



2026 Entry Timeline

- Entry deadline Tuesday, May 26, by 6 p.m.
- Entry delivery May 15 - 31
- Judging June 6 - 7
- Fair dates July 17 - Aug. 16 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

BY ENTERING YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE TERMS AND RULES PRESENTED IN THIS GUIDEBOOK.

- Entry fees \$10 per entry
Fees are non-refundable.
- Entry limit Five (5) per exhibitor • One (1) entry per class
- Contact Homebrew Department
entries@ocfair.com • Office 714-708-1553
OC Fair & Event Center • 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626



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RULES & GUIDELINES

1. [Local](#) and [state rules](#) govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and abiding by the guidelines stated herein.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for entering items in the correct class. All entries must be homebrewed. Beers brewed at a brew-on-premises, at a commercial brewery or brewpub are not eligible.
4. If assistance is needed, please contact the Homebrew Department at 714-708-1553 or email entries@ocfair.com.
5. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**
There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, the exhibitor is accepting the no-refund policy.
6. Beers not consumed during the judging may not be reclaimed.
7. **Bottles**
 - Submit two (2) 10- to 14-ounce glass bottles per entry.
 - Mead and cider entries may use 7- or 8- ounce bottles.
 - Bottles may be any color except clear and must be free of ink, paint and paper labels, except for competition entry labels.
 - Bottles with raised lettering and logos are acceptable.
 - Grolsch-type, swing-top bottles and 22-ounce bottles will not be accepted.
 - Cover any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker.
8. **Labeling**
Attach a competition label, see page 7, to each bottle with a rubber band. Do not tape or glue labels to bottles. Entries with taped or glued labels will be disqualified.
9. **Hold harmless.** Although reasonable efforts will be taken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, neither the State of California nor OC Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of OC Fair.



ELIGIBILITY

Open to Southern California residents ages 21 and older. Professional brewing personnel are not permitted to enter. Competition staff, judges and stewards are eligible to enter. Judges and stewards may not participate in judging their own entries.

Safeguards will be in place to ensure judges do not know the identity of entrants.

ENTRY LIMIT

Five (5) entries per exhibitor; one (1) entry per class

Adult exhibitors may enter multiple divisions but are limited to one entry per class.

Teams are limited to two (2) people. A team counts as one entry per class for each exhibitor.

Refunds will not be issued for entries received beyond the limit.

ENTRY FEES

Adult divisions \$10 per entry

- Entry fees are payable online with a credit card (Visa, Mastercard or American Express).
- *No refunds will be issued.*

OC FAIR EXHIBITOR TICKET

Exhibitors will be mailed one (1) OC Fair admission ticket.

- One (1) ticket per exhibitor, not per entry.
- Ticket is good any day during the OC Fair and does not require a reservation.
- Tickets must not be sold.



HOW TO ENTER

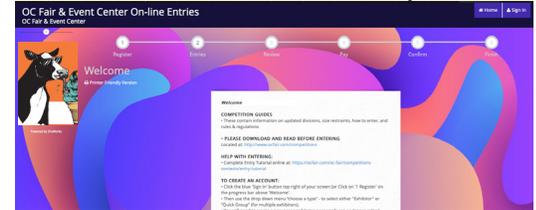
Online entry deadline: Tuesday, May 26, by 6 p.m.

Click on the link to go to the entry homepage ocfair.fairwire.com

Step 1. Register

- Last year's accounts are no longer valid. All exhibitors must create a new account.
- Entries must be submitted under the name of the individual who will be exhibiting.
- Do not use business or fictitious names.
- Enter the information carefully and proofread the name to ensure accuracy on exhibit display labels.
- Email will be used to send important information. Check your spam folders and [whitelist](#) emails coming from @ocfair.com.

The numbered steps along top of page are clickable and show the current section you are on



fairwire.com welcome page

Step 2. Entries

- Input your entry (or entries) in the proper department, division and class along with other required information.

Step 3. Cart review

- Review your entries. You can add, edit, delete or save your entries.
- When satisfied, click the "CHECK OUT" button.

Step 4. Payment

- Enter your credit card information (Mastercard, Visa or American Express).
- An email notification and confirmation will be sent immediately after the online payment is received.
- Check your spam folder if the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment.

