



CONTEST REGULATION

Barcelona Beer Challenge 2023

AMATEUR



Contest presentation

Objectives:

The motivations behind the Barcelona Beer Challenge-Amateur (BBC-A) competition are as follows:

- ❖ Promote and disseminate the values of home brewing as a hobby that is closely linked to the craft beer movement. Valuing it, on many occasions, as the preamble to future professional brewing projects.
- ❖ To generate a context where home brewers from all over the world compete on an equal footing and with a strong pedagogical orientation, returning to the brewer a wide feedback of the samples received for competition.
- ❖ To award a prestigious trophy to the best production that meets high standards and to give visibility to its creator.
- ❖ And all the motivations of the Barcelona Beer Challenge competition, especially those that show the diversity, quality, internationalization, training, latest trends, gastronomic values of beer.

Who can take part of the contest?

- ❖ Individuals brewing beers at home.
- ❖ The beers in the competition must have been produced on equipment outside professional facilities.
- ❖ Brewers will have to belong to homebrew clubs around the world so that the brewer can vouch for the veracity of the sample being brewed by the brewer or have available material (photo, video,...) showing their brewing equipment.



Registration formalization

To process entries, each participant must fill in the form on the competition website, which can be found through this web address: www.barcelonabeerchallenge.com/BBCAmateur

Registration ends on 12/03/2023.

Registration will cost 24.79€ plus 21% VAT (5.21€) for a total of 30€ per beer in the competition.

PRICE PER REGISTERED BEER: 30 € (VAT INCLUDED)

There is no limit of samples submitted per person taking part in the competition.

The BBC organization will confirm by e-mail the correct registration.

Participation in the competition will be confirmed with the payment to BE (organizing company) of the corresponding registration fee for the beers submitted.



Logistic aspects

Reception of registered beers

The period for receipt of samples will be between the two dates indicated below (both days included).

START SAMPLE RECEPTION PERIOD	END SAMPLE RECEPTION PERIOD
Monday 13/03/2023	Friday 05/04/2023

Beers received outside this period will not be admitted to the competition, without the right to claim a refund of the registration fee.

The organization reserves the right to close registrations in advance before the deadline of these rules if during registration the limit of 1,600 references of beers registered in both competitions (BBC and BBC-AMateur) to qualify for the competition is exceeded.

Samples required for participation

For each beer entered in the competition, participants must provide 3 samples of the product entered in the competition.

The use of personalized badges and/or badges with any indication is not allowed. The use of generic bottles is recommended.



Shipping details

The shipping address will be provided once the registration has been confirmed. All costs derived from the shipment of the beers entered in the competition will be by each brewer/participant. Any extra cost of logistics or customs, generated by the shipment of the beers entered in the contest will be by the brewer/participant, never by the organization of the contest.

Each sample should be labeled with the following information:

- ❖ Participant's full name.
- ❖ Name of the beer in competition.
- ❖ BJCP Style in which the beer is registered

Our Recommendation:

For breweries within the EU, based on previous experiences, it is recommended not to use the public postal service and always work with private transport companies that ensure and take responsibility for delivery at destination.

The organization will not be held responsible for any incident of theft, loss, damage or delay resulting from the process of delivery of samples to the organization.

The organization will not admit samples with partially or totally damaged packaging to the competition. In order to avoid incidents in the reception of samples, it is recommended that the packaging of the beers entered be suitable for the handling of the package by the transport company.



Our recommendation: Pack the bottles in an upright position, with appropriate packaging, with separations between bottles and indicating on the outside of the package: the fragility of the contents and the direction in which the package should be stored during the entire transport process (preferably with "this side up" indications or arrows indicating the correct direction for storing the package).

The BBC reserves the right to reject samples, that any irregularity is detected during the reception of the beers. The organization will notify the participants with the aim of correcting the incident as far as possible. Participants may be asked to send new samples by express courier (if there is a reasonable time margin).

Control and storage of samples received

The organizer guarantees an optimal storage of the samples received for the competition, keeping them in a safe place, at a temperature and in atmospheric conditions suitable for the correct preservation of the beers.

The BBC Amateur will sort the samples according to the style statement attached to the sample. The following will not be submitted to the competition: samples arriving after the deadline stipulated for the reception of beers, or those that have not been correctly registered, or those that do not correspond to the registered product.



Internal organization of the contest

The BBC-A Organization uses the organizational structures of the BBC, establishing its own Technical Secretariat, which for the current edition is the responsibility of the following person, Alexis Sànchez: amateur@barcelonabeerchallenge.com

Jury

Since the organization of the BBC Amateur is committed to the improvement and evolution of the home brewer's learning process, the jury of the competition will be composed of accredited judges with BJCP certification, but also by professional brewers with vast knowledge in the brewing process.

