

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

HOME BREWED BEER, MEAD AND CIDER COMPETITION 2010



The **Minnesota Home Brewer's Association** and the **St. Paul Homebrewer's Club** are pleased to announce the AHA/BJCP sanctioned Minnesota State Fair Home Brewed Beer, Mead and Cider Competition!

Dates:

- **Online Entry & Judging Registration:** July 20 - August 6, 2010
- **Entry Drop-off:** July 30-August 6, 2010
- **First Round Judging:** August 20-21, 2010 (not open to the public)
- **Best of Show Judging and Awards:** August 28, 2010 at 11am (Education Building's outdoor stage)

Details:

Any Minnesota Brewer, of legal age, may enter. Beers must be entered under the name of all brewers who participated. Beers brewed in commercial facilities are not eligible.

\$6 per entry, payable to "UMMO"

Additional Information and Online Registration:

<http://www.mashout.org/mnstatefair/>

Entry Information:

\$6 per entry, payable to the "UMMO"

Online Registration:

Pre-registration is required. Entries must be pre-registered via the MN State Fair Homebrew Competition web site by Friday, August 6, 2010.

All entries MUST be completed ONLINE.

Entry Requirements:

TWO (2) 10-14 oz. bottles are required for EACH entry. No swing tops allowed.

Bottles must be free of labels or other identifying marks including formed-in-glass brands or logos. Printed crown caps must be blacked-out with a permanent marker to assure anonymity of all entries.

One (1) entry form must be filled out, printed and submitted with EACH entry. ENTRIES SUBMITTED WITHOUT PRINTED ENTRY FORM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. A Bottle ID Form must be attached to each bottle with a rubber band. No tape, please!

All entries become the property of the Minnesota Home Brewers Association and Saint Paul Homebrewers Club. No entries will be returned for any reason. This includes late entries.

Entries will only be accepted from non-professional brewers from Minnesota.

Categories:

Categories contain beers from the 2008 BJCP Guidelines. Only one entry per BJCP sub-category will be accepted.

Categories judged at the Minnesota State Fair are as follows:

1	Light Lagers	BJCP Styles 1, 2
2	European Amber Lagers	BJCP Styles 3
3	Dark European Lagers	BJCP Styles 4
4	Bock	BJCP Styles 5
5	Light Ales	BJCP Styles 6, 7
6	English Ales	BJCP Styles 8, 11
7	Irish and Scottish Ales	BJCP Styles 9
8	American Ales	BJCP Styles 10
9	Porters and Stouts	BJCP Styles 12, 13
10	IPAs	BJCP Styles 14
11	German Wheat Beers	BJCP Styles 15
12	Belgians and French Ales	BJCP Styles 16, 17
13	Strong Belgian Ales	BJCP Style 18
14	Strong Ales	BJCP Styles 19
15	Fruit Beers	BJCP Styles 20
16	Spice, Herb, Vegetable Beers	BJCP Styles 21
17	Other Eclectic Beers	BJCP Styles 22, 23
18	Traditional Meads	BJCP Style 24
19	Eclectic Meads	BJCP Style 25, 26
20	Ciders	BJCP Styles 27, 28

Drop-off and Shipping:

Each entry must include:

- Entry form
- \$6 Entry Fee (Payable to: "UMMO")
- 2 bottles (non-swing-top) with entry labels

Pre-registered entries must be prepared and packaged as above by Friday, August 6, 2010 and delivered to one of the following two designated drop off locations:

Midwest Supplies (also accepts shipped entries)

5825 Excelsior Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55416
952-925-9854

Northern Brewer

1150 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105
800-681-2739

DO NOT bring them to The Minnesota State Fair. The Minnesota State Fair will not accept any beer entries.

Judging:

All 28 BJCP categories of Beer, Mead, and Cider will be accepted. The BJCP style categories are available at <http://www.bjcp.org/>.

If you are interested in judging, register to judge online at the competition website, or contact the Competition Organizer at **ssstremcha@gmail.com**.

One entry per BJCP subcategory allowed per brewer. The competition organizer reserves the right to combine categories based on number of entries. All possible effort will be made to combine similar styles. All brews in combined categories will be judged according to the style they were originally entered in.

In the first round, a flight of judges will score entries selecting the best three. If a second round is necessary, the second round will consist of the top three entries selected in the first round. All entries will be evaluated by more than one judge. Entries will be chilled and stored properly and appropriately for the style. Entries will be disqualified for rules infractions. These entries will be judged if possible, but not eligible for awards. All decisions of the judges and competition organizer are final.

Awards:

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Education Building's outdoor stage, adjacent to the Creative Activities building at 11am on Saturday, August 28, 2010.

All winners will be notified and every reasonable effort will be made to return score sheets and judges comments to all entrants.

Results will also be published on the MN State Fair Competition website.

This competition is sponsored by:

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