

Placer Ultimate Brewing Society (PUBS) Competition Guidelines

In the spirit of fun, fairness and great beer the following rules are being set forth to provide monthly club competition guidance to PUBS members and Cellar Masters.

Purpose:

Club competitions are held to help educate club members in the styles of beer/mead/etc. and to recognize significant areas of style quality to improve the quality of beer brewing.

General Guidelines:

Within reason...

- The name of the brewer of the beer being judged should remain anonymous.
- Except for Brewer's Best / Worst competitions, Brewers who have an entry in the competition should not judge. It's allowable for them to join a judging group, but they should announce that they have a beer in the competition and will not be judging. It is reasonable for the brewer to listen and agree or disagree, but not influence scores.

As applicable, PUBS use the Beer Judge Certification Program's 2021 Style Guide as a guideline for judging beer. This reference can be found at the following URL:

https://www.bjcp.org/download/2021_Guidelines_Beer.pdf

In-Person Meeting Competition	Remote Meeting Competitions
Entry Registration	
All entries must be registered online at https://placerbrewers.org/monthly-style-comp-registration no earlier than two (2) weeks prior to the meeting and no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the start of the meeting. Entries registered outside of the timeframes noted above shall be subject to disqualification.	All entries must be registered online at https://placerbrewers.org/monthly-style-comp-registration no earlier than two (2) weeks prior to the designated drop-off deadline and no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the designated drop-off deadline.
Entry Submission	
All entries will be submitted to the Cellar Master prior to the published starting time of the meeting (i.e., 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted). Late entries will not be accepted	All entries will be submitted to the designated club Cellar Master and at the designated drop-off location(s) by the published entry due date and time
Each entry container must include a removable label that identifies the BJCP Category, Subcategory, Subcategory Name and Brewer's name.	Each entry must include a removable label that identifies BJCP Category, Subcategory, Subcategory Name and Brewer's name. The Cellar Master will assure that all brewer identifiable markings are removed from the bottles prior to submission to the judges.
Entries may be submitted in any suitable container that is easily stored and poured from (i.e., small keggrowler, cans, or bottle)	Entries shall be submitted in 12 oz. label free brown bottles or cans, or as directed by the Cellar Master.
NOTE: It is up to the brewers to provide a means	

to keep their entries cold.	
<p>It is recommended that the brewer provide 64 oz. of beer for adequate judging and sampling. (i.e., minimum 6-12oz bottles, 3-22oz bottles or 1-64oz growler).</p>	<p>A minimum of 3 – 12 oz. bottles, one for each judge, shall be provided. We highly recommended that at least one additional bottle (or more) be provided for other club members to sample at the drop-off location.</p>
<p>Out of safety for our membership, PUBS has set a maximum limit of eight (8) entries per style-specific competition and twelve (12) entries per Brewer’s Best / Worst competition. In the event that more than the maximum allowable entries are registered as noted above, priority shall be based on the order in which entries were registered.</p> <p>A brewer may only submit one (1) entry per competition.</p>	<p>A brewer may submit only one (1) entry per competition. Note: additional beers may be entered for feedback purposes only. These beers must be designated “For Feedback Only” prior to the competition.</p>
Competition Results	
<p>Entries shall be judged by the membership in attendance. Voting can be done in roughly equal groups or individually as determined by the Cellar Master.</p>	<p>Entries are judged by three BJCP judges, or designated individuals established by the Board prior to the judging.</p>
<p>Style specific competitions: BJCP score sheets or club supplied score sheets shall be used. The three beers with the highest sum score are declared winners with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranking being determine by the sum of the score. The highest sum winning first, the second highest sum winning second and the third highest sum winning third.</p> <p>Brewer’s Best / Worst Competitions: Members are asked to vote for their top three beers – non-ranked. The winning beers are determined by the number of votes (occurrences) on the ballots. The top three vote earners are declared the winners. In the case that there are three or fewer entries, member will be asked to only vote for the total number of entries minus one. For example, if there are three entries, member shall only write down there top two.</p>	<p>Entries shall be scored using BJCP score sheets. The beers earning the highest total shall be declared the winners.</p>

<p>If two or more beers finish in a tie, then a tie is declared and points (see below) are awarded for the place/rank they tied - First, Second or Third. Entries with lower scores are not pushed out of their rank due to a tie at a higher rank. For example, if there is a tie for first between two beers the second and third place beers still earns points, while first place beers are awarded first place points. In this case there would be four winners.</p>	<p>In case of a tie the final ranking shall be determined by the judges.</p>
<p>Results will be announced at the general meeting following the judging.</p>	<p>Results will be announced at the general meeting following the judging. Judges may request the names of the brewers once the competition scores have been submitted to the Cellar Master; however, the overall results shall remain confidential until announced at the general meeting.</p>
<p>Points shall be awarded as follows: First Place: 12 points Second Place: 6 points Third Place: 3 points</p>	<p>Points shall be awarded as follows: First Place: 12 points Second Place: 6 points Third Place: 3 points</p>
<p>Special Competitions</p>	
<p>Special competitions, such as the local brewery clone competitions, shall be judged in the same manner as a Brewer's Best competitions above unless otherwise established by the Board. Judging criteria will be established prior to the competition. Points will be awarded as indicated above.</p>	<p>Special competitions that require remote judging will be judged by a guest panel representing the competition sponsor, brewery or organizer, or a club designated judge or panel of judges.</p> <p>BJCP judge sheet are encouraged, but not required.</p> <p>First, second and third places will be awarded by the judging panel. Points will be awarded as indicated above.</p> <p>An optional prize may be given to the winner(s) by the guest panel or club.</p>
<p>Brewer of the Year</p>	
<p>The PUBS Brewer of the Year will be awarded to the brewer who accumulates the most points per the above guidelines.</p>	