

# DEPARTMENT 21 AMATEUR WINE & HOMEMADE BEER

## General Department Rules

All entrants in this Department must be age 21 or older. No age division letters are required in entry codes.

1. Read the General Rules. Follow all rules and regulations. **Note the restrictions in the number of entries allowed and the separate registration fee per each section.**

2. Wine or Beer may be registered by delivering to Presque Isle Wine Cellars 9440 West Main Road (U.S. Route 20), North East, PA 16428. Registration and delivery must occur on or **BEFORE THE REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATE WHICH IS MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019, by 5 p.m.**

3. Entry Registration forms for both Amateur Wine and Homemade Beer may be downloaded from **www.NorthEastCommunityFair.org** (the Fair's website) under the "Registration" tab.

4. A registration fee of **\$1.00 per entry per exhibitor (or \$5.00 per six entries per exhibitor)** must be paid at the time of registration (this is in addition to any other Fair registration fee paid). A maximum of 6 entries can be entered per exhibitor in each Section.

5. In addition to the categories listed below, sub-categories may be added at the discretion of the chairperson if three or more entries for the sub-category exist.

6. All labels or portions thereof or other markings that would identify the entrant must be covered at the time of judging, excepting entries in Section 1, Class 9.

7. Judging will occur on Friday, **AUGUST 23, 2019**, at the North East Township Building, beginning at 6 p.m. Winning entries will be placed on display at the Fair and all wine and beer will be removed from the containers. Bottles may be picked up at the close of the Fair (from 4-5 p.m. **Saturday, September 21**).

## Section 2 – Homemade Beer

Chairpersons: TBA



1. All fair rules and regulations are in place at all times. To be eligible to submit a craft beer to the North East Community Fair, the following criteria must be met.

a. Any beer submitted must have been brewed and bottled with a volume of **10 gallons** or less finished product (beer).

b. Open to Pennsylvania residents only.

c. Beer must have been bottled on or after **January 1** of the current year.

2. Registration forms (Homemade Beer Registration Form) must accompany all beer being entered into the Fair. Beer may be registered by mail to NECF Beer Registration, P.O. Box 373, North East, PA, or by delivering the entry/ies to Presque Isle Wine Cellars. Entry codes follow descriptions in brackets [ ].

3. Judging

a. Entries are limited to one per category per exhibitor. All beer must be submitted in twelve- (12) or sixteen- (16) ounce brown, green or clear bottles with pressed-on caps (no reusable, re-sealable caps permitted). Two (2) bottles are required for each entry.

b. All beer will be evaluated by experienced judges. A rating sheet will be available for each entrant following the judging.

4. **Definitions**

a. Ale – Ale beers are defined as beer brewed with malts, hops and using ale (top fermenting) yeast.

(1) Belgian – Belgian beers include Abbey and Trappist beers, Saisons, Lambics and White Biers.

(2) Wheat – Wheat beers include Hefe-weizens, Dunkle-weizens and Bocks.

(3) English – English beers include the Barley Wine and Bitters varieties along with pale ales (and IPA's).

(4) Dark Ales – Dark Ale's include Stouts, Porters and Brown Ales.

(5) Scotch – Scotch Ale's include all styles of Scotch and Scottish Ales.

(6) Other Ale– All other beers brewed with ale yeast.

b. Lager - Lager beers are defined as beer brewed with malts, hops and using lager (bottom fermenting) yeast.

(1) General German – General German beers include Bock's, Doppelbocks, German Helles and Munich-Style Dunkels.

(2) German Pilsner – German Pilsners include German style pilsners, Oktoberfests and Rauchbier's.

(3) Other Pilsner – Other Pilsner's include Czech and Bohemian Pilsner's.

(4) Other Lager– All other beers brewed with lager yeast.

c. Specialty / Mixed Styles – Specialty and mixed style beers include beers brewed from fruits or other non-grains.

(1) Ciders – Cider is an alcoholic beverage made from apples.

- (2) Meads – Meads are defined as alcoholic beverages made from honey.
- (3) Other – All other specialty or mixed style brew.

**5. Premiums in all categories: \$10.00, \$7.50, \$5.00**

Class 1 – Ales

- A. Belgian [210201A]
- B. Wheat [210201B]
- C. English [210201C]
- D. Dark Ale
  - 1. Stouts [210201D1]
  - 2. Porters [210201D2]
  - 3. Brown Ale [210201D3]
- E. Scotch Ale [210201E]
- F. Other Ale [210201F]

Class 2 – Lagers

- A. General German [210202A]
- B. German Pilsner [210202B]
- C. Other Pilsner [210202C]
- D. Other Lager [210202D]

Class 3 – Specialty / Mixed Styles

- A. Ciders [210203A]
- B. Meads [210203B]
- C. Other [210203C]