

Beer Competitions



Entry Criteria

- Full and Provisional Brewing Members can enter SIBA beer competitions. Any Members exceeding 12 months on Provisional status will not be able to enter beers until they have attended a Regional Meeting and upgraded to Full Brewing Membership.
- SIBA Events Team has the final say on Members beers entered in to the Regional Competitions. This will be discussed initially with the event organisers and Regional Directors.
- A member can only enter 1 beer per category, per member. It is the brewer's responsibility to ensure that beers are entered into the correct category; any beers entered incorrectly will be removed without reference to the brewer and any awards gained withdrawn. In case of any doubt please ask the Events Team before the entry deadline.
- A member MUST send a representative for the competition and awards if entering beers into a competition, by not doing so can jeopardise future entries to competitions being accepted
This can be a relation, local CAMRA, etc.
- Any categories with 3 entries, will only award a Gold. Any categories with less than 3 entries will be removed from the competition.
- A minimum of 9 gallons must be sent for the Cask Competition, unless agreed with the SIBA Events Team and Regional Directors beforehand. The Regional Directors may request more if the Beer Festival following is in association with SIBA.
- A minimum of 3 Litres must be sent for the Small Pack Competition. The Regional Directors may request more if the Beer Festival following is in association with SIBA.
- A minimum of 30L keg must be sent for the Keg Competition. The Regional Directors may request more if the Beer Festival following is in association with SIBA.
- Members can only enter the beer competition in the region that their beers are brewed.
- Beers entered to the competition are entered FOC unless the Region has alternate arrangements.
- Any entries received after the deadline dates are not guaranteed to be entered into the competitions.
- For the Keg Competitions, Members must inform SIBA Events team of the fittings they will be using for the containers.
- Beers entered must be standard production beers as sold to the trade and not adapted for competition.

Pre Competition

- SIBA Regional Directors, with the assistance of the SIBA Events team, will source the venue for the Regional Competitions, ensuring that this is in line with the venue requirements.

- Once regional competition dates & venue have been sourced and the venue requirements agreed, these will be sent to the SIBA Events Team for a contract to be made up.
- The SIBA Events team allows a two-week grace period between the entry deadline and the date the competition organisers need the beer list.
- SIBA Events team is responsible for getting sponsors for the competition.
- Regional Directors are responsible for arranging the competition refreshments. To include
Judges and helpers buffet/lunch
Tea/Coffee on arrival
Water and crackers for the judging tables.

Competition

- Any beers delivered in containers belonging to other members without written consent will be automatically disqualified.
- All Bottles and Cans sent for judging must be presented in a format suitable for retail. If they are presented in a way that is not suitable, the SIBA Events Team, SIBA Regional Directors and Competition Organisers reserve the right to disqualify the beers from the competition
- The Keg Cellar Team will target to dispense the beers as follows:

Dispense Temperatures (°C)	Beer Styles
6 to 8	Lager/Pilsner/ Wheat/Saison
10 to 12	Ale/Porter/Stout

- Any Keg containers received that are damaged or misshaped will not be dispensed.
- All Keg beers will be dispensed using 60:40 (CO2:N2) mixed gas.
- Cask beers will all be dispensed the same way, either all gravity or all through hand pull. No mixture will be accepted.
- Any members acting in a way deemed by the Competition Organisers, SIBA Events Team or SIBA Regional Directors, to be interfering or influencing in the process or outcome of the competition will be automatically disqualified.

Post Competition

- Following the competition any remaining trophies, certificates or POS, will go back to a nominated member chosen by the Regional Directors for collection by the winning member. Unless this is previously organized by the SIBA Events team. The cost of postage will be recharged to the winning Member should it be requested that SIBA post their winnings
- POS including trophies, crown clips, small pack stickers, etc., will only be awarded to gold winners of each category.
Any additional POS required and for the other categories can be purchased from the supplier, via SIBA.

- Only plain or SIBA approved sponsored bags be handed out during the awards ceremony.
- All cask and keg award-winning beers – Bronze, Silver & Gold, must be available for BeerX in March. If these are found not to be available this can jeopardise future entries being accepted in to competitions
- All Gold winners from the Small Pack competition and Cask competitions will be automatically entered to the national competition at BeerX and must be available in March. Should brands not be available this can jeopardise future entries being accepted in to competitions. All beers are to be sent FOC.
- Any Member that has been entered into the National Competition at BeerX, must send a representative to collect any awards gained at the ceremony. The SIBA team will require the name of the representative 7 days before the event.
- Members who request the scores from the competition will be sent the score sheet spreadsheet, not the judge's paper sheets due to Data protection reasons.