

Homebrewing (Adult)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS



FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

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COMPETITION CALENDAR

ONLINE ENTRY FORMS DUE	JUNE 5, 2025
EARLY ENTRY DROP OFF (OFFSITE)	MAY 15 - JUNE 7, 1:00 PM - THE OAK BARREL – BERKELEY, CA
EARLY ENTRY DROP OFF (OFFSITE)	MAY 15 - JUNE 7, 1:00 PM - POND FARM BREWING, SAN RAFAEL, CA
ENTRY RECEIVING & DROP OFF (ONSITE)	JUNE 6 - 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM & JUNE 7 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
ENTRY RELEASED	JULY 7, 10:00 PM – 6:00 PM

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on www.marinfair.org.

REGISTRATION

To register for the 2025 Competitive Exhibits, please visit <https://marin.fairwire.com/>

DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Local and State Rules govern this competition.

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - Open to all California Amateur Homebrewers over 21 years of age. Amateur is defined as a person who does not hold an enology degree, and who makes homebrew only non-commercially, without assistance from any commercial brewing facility. No commercial brews may be entered in this competition.
2. **ELIGIBILITY** – Entries may not be brewed wholly or in part using the facilities or equipment of a commercial brewing or brew on premises of said establishment.

ENTRY INFORMATION

3. **ENTRY FEES** - \$10.00 per Entry | \$4.00 per Label
 - a. Fees are NON-refundable.
4. **ENTRY LIMIT** – 1 Entry per Style. (No limit per class)
 - a. Exhibitors must provide three (3) bottles or cans per entry.
5. **ENTRY REMOVAL** - Accepted works (including sold works) shall not be removed from exhibition until the Fair closes.
6. **ENTRY RELEASE** - Entries must be picked up on release day. Entries will only be released by presenting your claim check, personal identification, or a signed letter of authorization from the exhibitor. All entries left at the fair will become the property of MaSH and will not be returned.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

7. To assure the anonymity of Exhibitors, Entries must meet the following standardization requirements:
 - a. Each entry must consist of three (3) 12 oz. plain brown (or green) bottles. (For example 2 entries is 6 bottles total). Unlabeled cans also be accepted.
 - b. NO identifying marks may be present on the bottles such as raised lettering, embossing, or labels.
 - c. All bottles must have plain (or blacked out using a marking pen) crown caps.
8. Each submitted bottle should have the Exhibitor's name, class number, style name and/or number identified (Example: John Doe, **13, Irish Stout**).
 - a. Labels are to be affixed by rubber band - no tape or adhesive may be used. See http://www.bjcp.org/docs/BJCP_BottleID.pdf for label template.
 - b. Entry categories marked with an asterisk (*) must include BJCP required details in the description field on the entry form (e.g. strength, special ingredients, color, etc.) as detailed for that style in the BJCP 2015 guidelines, https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Consolidated.pdf

JUDGING

9. This competition is sanctioned by the *American Homebrew Association (AHA)* and the *Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP)*.
 - a. The competition is using the BJCP scoring system and 2021 Style Guidelines. (Refer to the BJCP website for more information: <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php>)
10. The Marin Society of Homebrewers (MaSH), whose members coordinate the judging, reserve the right to make all final decisions regarding entry eligibility and contest procedures.
 - a. All entries become the property of MaSH and will not be returned.
11. Fair Management retains the right to refuse or disqualify any entries that do not meet specifications of the rules of competition.
12. Fair Management reserves the right to combine judging groups based on the number of entries.
 - a. All possible effort will be made to combine similar styles. All brews in combined judging groups will be judged according to the style they were originally entered.

DISPLAY

13. Installation of all items is completed by a professional team whose decisions are final. No alterations or changes (e.g. location, lighting, etc.) may be made by the exhibitor or any staff member at any time.

PUBLICITY

14. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to photograph any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

LIABILITY

15. The County of Marin, Marin County Fair, and/or its contractors will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Any entries received damaged will not be juried.

DIVISION 9 | HOMEBREWING

Entry Fee - \$10.00 per entry

Specify Beer Style within class during registration (Example if entering Class 1, specify: Cream Ale)

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. Pale American Beer

- 1A. American Light Lager
- 1B. American Lager
- 1C. Cream Ale
- 1D. American Wheat Beer
- 18A. Blonde Ale

2. Pale European Beer

- 2A. International Pale Lager
- 4A. Munich Helles
- 4B. Festbier

5A. German Leichtbier

5B. Kölsch 5C. German Helles Exportbier

3. Pilsner

- 3A. Czech Pale Lager
- 3B. Czech Premium Pale Lager
- 5D. German Pils
- 27F. Pre-Prohibition Lager

