposal of criteria and protocols that will facilitate the agility and efficiency of the assessment process.
- ✓ Participation in the creation of an analytical system for data collection.
- ✓ Propose the panel of judges.
- ✓ Lead the pre-training of judges in order to agree the sensory criteria and explain the contest's system of assessment.
- ✓ Oversee the smooth running of the contest from a practical point of view (anonymity of samples, optimal service, elements to facilitate tasting, etc.).
- ✓ Ensure the proper collection of data on sensory evaluations from judges.

All Jury members **MUST** be commercially independent and not have any economic interests in any brewery participating in the contest. This condition will be stipulated in the individual agreement between each of the Jury members and the BBC's organisers.

Procedures

Preliminary checks

When the organisation has ensured that the participants have strictly complied with the deadlines for registration, payment and the delivery of any registered beers, it shall proceed to evaluate them within the relevant category of competition, in accordance with the indications given by each participant at the time of the inscription. It is recommended that participants carefully review the stylistic descriptions of the beers they are presenting.

The contest categories are based on the standards of the 2015 Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP 2015). The beers received will be classified into one of 34 styles (see Annex) covered in this category. In the event that there was an overrepresentation in any of the 34 styles, the competition will be open to subcategories (o a part of this category) contemplated within the standards themselves, to distribute the beers into more specific styles for the competition.

Undertaking the evaluations

The evaluation of the beers registered will be carried out between the 2th, 3th and 4th of February 2018. In case it is necessary, the organisers reserve the right to extend the evaluation stage to the 11th and 12th of February 2018.

The procedure planned for the evaluation is as follows:

- ✓ The beers are presented to the Jury anonymously by personnel assigned by the organisers
- ✓ Each beer will have a reference number to be used by the organisation to identify it at all times
- ✓ The beers will be evaluated in a random order that will have been previously designated
- ✓ The serving temperature will be adequate to ensure the proper taste and evaluation of the beer

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- ✓ The samples will be evaluated following the sections and criteria on the evaluation form that the BJCP includes, considering the characteristics of each style according to these standards.
- ✓ The members of the Jury will have adequate elements to wash their palate between each tasting at all times.
- ✓ The organisation will collect the filled in evaluation sheets, and will carry out the final score count.
- ✓ Evaluations and scores for each registered beer will be treated as confidential information, guarded by the organisation and access will only be granted to the breweries that request individual information of its beers. These data will be transmitted in summary format to each brewery.

Acknowledgements

The contest will offer individual awards to beers in each category, and a prize to the contest's best overall brewer.

Awards by category

Within each beer category in the BBC, the following prizes will be awarded:

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals

Awarded to the three best beers in each competition category, provided that they meet the appropriate quality standards. The jury reserves the right to deem categories void when there does not seem to be a deserved winner.

In all cases decisions on the awards categories will be final.

Prize for the Best Brewery

This prize will be awarded to the brewer who obtains more points among all the beers presented in this order:

- 2 points per bronze medal achieved
- 3 points per silver medal achieved
- 5 points per gold medal achieved.

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Best new brewery award (new award!)

This new award is aimed at recognising and promoting newly created brewers, therefore a special prize will be awarded to a brewer who began selling their beer from 1 January 2016 onwards.

This prize will be awarded to the Rookie Brewery who obtains more points among all beers presented in this order:

- 2 points per bronze medal achieved
- 3 points per silver medal achieved
- 5 points per gold medal achieved.

Results

Once the winners of each award have been determined, an awards ceremony will follow.

- ✓ A diploma and medal accrediting each of the prizes awarded.
- ✓ A digital seal to be used for promotional purposes (labels, websites, promotional material) for each winner of a medal or award. The seal will include the year of the BBC edition, and this seal may not be used without this date being indicated. The organisation reserves the right to withdraw the awarded title if this requirement is not met.
- ✓ The award ceremony will take place within the framework of the events at the Barcelona Beer Festival 2017, in a ceremony open to the public.

The organization of the BBC will carry out a thorough communication on the operation of the contest and the awarded beers through press releases, social networks, Barcelona Beer Festival's website, other digital media (blogs, webs, etc.) and media agencies contracted for this purpose.

Annex: BJCP 2015 styles for the BBC

STANDARD AMERICAN BEER

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

INTERNATIONAL LAGER

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

CZECH LAGER

- 3A. Czech Pale
- 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. Kölsch
- 5C. German Helles Exportbier
- 5D. German Pils

AMBER MALTY EUROPEAN LAGER

- 6A. Märzen
- 6B. Rauchbier
- 6C. Dunkles Bock

AMBER BITTER EUROPEAN BEER

- 7A. Vienna
- 7B. Altbier
- 7C. Kellerbier
- Kellerbier: Pale Kellerbier
- Kellerbier: Amber 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

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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

21B. Specialty IPA

Specialty IPA: Belgian IPA

Specialty IPA: Black IPA

Specialty IPA: Brown IPA

Specialty IPA: Red IPA

Specialty IPA: Rye IPA

Specialty IPA: White IPA

STRONG AMERICAN ALE

22A. Double IPA

22B. American Strong Ale

22C. American Barleywine

22D. Wheatwine

EUROPEAN SOUR ALE

23A. Berliner

23B. Flanders Red Ale

23C. Oud Bruin

23D. Lambic

23E. Gueuze

23F. Fruit Lambic

BELGIAN ALE

24A. Witbier

24B. Belgian Pale Ale

24C. Bière 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

Historical Beer: Gose

Historical Beer: Kentucky Common

Historical Beer: Lichtenhainer

Historical Beer: London Brown Ale

Historical Beer: Piwo Grodziskie

Historical Beer: Pre-Prohibition Lager

Historical Beer: Pre-Prohibition Porter

Historical Beer: Roggenbier

Historical Beer: Sahti

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

SPECIALTY BEER

34A. Clone Beer

34B. Mixed-Style Beer

34C. Experimental Beer

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