

FAQ SHEET



ASIA BEER CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

AWARDING EXCELLENCE IN ASIAN BREWING
JUDGING IN SINGAPORE 22nd /23rd OCTOBER 2021

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About the Asia Beer Championship

Asia's Awards

Now in its fourth year, the annual Asia Beer Championship was launched to support the rapidly developing beer culture that has taken hold in the region and provides a trusted quality benchmark for consumers as well as independent feedback to the regions' brewers.

The primary focus of the competition is to help the region's brewers develop their brewing skill and production processes to enable them to maximize the opportunities of the growing demand for craft beer in the marketplace.

The Asia Beer Championship is open for entry to any beer brewed commercially within Asia and beers may be entered into any of the 32 different styles categories selected for the competition (28 beer & 4 cider).

2021

The Asia Beer Championship 2021 will be staged in Singapore on the 22nd & 23rd October 2021 with a live presentation to be hosted and streamed online across the region on Thursday 4th November.

New for 2021

We have added more categories for 2021, expanding the competition from 22 to 32 beer & cider style categories. We have also added a new Champion Brewpub of Asia trophy.

Judging

An international panel of expert judges will assess the competition beers & ciders in a blind tasting and award Gold, Silver & Bronze certificates to the top 3 beers in each category respectively. Beers that score over 38 points (out of 50) but do not win a medal will receive a Chairman's Selection certification.

The Organizers

The Asia Beer Championship is organized by the Asia Brewers Network (ABN) - a news and resource portal for the region's brewers. The ABN was established to help build the regional brewing community through in-person and online events. The ABN is run by the team behind the highly successful "SEA Brew" regional brewers conference and trade fair (est. 2015).



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Who Can Enter?

Any brewery that is brewing their beers in Asia for commercial sale/distribution may enter. Please see the full list of countries in Rules & Regulations (Page 7).

Competition Categories

Beers are grouped into **32** beer/cider Style Categories – 28 for beer, 4 for cider

Brewers should enter their beer in the appropriate Category, selecting the beerstyle sub-category for their particular entry.

Example: A brewer entering an International Pale Lager style beer would enter their beer as: Category 4 International Lager, Sub-Category 2A International Pale Lager

The Sub-categories follow the Beer Judge Certification Programme (BJCP) Style Guidelines

Competition Categories

In addition to Gold, Silver, Bronze and Chairman’s Selection awards presented to the best beers in each category, there will be the following Trophies awarded:

Champion Beer of Asia
Champion Large Sized Brewery of Asia Champion Medium Sized Brewery of Asia
Champion Small Sized Brewery of Asia Champion Brewpub of Asia

Champion Wheat Beer of Asia, Champion Lager of Asia, Champion Pilsner of Asia,
Champion Pale Ale of Asia, Champion IPA of Asia & Champion Cider of Asia

How to Enter

- 1) Go to our ONLINE REGISTRATION page:
<https://asiabrewersnetwork.com/asia-beer-championship-2021>
- 2) Complete your registration
- 3) Make payment for your registration. You will be directed to make payment through online payment portal PayPal, you can either use your existing PayPal account or pay as a ‘guest’ with a credit card.
- 4) Send your beers to arrive at our collection facility in Singapore (address on Page 8) between 1st – 9th October.

Competition Timeline

- July 15th** Competition Registration Opens
- September 15th** Competition Registration Closes
- October 1st – 9th** Competition beers arrive in Singapore (*beers will be kept in cold storage until judging takes place*)
- October 22nd – 23rd** Competition Judging
- November 4th** Results Announcement





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Competition Categories

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY		
1. Weissbier	10A Weissbier		
2. Witbier	24A Witbier		
3. American Wheat Beer	1D American Wheat Beer		
4. International Lager	1B American Lager 4A Munich Helles	2A International Pale Lager 7C Pale Kellerbier	3A Czech Pale Lager
5. International Dark Lager	2C International Dark Lager	8A Munich Dunkel	8B Schwarzbier
6. Pilsner	3B Czech Premium Pale Lager	5D German Pils	
7. Pacific Pilsner	X5 New Zealand Pilsner <i>*Pls see note below</i>		
8. Gose	27 Historical Beer Gose	* Pls specify if fruit additions	
9. Sour Beer	23A Berliner Weisse X4 Catharina Sour <i>*Pls see note below</i>	23B Flanders Red Ale	28B Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer
10. Saison	25B Saison		
11. Golden Ale	1C Cream Ale 12A British Golden Ale	5B Kölsch 12B Australian Sparkling Ale	18A American Blonde Ale 25A Belgian Blonde Ale





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Competition Categories

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY		
12. European Pale Ale	11A British Ordinary Bitter 24B Belgian Pale Ale	11B British Best Bitter	11C British Strong Bitter
13. American Pale Ale	18B American Pale Ale		
14. English Style IPA	12C English IPA		
15. American Style IPA	21A American IPA		
16. New England/Hazy Style IPA	21B New England IPA *Pls see note below		
17. Double IPA	22A Double IPA		
18. Dark/Brown Ale	13A Dark Mild	13B British Brown Ale	19C American Brown Ale
19. Porter	9C Baltic Porter	13C English Porter	20A American Porter
20. Stout	15B Irish Stout 16B Oatmeal Stout 20B American Stout	15C Irish Extra Stout 16C Tropical Stout	16A Sweet Stout (Milk Stout) 16D Foreign Extra Stout
21. Imperial Stout	20C Imperial Stout		
22. Strong Ale	17A British Strong Ale 22C American Barleywine 26D Belgian Dark Strong Ale	17D English Barleywine 25C Belgian Golden Strong Ale	22B American Strong Ale 26C Belgian Tripel