Step 5. Confirmation

- Sign by typing "YES" in the "Agreement to Terms" box.
- DO NOT click the "SUBMIT" button multiple times as you will be charged.
- On the resulting confirmation page you can print a receipt.

You can log back into your account to see your entries.

For any changes, contact entries@ocfair.com; do not re-enter to make a correction as you will be charged.

HELP ENTERING

For additional help, review this detailed step-by-step guide:

- [Entry tutorial](#)

Phone: 714-708-1553 (during office hours)

Email: entries@ocfair.com



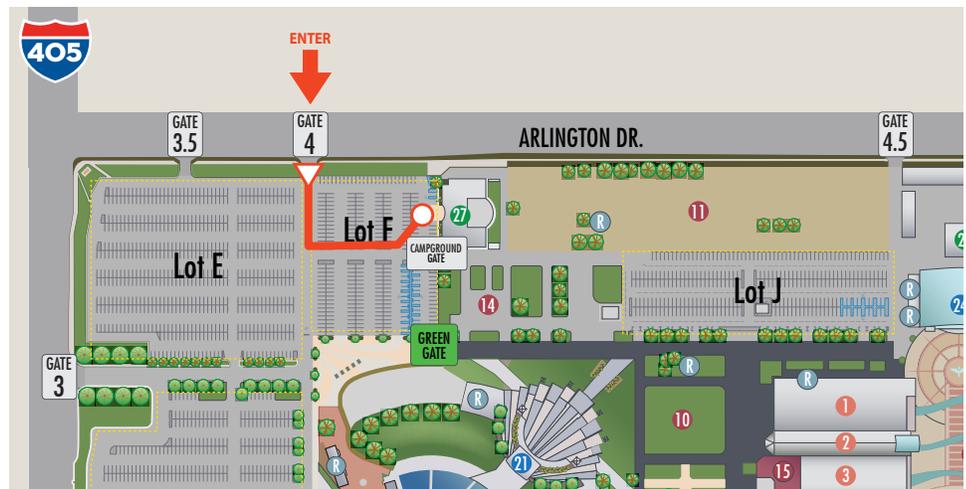
ENTRY DELIVERY

Delivery dates: May 15 - 31

- Deliver entries to one of the designated locations.
- Email alerts will be sent prior to delivery dates with detailed information.
- Late deliveries will not be accepted.
- Clearly label all boxes or cases with the image on page 7 in order to reduce confusion with other competitions.
- One (1) participation ribbon and fair ticket will be mailed to each exhibitor.
- Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor.

OC Fair & Event Center

88 Fair Drive
 Costa Mesa, CA 92626
 714-708-1500
 Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Hi-Time Cellars

250 Ogle Street
 Costa Mesa, CA 92627
 949-650-8463

Stein Fillers

4160 Norse Way
 Long Beach, CA 90808
 546-425-0588
 Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Sunday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

O'Shea Brew Co.

28142 Camino Capistrano #107
 Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
 949-364-4440

Pfeiffer Brewing Taproom

3150 E. La Palma Ave.,
 Suite G
 Anaheim, CA 92806
 714-215-4115

Broken Timbers Brewing Company

116 W. Santa Fe Ave #A
 Placentia, CA 92870
 714-860-4900

Four Sons Brewing

18241 Gothard St. Suite 100
 Huntington Beach, CA 92648
 714-584-7501
 Monday - Saturday, noon - 9 p.m.
 Sunday, noon - 9 p.m.



JUDGING

Qualified judges are utilized to evaluate all homebrew entries.

Ranking

Entries are placed using the current BJCP scoring system. Each beer is evaluated on a 50-point scale:

Aroma.....	12 points
Appearance	3 points
Flavor	20 points
Mouthfeel.....	5 points
<u>Overall impression.....</u>	<u>10 points</u>
Total.....	50 points

The scoresheet can be found [here](#). In addition, there are sliding scales on the bottom right hand corner for rating the stylistic accuracy, technical merit and intangibles of each beer.

- First, second and third place may be awarded in each class if judges so determine.
- First-place winners will compete for "Best of Show."

Scoresheets and ribbons will be mailed after the competition.