Their basic task is to evaluate the beers entered according to the parameters established in these rules, giving extensive feedback for improvement in the execution of the recipes and brewing techniques.

Operation

Registration:

It is recommended that participants scrupulously review the stylistic assignment of the beers they submit. A style and sub-style should be assigned to the categories that largely coincide with the standards of the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP).



Competition categories

In a single competition category that encompasses all those BJCP families of British tradition, with their corresponding subfamilies.

11. BRITISH BITTER
12. PALE COMMONWEALTH BEER
13. BROWN BRITISH BEER
14. SCOTTISH ALE
15. IRISH BEER
16. DARK BRITISH BEER
17. STRONG BRITISH ALE

Holding of appraisals

The evaluation of the registered beers will take place on 14, 15 and 16 April 2023.

Procedure foreseen for the holding of evaluations:

- ❖ The beers are presented anonymously to the Jury by the staff assigned by the organization.
- ❖ Each beer will have a reference number so that it can be always identified by the organization.
- ❖ The serving temperature shall be appropriate for proper tasting and evaluation of the beer.
- ❖ The samples will be evaluated according to the criteria set out in the BJCP and annexes considering the characteristics of each style according to its standards.
- ❖ The Jury will be always provided with suitable items to cleanse the palate between tastings.
- ❖ The organization will collect the various completed evaluation forms and tally the scores.
- ❖ The evaluations and scores of each registered beer will be treated as confidential information and will be kept by the organization. This data will be returned to the participants.



Competition System:

The necessary rounds will be established so that all the samples in competition have the same opportunities to obtain the final prizes.

All entries will be judged according to the style in which they have been entered, so it is not important with which other entries they share a round, each of them is treated individually and with the same opportunities.

However, in the rounds of the first level of competition, an attempt will be made to unify the sub-styles in order to make a more balanced tasting. There will be a final round from which the winner of the competition will be chosen.

In the previous phases, BJCP and feedback will be given according to the samples and the best samples will be chosen to go on to the next round, where it will simply be decided which ones will go on to the final.

Awards:

A single award to the best beer in the competition in the form of a trophy as the winner of the 'Barcelona Beer Challenge - Amateur 2023'.

This award will be collected at the Barcelona Beer Challenge 2023 awards gala and will be promoted as such throughout the year of the competition.

Mention will be made of the other participants who have reached the final of the competition.

The jury reserves the right to declare the competition void if it is considered that they do not meet high quality standards.

The winner will form part of the communication plans of the Barcelona Beer Challenge Awards. The winner undertakes to be available, as far as possible, for possible communication and promotional activities.



Results:

In all cases, the final decision on the awarding of prizes will be final. The prizes will be awarded at a public ceremony at the Barcelona Beer Challenge 2023 awards gala to be held on Friday 26 May 2023 during the 11th edition of the Barcelona Beer Festival and Inn Brew: The Brewers Convention 2023.

Subsequently, the results obtained in the evaluations of the winning beers will be notified by e-mail. Likewise, the BBC Amateur organization will be responsible for communicating the competition and the winning beers through press releases, social networks, the BBC website, other digital media (blogs, portals, etc.) and communication agencies contracted for this purpose.

The winner will be presented with a trophy.

Other aspects of the regulation:

The organization may consider evaluating the veracity of the awarded beer(s) through the Homebrewer community, which shares the same geographical area. In case of serious doubt or proof of substantial and recognizable differences between these beers, the organization reserves the right to cancel the awards obtained. In this regard, the legal services responsible for this type of fraud will be informed, the participant will be informed and will be expelled from the competition.

Surplus beer samples that have not been used during the competition will not be returned to the brewer and may be used for other promotional or training activities carried out by the competition organizer or by companies of the group.

If the competition is cancelled due to circumstances beyond the organizer's control and which occur unexpectedly, the organizer cannot be held liable, and no compensation will be paid to the participants. In such circumstances, the organizer reserves the right to cancel the competition and/or change the date, with the necessary justification stipulating that there will be no compensation and no refund of the samples received.

The formalization of the registration (by completing the form available on the website and paying the related fee) signifies the express and unconditional acceptance of these regulations.

In case of possible disputes with the organization, the Law and Jurisdiction of application will be that of the courts of Barcelona.



Annex:

Styles in competition

11. BRITISH BITTER

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

12. PALE COMMONWEALTH BEER

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

13. BROWN BRITISH BEER

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

14. SCOTTISH ALE

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

15. IRISH BEER

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

16. DARK BRITISH BEER

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

17. STRONG BRITISH ALE

- 17A. English Strong Ale
- 17B. Old Ale
- 17C. Wee Heavy
- 17D. English Barley Wine

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.bjcp.org/style/2021/beer/>



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