



2023 ENTRY HANDBOOK



The California Mid-State Fair Home Brew Competition is for amateur beer makers. Giving them the opportunity to showcase their beer and receive great feedback to better their hobby.

Chief Judge – Jason Affourtit, Paso Robles, CA (1st year – 2023)
Lead Organization - California Mid-State Fair

2022 BEST OF AWARD

Best of Show: Jason Affourtit, (Paso Robles) Imperial Stout
Reserve Best of Show: Nicholas Robbins, (Atascadero) Cream Ale

GENERAL RULES

1. **All exhibitors must be amateur beer makers and reside in the county of San Luis Obispo or Santa Barbara.**
2. Please indicate the proper class when registering the style of beer to ensure proper judging.
3. Registration is to be done online <https://cmsfw.fairwire.com/>
4. Entries must be received between the dates allotted.
5. Each entry consists of two (2) up to 12 oz. bottles or two (2) up to 16 oz. cans for all classes.
6. Print out entry receipt and rubber band around each bottle accordingly.
7. Due to health and safety regulations, upon submission to the contest, all entries become the property of the California Mid-State Fair.
8. Entries will not be returned to entrant. Score sheets will be mailed to exhibitor with ribbons (if applicable) in a timely manner.
9. Any entry received after the deadline will not be judged or returned.
10. This competition uses [BJCP Style Guidelines](#)
11. Each exhibitor can purchase up to TWO (2) \$7 one-day admission tickets. They are to be purchased during registration. Tickets will be mailed to you in early July. They can be used by anyone and are nonrefundable.
12. This competition will adhere to the State Rules of the California Department of Food & Agriculture Fairs & Expositions Branch. [State Rules for California Fairs](#)
13. Six (6) Entries per Exhibitor per class. Limited to the first 75 entries registered.

ONLINE REGISTRATION DUE BY: SUNDAY, May 7

ENTRY FEE: \$7.00 PER ENTRY

Enter on-line at <https://cmsfw.fairwire.com/> Entry fees are non-refundable

Entry Drop Off Dates & Times:

Monday, May 8 TO Friday, May 12
Paso Robles Event Center
2198 Riverside Ave
Paso Robles, CA 93446
805-239-0655
Open 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday, May 9 TO Sunday, May 14
Doc's Cellar
855 Capitolio Way #2
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
805-781-9974
Open 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

For questions, please contact California Mid-State Fair: exhibits@midstatefair.com

Special Thanks to Doc's Cellar for their support:



DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

- 660 - Standard American Beer
 - 1A - American Light Lager
 - 1B - American Lager
 - 1C - Cream Ale
 - 1D - American Wheat Beer
- 661 - International Lager
 - 2A - International Pale Lager
 - 2B - International Amber Lager
 - 2C - International Dark Lager
- 662 - Czech Lager
 - 3A - Czech Pale Lager
 - 3B - Czech Premium Pale Lager
 - 3C - Czech Amber Lager
 - 3D - Czech Dark Lager
- 663 - Pale Malty European Lager
 - 4A - Munich Helles
 - 4B - Festbier
 - 4C - Helles Bock
- 664 - Pale Bitter European Beer
 - 5A - German Leichtbier
 - 5B - Kolsch
 - 5C - German Helles Exportbier
 - 5D - German Pils
- 665 - Amber Malty European Lager
 - 6A - Marzen
 - 6B - Rauchbier
 - 6C - Dunkles Bock
- 666 - Amber Bitter European Beer
 - 7A - Vienna Lager
 - 7B - Altbier
- 667 - Dark European Lager
 - 8A - Munich Dunkel
 - 8B - Schwarzbier
- 668 - Strong European Beer
 - 9A - Doppelbock
 - 9B - Eisbock
 - 9C - Baltic Porter
- 669 - German Wheat Beer
 - 10A - Weissbier
 - 10B - Dunkles Weissbier
 - 10C - Weizenbock
- 670 - British Bitter
 - 11A - Ordinary Bitter
 - 11B - Best Bitter
 - 11C - Strong Bitter
- 671 - Pale Commonwealth Beer
 - 12A - British Golden Ale
 - 12B - Australian Sparkling Ale
 - 12C - English IPA
- 672 - Brown British Beer
 - 13A - Dark Mild
 - 13B - British Brown Ale
 - 13C - English Porter
- 673 - Scottish Ale
 - 14A - Scottish Light
 - 14B - Scottish Heavy
 - 14C - Scottish Export
- 674 - Irish Beer
 - 15A - Irish Red Ale
 - 15B - Irish Stout
 - 15C - Irish Extra Stout
- 675 - Dark British Beer
 - 16A - Sweet Stout
 - 16B - Oatmeal stout
 - 16C - Tropical stout
 - 16D - Foreign Extra Stout
- 676 - Strong British Ale
 - 17A - British Strong Ale
 - 17B - Old Ale
 - 17C - Wee Heavy
 - 17D - English Barleywine
- 677 - Pale American Ale
 - 18A - Blond Ale
 - 18B - American Pale Ale
- 678 - Amber and Brown American Beer
 - 19A - American Amber Ale
 - 19B - California Common
 - 19C - American Brown Ale
- 679 - American Porter and Stout
 - 20A - American Porter
 - 20B - American Stout
 - 20C - Imperial Stout
- 680 - IPA
 - 21A - American IPA
 - 21B - Belgian IPA
 - 21C - Black IPA
 - 21D - Brown IPA
 - 21E - Red IPA
 - 21F - Rye IPA
 - 21G - White IPA
 - 21H - Brut IPA
 - 21I - Hazy IPA
- 681 - Strong American Ale
 - 22A - Double IPA
 - 22B - American Strong Ale
 - 22C - American Barleywine
 - 22D - Wheatwine
- 682 - European Sour Ale
 - 23A - Berliner Weisse
 - 23B - Flanders Red Ale
 - 23C - Oud Bruin
 - 23D - Lambic
 - 23E - Gueuze
 - 23F - Fruit Lambic
 - 23G - Gose
- 683 - Belgian Ale
 - 24A - Witbier
 - 24B - Belgian Pale Ale
 - 24C - Biere de Garde
- 684 - Strong Belgian Ale
 - 25A - Belgian Blond Ale
 - 25B - Saison
 - 25C - Belgian Golden Strong Ale
- 685 - Monastic Ale
 - 26A - Belgian Single
 - 26B - Belgian Dubbel
 - 26C - Belgian Tripel
 - 26D - Belgian Dark Strong Ale
- 686 - Historical Beer
 - 27A - Kellerbier
 - 27B - Kentucky Common
 - 27C - Lichtenhainer
 - 27D - London Brown Ale
 - 27E - Piwo Grodziskie
 - 27F - Pre-Prohibition Lager
 - 27G - Pre-Prohibition Porter
 - 27H - Roggenbier
 - 27I - Sahti
- 687 - American Wild Ale
 - 28A - Brett Beer
 - 28B - Mixed-Fermentation Sour Beer
 - 28C - Wild Specialty Beer
 - 28D - Straight Sour Beer
- 688 - Fruit Beer
 - 29A - Fruit Beer
 - 29B - Fruit and Spice Beer
 - 29C - Specialty Fruit Beer
 - 29D - Grape Ale
- 689 - Spiced Beer
 - 30A - Spice, Herb or Vegetable Beer
 - 30B - Autumn Seasonal Beer
 - 30C - Winter Seasonal Beer
 - 30D - Specialty Spice Beer
- 690 - Alternative Fermentables Beer
 - 31A - Alternative Grain Beer
 - 31B - Alternative Sugar Beer
- 691 - Smoked Beer
 - 32A - Classic Style Smoked Beer
 - 32B - Specialty Smoked Beer
- 692 - Wood Beer
 - 33A - Wood-Aged Beer
 - 33B - Specialty Wood-Aged Beer
- 693 - Specialty Beer
 - 34A - Clone Beer
 - 34B - Mixed-Style Beer
 - 34C - Experimental Beer
- 698 - Standard Cider and Perry
 - 39A - New World Cider
 - 39B - English Cider
 - 39C - French Cider
 - 39D - New World Perry
 - 39E - Traditional Perry
- 699 - Specialty Cider and Perry
 - 40A - New England Cider
 - 40B - Cider with Other Fruit
 - 40C - Applewine
 - 40D - Ice Cider
 - 40E - Cider with Herbs/Spices
 - 40F - Specialty Cider/Perry