Judging criteria

Read the Beer Judge Certification Program style guidelines for [beer](#), [mead](#) and [cider](#).

Disqualified entries

- If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, awards given to other entries will not be changed.
- Judges reserve the right to remove or disqualify any entry in violation of the rules, in poor taste or not in accordance with the competition standards.

Reassignment of entry division or class

All entries will be judged based on the class in which they were entered. It is the responsibility of the brewer to enter a beer in the correct class and provide all of the entry information the judges will need in order to evaluate the beer correctly. The competition organizers may combine related, or unrelated, divisions and/or classes in order to provide adequately-sized or more equitably-sized award categories.



AWARDS

Best of Show.....	Brew Hee Haw Passes (2), Gift Certificate & Rosette
First Place.....	Gift Certificate & Rosette
Second Place.....	Rosette
Third Place.....	Rosette

Judging results

- Entries will be selected for display in the OC Promenade with any awards received.
- Results will be posted online at ocfair.com/results.
- *Please do not call, email or message OC Fair via social media for competition results. We receive a high volume of inquires daily.*

AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, Aug. 16, at noon.

- Hosted on the OC Promenade Main Stage.
- Best of Show will be invited to attend, given two (2) tickets to attend and be recognized at the ceremony.
- Invitations will be sent to the email provided at entry registration.
- All exhibitors and the general public are welcome to attend the ceremony.
- Additional guests should purchase Fair admission tickets in advance.





HOW TO PREPARE

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Labeling

- Attach a competition label, see below, to each bottle with a rubber band. Do not tape or glue labels to bottles. Entries with taped or glued labels will be disqualified. Click [here](#) for a fillable form.
- Boxes: attach the shipping label (below) to each box containing your entries. This will aid delivery locations in quickly identifying which boxes need to be transferred to the fairgrounds. Click [here](#) for a PDF.

OC Fair Homebrew Competition	
Exhibitor name	_____
Division	_____
Class	_____



Styles Requiring Additional Information

- Entries in categories 621B, 623F, 624C, 625B, 627-634 and 641-654 require additional entry information to be evaluated properly. Please refer to the BJCP style guidelines for [beer](#), [mead](#) and [cider](#) to determine what additional entry information is required.
- Provide required details in the description field of the online entry form. Failure to provide the required information may result in the entry being misevaluated or disqualified. For categories that don't require additional information, please leave the description field blank.
- Special instructions for judges may be included in the description field. E.g. request that the judges roll a bottle of Belgian wit before serving.



Homebrew Divisions

Eligibility Open to Southern California residents ages 21 or older.

Entry limit One (1) entry per class. Five (5) entries per exhibitor.

Entry fee \$10 per entry

DIVISION 601

Standard American Beer

Class A: American light lager

Class B: American lager

Class C: Cream ale

Class D: American wheat beer

DIVISION 602

International Lager

Class A: International pale lager

Class B: International amber lager

Class C: International dark lager

DIVISION 603

Czech Lager

Class A: Czech pale lager

Class B: Czech premium pale lager

Class C: Czech amber lager

Class D: Czech dark lager

DIVISION 604

Pale Malty European Lager

Class A: Munich helles

Class B: Festbier

Class C: Helles bock

DIVISION 605

Pale Bitter European Beer

Class A: German leichtbier

Class B: Kölsch

Class C: German helles exportbier

Class D: German pils

DIVISION 606

Amber Malty European Lager

Class A: Märzen

Class B: Rauchbier

Class C: Dunkles bock

DIVISION 607

Amber Bitter European Beer

Class A: Vienna lager

Class B: Altbier

DIVISION 608

Dark European Lager

Class A: Munich dunkel

Class B: Schwarzbier

DIVISION 609

Strong European Beer

Class A: Doppelbock

Class B: Eisbock

Class C: Baltic porter

DIVISION 610

German Wheat Beer

Class A: Weissbier

Class B: Dunkles weissbier

Class C: Weizenbock



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[CLICK TO ENTER](#)

