

HOME BREWER COMPETITION & TASTING

Judges: TBD

What: A competition for home brewers here in the valley, where five judges (to be named) made up of Brewers from five local breweries will determine who has the best beer in each category. The winner will win a trophy and ribbons and a chance to brew at one of the five judges breweries.

Entry includes one ticket to the fair

Where: The Three County Fairgrounds

When: September 2nd (Saturday, from 2-5pm). Three County Fair weekend.

Categories:

1. Vienna Style Lager
2. IPA
3. Porter

Awards for Competition:

Places will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. Winners will receive a ribbon based upon placed finished. 1st place entry in each category will advance to the Best in Show Round, where the overall winner of the competition will be selected. Prizes for this round are as follows:

1st Place: \$100.00 cash prize, Trophy and a Brewing day with Rich Pedersen and (TBD) at Hitchcock Brewing Co. in Whately, MA.

2nd Place: \$100.00 cash prize and a donated gift from local package store (Four Seasons)

3rd Place: Donated Gift Card to a local restaurant (TBD).

RULES

1. All entries must be received at the drop off location: Four Seasons Wine & Liquor 333 Russell St., Hadley, MA (413-271-7393) by entry deadline.

Thursday, August 31, 2017.

2. All entries will be picked up from the drop off locations the day of the entry deadline.
3. All entries must be handcrafted by hobbyist brewers using private equipment and must contain ingredients that are available to the general public.
4. Competition organizers reserve the right to combine styles for judging and to restructure awards as necessary depending upon number of entries and their quality.

5. Entries will be judged by professional brewers. Each of the five judges will evaluate and score each entry and the average of the scores will determine the rank of the entry in its specific category.
6. Homebrewers are limited to entering one beer per category, but may enter all three categories if they desire.
7. Judges reserve the right to combine.
8. Top winners in each category will continue on to the Best of Show round, where a second round of judging will determine the overall winner of the competition.