

2015 Tennessee Championship of Beer

The Tennessee Championship of Beer (TCB) is born from a need to recognize commercial breweries of the Southeastern USA for the quality pints currently being served in the region. The competition closely follows the style of the Great American Beer Festival at a fraction of the cost! If you are not familiar with how this works, it is not a competition to determine whose beer is better than another's; your beer is to be judged and awarded strictly on its own merit. Any proceeds from the Championship are donated to the Tennessee Craft Brewers Guild.



Award Medal	Criteria	Score Range
Gold	A world-class beer that accurately exemplifies the specified style, displays proper taste and balance, appearance and aroma and is flaw-free. Also displays certain intangible qualities that define a high-caliber offering.	<=90%
Silver	An excellent beer that may vary slightly from the style parameters yet displays excellent taste and balance, appearance and aroma and is flaw-free.	<=80-89%
Bronze	A fine example, which may vary slightly from the style and/or has minor deviations of taste and balance, appearance and aroma.	<=70-79%

Just think of how good that Gold Medal from the Tennessee Championship of Beer will look hanging behind the bar! Medalists also will be provided with artwork that can be incorporated in advertising, menus, and packaging.

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Judging

Medalist Judging:

Judging is conducted by industry professionals and BJCP trained judges in a “blind” format. Judges are presented a beer without knowing who brewed it and score it according to current BJCP style guidelines (http://bjcp.org/docs/2008_Guidelines.pdf .) The championship will be conducted according to BJCP competition guidelines. Again, medals are awarded for the entry’s stand-alone merit, not “first, second and third”.

Best of Show Championship:

Gold medal-awarded beers will be sent to a second round of judges. The judge panel will consist of the highest ranked, sensory-trained judges. First, Second, and Third place in Best of Show will be awarded, with Honorable Mentions awarded as deemed fitting.

Entry Rules

1. Only professional commercial breweries licensed with the TTB can enter
2. For the 2015 Championship, only breweries participating in the 2015 Thirsty Orange in Johnson City TN can enter.
3. “Commercially Available” beers are the only eligible beers. This means that the beer is currently or has been available for sale to the public within three months preceding the competition date.
4. A maximum of 8 entries per brewery is allowed, with a maximum of one beer per category
5. For the 2015 Championship, a limit of 104 total beers for TCB will be imposed
6. Other rules will be listed on the TCB registration site.
7. If assistance is required to determine which category a beer should be entered, please contact Matt Raby at TnChampOfBeer@SuperflyFab.com
8. The 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines will be used for the 2015 competition. They are located at http://bjcp.org/docs/2008_Guidelines.pdf .

Fees

Fees per entry will be **\$10 per entry** (compared to \$160 for GABF!)

Fees cover the cost of expenses to administer the TCB and awards medals. Any remaining proceeds will be donated to the Tennessee Craft Brewers Guild.