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DIVISION 611

British Bitter

Class A: Ordinary bitter

Class B: Best bitter

Class C: Strong bitter

DIVISION 612

Pale Commonwealth Beer

Class A: British golden ale

Class B: Australian sparkling ale

Class C: English IPA

DIVISION 613

Brown British Beer

Class A: Dark mild

Class B: British brown ale

Class C: English porter

DIVISION 614

Scottish Ale

Class A: Scottish light

Class B: Scottish heavy

Class C: Scottish export

DIVISION 615

Irish Beer

Class A: Irish red ale

Class B: Irish stout

Class C: Irish extra stout

DIVISION 616

Dark British Beer

Class A: Sweet stout

Class B: Oatmeal stout

Class C: Tropical stout

Class D: Foreign extra stout

DIVISION 617

Strong British Ale

Class A: British strong ale

Class B: Old ale

Class C: Wee heavy

Class D: English barley wine

DIVISION 618

Pale American Ale

Class A: Blond ale

Class B: American pale ale

DIVISION 619

Amber & Brown American Beer

Class A: American amber ale

Class B: California common

Class C: American brown ale

DIVISION 620

American Porter & Stout

Class A: American porter

Class B: American stout

Class C: Imperial stout



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DIVISION 621

IPA

Class A: American IPA

Class B: Specialty IPA

See Class B entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class C: Hazy IPA

DIVISION 622

Strong American Ale

Class A: Double IPA

Class B: American strong ale

Class C: American barleywine

Class D: Wheatwine

DIVISION 623

European Sour Ale

Class A: Berliner weisse

Class B: Flanders red ale

Class C: Oud bruin

Class D: Lambic

Class E: Gueuze

Class F: Fruit lambic

See Class F entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#)

Class G: Gose

DIVISION 624

Strong Belgian Ale

Class A: Witbier

Class B: Belgian pale ale

Class C: Bière de garde

See Class C entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#)

DIVISION 625

Strong Belgian Ale

Class A: Belgian blond ale

Class B: Saison

See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class C: Belgian golden strong ale

DIVISION 626

Monastic Ale

Class A: Belgian single

Class B: Belgian dubbel

Class C: Belgian tripel

Class D: Belgian dark strong ale

DIVISION 627

Historical Beer

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Historical beer

DIVISION 628

American Wild Ale

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Brett beer

Class B: Mixed-fermentation sour beer

Class C: Wild specialty beer

Class D: Straight sour beer



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DIVISION 629

Fruit Beer

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Fruit beer

Class B: Fruit & spice beer

Class C: Specialty fruit beer

Class D: Grape ale

DIVISION 630

Spiced Beer

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Spiced, herb or vegetable beer

Class B: Autumn seasonal beer

Class C: Winter seasonal beer

Class D: Specialty Spice Beer

DIVISION 631

Alternative Fermentables Beer

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Alternative grain beer

Class B: Alternative sugar beer

DIVISION 632

Smoked Beer

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Classic style smoked beer

Class B: Specialty smoked beer

DIVISION 633

Wood Beer

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Wood-aged beer

Class B: Specialty wood-aged beer

DIVISION 634

Specialty Beer

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Commercial specialty beer

Class B: Mixed-style beer

Class C: Experimental beer

DIVISION 641

Traditional Mead

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Dry mead

Class B: Semi-sweet mead

Class C: Sweet mead

DIVISION 642

Fruit Mead

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Cyser

Class B: Pyment

Class C: Berry mead

Class D: Stone fruit mead

Class E: Melomel



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Entry fee \$10 per entry

DIVISION 643

Spiced Mead

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Fruit & spice mead

Class B: Spice, herb or vegetable mead

DIVISION 644

Specialty Mead

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Braggot

Class B: Historical mead

Class C: Experimental mead

DIVISION 651

Traditional Cider

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Common cider

Class B: Heirloom cider

Class C: English cider

Class D: French cider

Class E: Spanish cider

DIVISION 652

Strong Cider

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: New England cider

Class B: Applewine

Class C: Ice cider

Class D: Fire cider

DIVISION 653

Specialty Cider

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Fruit cider

Class B: Spiced cider

Class C: Experimental cider

DIVISION 654

Perry

• See entry instructions in [BJCP Guidelines](#).

Class A: Common perry

Class B: Heirloom perry

Class C: Ice perry

Class D: Experimental perry