4. Amber European Beer

2B. International Amber Lager

3C. Czech Amber Lager

6A. Märzen

7A. Vienna Lager

7B. Altbier

7C. Kellerbier*

5. Dark European Lager

2C. International Dark Lager

3D. Czech Dark Lager

8A. Munich Dunkel

8B. Schwarzbier

6. Strong European Lager

4C. Helles Bock

6C. Dunkles Bock

9A. Doppelbock*

9B. Eisbock

9C. Baltic Porter

7. German Wheat Beer

10A. Weissbier

10B. Dunkles Weissbier

10C. Weizenbock*

27H. Roggenbier

27I. Sahti

8. Pale British Ale

11A. Ordinary Bitter

11B. Best Bitter

11C. Strong Bitter

12A. British Golden Ale

12B. Australian Sparkling Ale

12C. English IPA

9. Scottish & Irish Ale

14A. Scottish Light

14B. Scottish Heavy

14C. Scottish Export

15A. Irish Red Ale

10. American Pale Ale

18B American IPA

11. Amber & Brown American Ale

19A. American Amber Ale

19B. California Common

19C. American Brown Ale

27B. Kentucky Common

12. Brown British Beer

13A. Dark Mild

13B. British Brown Ale

3C. English Porter

7D. London Brown Ale

13. British & Irish Stout |

15B. Irish Stout

15C. Irish Extra Stout

16A. Sweet Stout

16B. Oatmeal Stout

16C. Tropical Stout

16D. Foreign Extra Stout

14. American Porter & Stout |

20A. American Porter

20B. American Stout

27G. Pre-Prohibition Porter

15. Imperial Stout

20C Imperial Stout

16. American IPA

21A. Specialty IPA (all)*

17. Specialty IPA

21B. Specialty IPA (all)

18. Strong American Ale

22A. Double IPA

22B. American Strong Ale

22C. American Barleywine

22D. Wheatwine

19. Strong UK Ale |

17A. English Strong Ale

17B. Old Ale

17C. Wee Heavy

17D. English Barleywine

20. Saison

Saison (25B)*

21. Belgian Ale |

- 24A. Witbier
- 24B. Belgian Pale Ale
- 24C. Biere de Garde*
- 25A. Belgian Blond Ale
- 26A. Trappist Single
- 34A. Clone Beer (Belgian Styles)

22. Strong Belgian Ale

- 25C. Belgian Golden Strong Ale
- 26B. Belgian Dubbel
- 26C. Belgian Tripel
- 26D. Belgian Dark Strong Ale

23. European Sour Ale |

- 23A. Berliner Weisse
- 23B. Flanders Red Ale
- 23C. Oud Bruin
- 23D. Lambic
- 23E. Gueuze
- 23F. Fruit Lambic*
- 27A. Historical: Gose

24. Fruit and Spiced Beer |

- 29A. Fruit Beer*

- 29B. Fruit and Spice Beer*
- 29C. Specialty Fruit Beer*
- 30A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer*
- 30B. Autumn Seasonal Beer*
- 30C. Winter Seasonal Beer*

25. Smoke-Flavored & Wood-Aged Beer |

- 6B. Rauchbier
- 27C. Lichtenhainer
- 27E. Piwo Grodziskie
- 32A. Classic Style Smoked Beer*
- 32B. Specialty Smoked Beer*
- 33A. Wood-Aged Beer*
- 33B. Specialty Wood-Aged*

26. American Wild Ale |

- 28A. Brett Beer*
- 28B. Mixed Ferm. Sour Beer*
- 28C. Soured Fruit Beer*

27. Specialty Beer |

- 31A. Alternative Grain Beer*
- 31B. Alternative Sugar Beer*
- 34D. Clone Beer (non-Belgian)*
- 34B. Mixed-Style Beer*
- 34C. Experimental Beer*
- 27J. Other Historical Beer*

Please Note - Meads & Ciders are not available in the 2025 Competition guide.

AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | HOMEBREWING

Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges

FIRST PLACE	\$15 & ROSETTE
SECOND PLACE	RIBBON
THIRD PLACE	RIBBON
HONORABLE MENTION	RIBBON

SPECIAL AWARDS

OVERALL BEST OF SHOW	\$50 & ROSETTE
RESERVE BEST OF SHOW	\$25 & ROSETTE

DIVISION 10 | HOMEBREW LABELS

Entry Fee - \$4.00 per entry

Entries must follow these guidelines:

- Create your own original Homebrew Label.
- Labels should be affixed to a piece of card stock or any other stiff paper.
- Labels **MUST** be TTB compliant to qualify: please refer to page 13 and 14 of <https://www.ttb.gov/images/pdfs/presentations/part6.pdf>.
- Entry limit: 4 entries per person.

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Original Homebrew Label** | Must be TTB compliant

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SECOND PLACE	\$10 & ROSETTE
THIRD PLACE	ROSETTE
HONORABLE MENTION	ROSETTE