

2024 PWC Emerging Leaders Boards and Brews Homebrew Contest RULES & REGULATIONS

Part I – General Event Information

The 2024 People Working Cooperatively (“PWC”) Emerging Leaders Boards and Brews Homebrew Contest is designed to raise awareness, friends, and funds in support of the People Working Cooperatively Mission through a fun and creative contest centered on one of Cincinnati’s greatest traditions: Brewing!

Event Timeline

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| 1. | Deadline to Register Team: | April 5, 2024 |
| 2. | Entries Due: | June 2, 2024 |
| 3. | Judging: | June 2024 |
| 4. | Boards and Brews Event
(Winner announced) | June 23, 2024 |
| 5. | Winning team brews recipe with
Sam Adams | July 2024 |
| 6. | Tap Party (to be scheduled with winner) | August 2024 |

Part II – Entry Instructions and Requirements

A. **Team Entry Fee.** Team Entry fee is \$150, which includes entry to the Kickoff Event at the Sam Adams Cincinnati Tap Room (“CTAP”) and a \$50 stipend or voucher to purchase brewing ingredients.¹ Note: complimentary team entry is included at certain sponsorship levels (please contact PWC for sponsorship opportunities).

B. **Bottle Requirements.** Every bottle must be 12 ounces in volume, brown glass, and free of ink, paint or paper labeling other than competition entry labels. Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker. Bottles with Grolsch-type swing tops are not allowed. Corked bottles meeting the above restrictions are acceptable; however, you must crimp a crown cap over the cork. Bottles with a stopper and wire cage are acceptable. **Bottles not meeting these requirements will be disqualified.**

C. **Bottle Entry Forms.** Name of primary brewer/team and email address, must accompany entries when submitted. Entrants should download and print Bottle Entry Forms and follow dropoff instructions in Section B(5).

Entry Form Section A: Brewer’s Information. (Please print clearly or type.)

Item 1: fill in the name of the brewer/team.

¹ The voucher does not limit the team’s discretion to purchase additional ingredients.

- Item 2: fill in the email contact information.
- Item 3: fill in the location where the beer or cider was produced.

Entry Form Section B: Entry Information.

- Item 4: enter the name you've given your entry if your entry has a name (this is an optional step).
- Item 5: enter the category name and number you are entering based on the 2015 *Beer Judges Certification Program Style Guidelines*.²
- Item 6: circle the form of ingredients used in your recipe; i.e. malt extract only, malt extract and grain or all-grain.
- Item 7: Please provide the style and unique ingredients or process used to brew the beer. Please include brand names for the ingredients you use.

D. **Bottle Submission.** Send six (6) bottles for your entry, and **KEEP THREE BOTTLES OF THE SAME BATCH OF BEER YOU ARE SUBMITTING.** If a preliminary judging round is necessary and you advance to the final round, we may need more samples of your entry. Fold and rubber band the entry form around one sample bottle and rubber band a bottle identification form to each of the other five bottles. Your entry will be disqualified if you use glue or tape to secure the forms to the bottles. Pack your bottles carefully (note below for packaging and shipping hints). Drop your entry off at CTAP located at: 1727 Logan St Cincinnati, OH 45202.

E. **Entry Deadline.** The six bottles of your brew or cider along with the entry form must be received to CTAP no later than **June 2, 2024.** **Entries received after this date will not be judged. No entries will be returned whether received late or otherwise.**

DO NOT SHIP ENTRIES VIA THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.

Part III – The Contest

A. General

This competition is open to anyone who is interested in supporting the mission of PWC and who lives within the Greater Cincinnati Tri-State region served by PWC (this is not intended to be a national homebrewing competition). Submissions from outside the Greater Cincinnati Tri-State region will be rejected in the sole discretion of PWC and/or CTAP. You must be 21 years of age or older to enter the contest. PWC and CTAP reserve the right to change these rules in order to, in their sole discretion, secure the proper administration of the Contest. There will be no prize substitution,

² These guidelines are provided in Part III, C below.

in whole or in part, except by PWC and CTAP in their sole discretion and for a prize of comparable value.

B. Limitations

1. Homebrew means home. Your homebrew may not be brewed at a place that brews beverages for commercial purposes, whether for commercial research, production or any other purpose, including brewpubs and other brew-on-premise establishments or that is brewed for commercial sale. Teams may use their own homebrew equipment. Brewers and teams from outside the Greater Cincinnati Tri-State area are not eligible.

2. The style or flavor of beer is open, but please see judging criteria guidelines below. Teams may use malt extracts or full grain brewing. You will be responsible to submit complete recipe instructions as provided in Part II, C above.