* New BJCP beer styles – please see style guidelines online at: www.asiabeerchampionship.com/competition-categories





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Competition Categories

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY		
23. Wild Ale	28A Brett Beer	28C Wild Specialty Beer	
24. Fruit Flavoured Beer	29A Fruit Beer	29C Specialty Fruit Beer	
25. Spice/Herb Flavoured Beer	30A Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer		
26. Wood/Barrel Aged Beer	33A Wood-Aged Beer	33B Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	
27. Mixed-Style Beer	34B Mixed-Style Beer		
28 Experimental Beer	34C Experimental Beer		
29. Dry Apple Cider <i>Note: Entrants MUST specify sweetness level (1-5)**</i>	C1A New World Cider (Dry)	C1B English Cider	
30. Sweet Apple Cider <i>Note: Entrants MUST specify sweetness level (1-5)**</i>	C1A New World Cider (Med/Sweet)	C1C French Cider	
31. Fruit Cider	C2B Cider with Other Fruit		
32. Herb/Spiced Cider	C2E Cider with Herbs/Spices		

**Please refer to BJCP cider guidelines for Sweetness Level



Rules & Regulations

1. Judging. Beers will be judged 'blind' by our panel of international experts (professional brewers and certified beer judges). Judges will be presented each competing beer in its appropriate category flight in a clear cup for evaluation according to the following 50 points Beer Judge Certification Programme judging criteria:

- **Appearance:** Max 3 pts
- **Mouthfeel/Body:** Max 5 pts
- **Aroma:** Max 12 pts
- **Overall Impression/Technical Quality:** Max 10 pts (Total 50 pts)
- **Flavour:** Max 20 pts

The points allocated will be used as judging guidelines only, beers will advance in the competition and Gold, Silver, Bronze and Chairman's Selection will be awarded through judges discussion and consensus.

Judging notes will be returned to brewers for all beers entered into the competition.

2. Style Guidelines. Beers will be judged in category according to their corresponding BJCP Style Guidelines*. Brewers should enter the Category and Sub Category they wish to have their beer judged by in their entry form. Please see full Competition Categories above or online at:

www.asiabeerchampionship.com/competition-categories. The competition organizers and judges reserve the right to disqualify beers they deem to have been entered into the incorrect category. **Brewers should include tasting notes with their Entry Form if the judges need guidance for beer assessing.**

**BJCP 2015 Style Guidelines and 2018 new style updates will be used as judging reference materials. A copy of this can be found on our website and is available from the competition organizer on request. <http://asiabeerchampionship.com/competition-categories>*

3. Definitions. For the purpose of the Asia Beer Championship 2021, an Asian Brewery is defined as a brewery of any size producing beer for commercial purposes (sale on site or for national/regional distribution) in the following countries:

Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Dubai, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen.

Beers brewed at rented brewing facilities, "**Gypsy/Contract Brew Beers**", may also enter the competition so long as the facilities used for production are within Asia.

A "**Brewpub**" is considered a restaurant or pub that has an on-site brewery with at least 70% of its produced beer volume sold on the premises.

4. Awards. The top 3 beers in each category will be awarded Gold, Silver & Bronze certificates respectively, any beers scoring 38 points or over will be given a "Chairman's Selection" accolade. In the event of a tie the Chairman's decision is final. The top beer in each style category will enter a taste-off for the "Champion Beer of Asia" award. Award winning and "Chairman's Selection" beers will be given digital versions of their award category logo (Gold, Silver or Bronze) for their own marketing and promotional use. The results of the competition will be publicly announced at an Awards Presentation Ceremony in Singapore on the 4th November (*venue to be confirmed*), the presentation will be live streamed across the region.



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Rules & Regulations (cont.)

5. Champion Breweries Category. Breweries who enter 4 beers or more will qualify automatically for the Champion Brewery of Asia award in their size class. The brewery with the best 4 scoring beers will be awarded Champion Brewery of Asia in their class; Champion Small Brewery of Asia, Champion Medium Brewery of Asia & Champion Large Brewery of Asia respectively. Brewery classes are based on the size of their main brew vessel/kettle as outlined below:

- Small Sized Brewery: Brew vessel 1 – 9 HL
 - Medium Sized Brewery: Brew vessel Size 10 – 29 HL
 - Large Sized Brewery: Brew vessel size 30 HL and over
- *HL = Hectolitre (100 litres)*

6. Champion Brewpub of Asia. This trophy will be awarded to the Brewpub with the 4 highest ranking beers in the competition. A brewpub is considered a restaurant or pub that has an on-site brewery with at least 70% of its produced beer volume sold on the premises.

7. Labelling. Beer samples may be submitted for judging with either their commercial labels on/in their commercial packaging or in blank bottles labelled with the appropriate information. Labels should contain the following information:

- Name of Brewery
- Name of Beer
- Alcohol by Volume (ABV)
- Country of Origin
- Ingredients

Any brewers notes for judges reference should be submitted on your Entry Forms at the time of registration.

8. Shipping Instructions. Please arrange for your judging samples to arrive in Singapore between **1st – 9th October**. Samples should be shipped to the below address (our collection point in Singapore):

Seabrew Ventures Pte Ltd, 10 Buroh Street, #05-46, West Connect Building, Singapore 627564

Tel: (+65) 81218920

Email: contact@asiabrewersnetwork.com

All samples should be packed securely, the competition organizers cannot be responsible for any breakages during shipping.

PLEASE NOTE: We recommend you send your samples with international carrier companies to avoid lengthy delays clearing Singapore customs.

Competition Organizer: Asia Brewers Network, 167 Jalan Bukit Merah, #05-12 Connection One Tower 4, Singapore 150167



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