

## Beer Thief Homebrew Competition #1: Official Rules

### 1. Eligible Beer

- a. This is a mini-competition focusing on two styles of beer defined by the BJCP: **13A. Dry Stout** and **14B. American IPA**.
- b. Beer must be brewed at home or at a commercial brew-on premise establishment, beer prepared at brewpubs, breweries, or on commercial pilot systems is not allowed.
- c. Commercially prepared extract *is allowed* as an ingredient and, as we hope to encourage as many entries in this first competition as possible. “Hacks” (additional hop/spice additions or other yeast choices) of homebrew kits will also be allowed.
- d. There are no restrictions against “clone” recipes as brewer’s skill and equipment differ.
- e. Each entry must be submitted as one of the two beer classes in this competition. Entries which do not conform to style guidelines will likely not score highly.
  - i. Note: the choice of which beer to enter is entirely at your discretion. An English IPA could be entered in the American IPA category and, while it may score low for the category, the score sheet still may provide useful notes.
- f. Due to demand we will be offering an additional, **non-competitive** “wild card” option:
  - i. These “wild card” entries otherwise follow the same submission rules.
  - ii. They will not be competitive, however, they will be fully scored to provide feedback.
  - iii. Indicate the BJCP class and sub-class on your entry sheet and that the beer is non-competitive.
  - iv. Beers will be judged according to the style you have indicated.
  - v. As with other categories, up to two 'wild card' entries may be submitted per person.
  - vi. Due to logistical concerns, only one (but hopefully we will have more) BJCP score sheet may be returned for each non-competitive entry.

### 2. How to Enter

- a. You may submit up to **two entries per style** (i.e two American IPA, two Dry Stouts, and two Wild Cards maximum).
- b. Two bottles of the same beer are required for each style. These **two bottles comprise one entry**.
- c. Bottles must be standard 284-355 ml glass beer bottles or 500 ml PET bottles without any identifying marks or labels. Any labeling on bottle caps must be blacked out. Any bottles with embossed lettering or branding will be disqualified.
- d. There is a **\$5 fee per entry** to cover returning of score sheets and organization. This price is consummate with other homebrew competitions in Canada. This is a not-for-profit competition.
- e. The attached entry form must be fully completed and secured to your bottles with a rubber band.

### 3. Deadline

- a. The **deadline for entries is Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. No late entries will be accepted.
- b. The window for in person drop offs will open on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. Drop Off Location

- a. While mailing of entries is allowed, this competition is primarily aimed at the local community. In-person drop-off is preferred for this first competition.
- b. Please deliver (or mail) your entries to:  
Mr. Allan Johnson  
33 Melville Place  
St. John's, NL  
A1E 6K4
- c. You can contact Allan at [allan.j.johnson1984@gmail.com](mailto:allan.j.johnson1984@gmail.com) to arrange a time to drop off your entry. Most evenings after five during the window will be ideal.
- d. Other locations may be available for in-person drop off. Please contact Chris ([groulxsome@gmail.com](mailto:groulxsome@gmail.com)) if you are having difficulty arranging a time or place and he can direct you to an alternative location.
- e. Cash is preferred for in-person drop offs, however, a cheque made to the order of Chris Conway or a money order will also be accepted.

#### 5. Judging

- a. For judging we will be following the **Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP)** style guidelines.
- b. Full guidelines can be reviewed at [www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org)
- c. Judging will take place in St. John's between December 20<sup>th</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup> by our judging panel.
- d. Our judges are *not* recognized by the BJCP but include a number of local beer industry, club, and media experts.
- e. You will receive completed score sheets from at least two judges for each competition beer. These will be mailed back to you.
- f. For each of the two competition styles there will be a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place announced through the Beer Thief Mailing List, as well as announced on social media and the webpage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail:

Chris at [groulxsome@gmail.com](mailto:groulxsome@gmail.com) or Mike at [mike@beerthief.ca](mailto:mike@beerthief.ca)

Or join the discussion on the homebrewing section of the forums (anyone can join) at

<http://www.beerthief.ca/forum/>

As this is our first official competition, we will be looking for feedback for future competitions, as well as additional organizational involvement. We are happy to hear if you have any issues or concerns about the organization or our operations.

Good Luck!

**Beer Thief Homebrew Competition #1 Entry Form**

**Brewer Information**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Information:**

Beer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beer Style (BJCP Name/No): \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Wild Card" Entry (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_

**Recipe Information (Judges will not see this information until after scoring)**

Batch Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Water Treatment (Describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Grain/Extract	Amount (Kg)	Method (mash, steep, etc.)	Time	Temperature (C)

Hop	Amount (g)	Method (Boil, dry, etc.)	Time Added	Alpha Acids

Fermenter	Type (plastic etc.)	Duration	Fermentation Temperature (C)
Primary			
Secondary			
Other			

Yeast (Brand)	Amount	Nutrient	Starter size/procedure (if used)

Additional Notes:

Carbonation (procedure and amount): \_\_\_\_\_

Original Gravity: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Gravity: \_\_\_\_\_

Packaging Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cut out this section at attach to the second bottle**

Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brewer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not cut this section, it will be used for mailing out your results**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_