

Join Us! The **24th Annual Mountain Brewers**

Beer Fest takes place Saturday, June 2nd noon – 5pm at Sandy Downs in Idaho Falls. *We thank you*, our brewery partners for your generous donation of product. Together we have raised \$1,438,116 for charity! **For information on participation in the Annual Mountain Brewers Beer Fest please contact the Beer Festival Director Lisa Smith lisalambic@aol.com 208-357-8605.**

The North American Beer Awards

is a unique event sanctioned by the North American Brewers Association. The competition provides an opportunity for your product to be judged by qualified judges against the best beers, ciders, meads and sodas in the country.

In 2017 over 1,700 beverages were entered into the competition.

In this our 22nd year, we look forward to continuing to grow and drawing an even broader base of participation.

We look forward to receiving your entry!

Beer Awards Key Dates: Entry Deadline

May 21, 2018

Shipments Must Be Received

Late entries will not be judged

April 23 to May 21, 2018

Awards Ceremony

June 1, 2018

Join the Judge Panel

If you're a brewing professional who wishes to be considered for the NABA judging panel, contact the Judge Coordinator (bob@northamericanbrewers.org.) Judge Qualifications Forms can be found at: www.mbbf.org/judge



NORTH AMERICAN BREWERS
ASSOCIATION



The NABA is a non-profit foundation. Our mission since 1996 is to secure beer's role in our culture and society through the advancement of brewing quality and consumer education.

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22nd Annual North American Beer Awards



**May 29 - June 1, 2018
Idaho Falls, Idaho**

**North American
Brewers' Association**

www.mbbf.org/competition

2018 Requirements Summary

Eligibility

The North American Beer Awards competition is limited to commercially produced beverages from an active brewery or other manufacturer.

Judging and Judges

A beer will be judged by the traditional method of determining how closely the entry meets the style definition for the category in which it is entered; **each beer may be entered only once.**

In the event any category receives less than 6 entries, it will be collapsed into the next closest style subcategory, *but each entry will be judged according to the style guidelines under which it was entered.*

Judging will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Judging sessions:

Tuesday, May 29: 7 - 9 pm
Wednesday, May 30: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesday, May 30: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Thursday, May 31: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Thursday, May 31: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Friday, June 1: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

A panel of judges may consist of brewers, certified judges, and other qualified professionals. Anyone interested in judging at the 2018 competition must submit a Qualification Form as soon as possible. Forms can be found at: www.mbbf.org/judge

Judges will not be allowed to participate in judging any category in which they or their affiliated brewery or cidery has an entry.

ENTRIES:

A brewery/cidery may submit an unlimited number of entries in the competition. **However, each beer may be entered in only one category.**

Registration and entry form link can be found at www.northamericanbrewers.org/competition

FEES:

ON-LINE: \$50 per entry.

US MAIL: \$50 per entry.

Make all checks payable to North American Brewers Association.

For information on how to submit entries via US Mail please visit www.mbbf.org/competition.

ENTRY DEADLINE: MAY 21, 2018

Entry fees are non-refundable.

NOTES:

Please specify on the Entry Form the category and subcategory for judging. **Please note the new style guidelines; category numbers may have changed.**

Additional information is required for entries in the Specialty/Experimental category. For flavored entries, be sure to indicate which fruit, herb, or spice has been used. *Failure to designate a category and/or subcategory will result in the entry being placed in a category deemed to be appropriate by the organizers.*

SHIPPING DEADLINE: All entries must be received by Monday, May 21, 2018.

All international breweries are advised to email or phone Robin VanHorn at 208-589-7231 or irobvan@gmail.com with tracking numbers when the shipment is sent. We are available to help deal with customs if necessary. All international entries should be sent by April 24 to be received by May 21, 2018.

Each entry consists of 6 bottles or cans, regardless of size. Ship entries to:

North American Beer Awards
c/o Idaho Brewing Company
775 South Capital Ave.
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

PLEASE SHIP ENTRIES ONLY TO THIS ADDRESS

Important! UPS will NOT accept beer or cider for shipment. Therefore, we recommend that you use FedEx or UPS to ship entries. To ensure delivery, label shipping containers "Live Yeast Samples for Analysis Only".

Also, please use gel packs (**not ice**) to keep entries cool and be sure to cushion the entries well to prevent breakage.

Awards consist of commemorative Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions with the dated logo of the North American Brewers' Association Beer Awards. Medallions will be presented during a ceremony at the Hilton Garden Inn in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on June 1st, 2018. Any winning brewery/cidery not in attendance will receive their medallion(s) via US Mail.

A complete list of competition winners will be posted at www.mbbf.org/competition and at the Mountain Brewers' Beer Fest at Sandy Downs, Idaho Falls, on June 2, 2018.