3. Teams may submit one (1) beer flavor or style per entry fee. If more than one is submitted per entry fee, one beer flavor or style will be randomly selected and entered into the contest, and the remainder of the beers will be disqualified. Teams may enter as many beer flavors or styles as entry fees submitted.

C. Entry Categories

Enter your brew in the category and subcategory where you feel it will perform best. Judges do not see your entry form. **Judges or organizers will not classify or reclassify your entry.** If your beer falls outside of the category's guidelines written here, your beer will not be disqualified. The competition leverages the 2015 *Beer Judges Certification Program Style Guidelines*. A downloadable version of the complete style descriptions is available at [https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015 Beer.pdf](https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015%20Guidelines%20Beer.pdf). **Please note this competition only includes style numbers 1 to 34.**

D. Judging (Process)

1. Depending on the number of entries, a preliminary opening round judging process may be used at the sole discretion of PWC and CTAP to narrow the entries for the final judging by the Cincinnati Malt Infusers ("CMI") and CTAP staff.

2. Judging will occur at an offsite private event or events. The judges will include CTAP staff and the CMI.

3. All decisions are made in the sole discretion of the judges and are final. Challenges to judges' decisions are not permitted.

E. Judging and Beer (Criteria)

Beer Judges Certification Program Style Guidelines. Categories 1-34. These guidelines provide the general framework for judging, but the ultimate decisions remain at the sole discretion of the judges and are not subject to challenge or appeal for any reason.

Please use the following general guidelines when designing your recipe to ensure the best results in duplicating your beer, should your recipe be awarded Grand Champion (these are not requirements).

Lager:

- OG Range: 11.8 – 20 °P (1.044 -1.090)
- Fermentation Temperature: 53 - 60°F

Ale:

- OG Range: 11.8 – 16.5 °P (1.044 -1.068)
- Fermentation Temperature: 65 - 70 °F

F. Disqualifications

At the discretion of PWC and/or CTAP, entries will be disqualified for eligibility or entry requirement infractions.

G. Winners

The winning team chosen by the judges will have an opportunity to brew their winning beer scaled up at CTAP. CTAP will register the winning beer with the Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and the winning team will brew the beer at CTAP after announced at Boards & Brews on June 23, 2024. By entering the contest, contestants waive and relinquish any right or claim to intellectual property rights, including but not limited to, copyright, trademark, and/or other rights related to the brew and/or its recipe. This includes, but is not limited to, any form of income, revenue, or royalties arising out of or relating to the brew and CTAP's subsequent sale of the brew at its facility.

The winning beer will be released and tapped at the Boards and Brews tap event at CTAP at a date decided by CTAP, PWC & the winning team. Part of the proceeds from sale of the winning beer will benefit PWC in furtherance of its charitable mission.

Part IV: Event Details

A. Judging Process June 2024

For detail on the judging process, please see above.

B. PWC Emerging Leaders Boards and Brews: June 23, 2024

The Boards and Brews event will be hosted at the Sam Adams Cincinnati Tap Room. The event will include the announcement of the top 3 teams, presentation to the winning team, food, entertainment, a cornhole tournament, and the opportunity to learn more about PWC's important mission in our community. **Note: More information about the cornhole tournament and the link to register a team may be found here: www.pwchomerepairs.org/boards**

C. Sam Adams Brews Winner: July 2024

After the winning beer is chosen by the CMI CTAP, the winning team will have the opportunity to assist CTAP brew their beer at CTAP.

C. Tap Party August 2024

After the winning beer is brewed, it will be tapped at the Boards & Brews Tap Party held at CTAP on a mutually agreed upon date.

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Please read the instructions in the above Rules & Regulations.

MUST SUBMIT 6 BOTTLES PER ENTRY

Section A: Brewer Information

1. Name: _____
2. Email: _____
3. Location (address) where beer was brewed (i.e. kitchen, garage)

Section B: Entry Information

4. Name of Brew/Cider (Optional): _____
*Four word max
5. Category Name & Number (1-34 or Cider): _____
6. Recipe (circle one): **(a)** Malt Extract Only **(b)** Malt Extract and Grain **(c)** All Grain
7. Style / Special Ingredients:
Please provide the style and/or unique ingredients or processes used to brew the beer or ferment the cider. Entrants of Historical Beers are asked to provide the historical beer style and information on the style profile and history as an aid to judges.
Classic Style: _____
Special Ingredients/Processes: _____

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Bottle Identification Forms

Bottle Identification Form

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____
Name of Beer _____
Department/Division _____
Category _____

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