

Bridger Brew Crew, Inc. & Cardinal Distributing present

Bozeman Brew-Off 2020

Official Rules & Regulations

Event Details Snapshot

Competition

- Judging will happen Saturday, March 7th, 2020 starting at 8AM (Lunch 12-1PM).
- Location: Cardinal Distributing, 269 Jackrabbit Lane, Bozeman, MT 59718

Entries

- Entry Window: Monday, February 17th - Friday, February 28th, 2020 (**Drop-off between 7AM - 3PM, Monday through Friday**)
- No entry fee for first 2 entries for Bridger Brew Crew members; \$8 per entry for non-members and additional member entries
 - More info on becoming a Bridger Brew Crew member can be found at www.bridgerbrewcrew.com/membership/
- 4 maximum entries per brewer; 1 entry per SUB-category
- Competition will be capped at 150 entries

Use your creativity and brewer savvy to construct a beer recipe for the second Bozeman Brew-Off happening Saturday, March 7th, 2020. Enter your beer for the chance to have your recipe brewed on a commercial scale at Outlaw Brewing in Bozeman, MT.

Beers will be judged according to [2015 BJCP style guidelines](#) by BJCP judges, local brewers, and expert homebrewers. The winning beer will be brewed on Outlaw's 10-barrel brew system and made available on tap at the brewery at a later date. (*Note: Outlaw Brewing reserves the right to substitute ingredients in the winning beer recipe based upon availability and cost, if necessary.*)

Along with the grand prize, various other prizes and brewery swag will be awarded to overall and top category winners.

Entry & Category Information

- Eligibility: All entries must be homebrewed. No commercially brewed entries will be accepted.
- Each entrant can submit up to four (4) entries maximum.
- No more than one (1) entry per SUB-category.
- The Bozeman Brew-Off is a beer-only competition.
- For the most part, this is an open competition mainly focused on ale styles, but with a few beer style exceptions:
 - All recipes must be at least 51% barley.
 - No recipes which require step or decoction mashes
 - No sour beers or styles which require kettle-souring

- No barrel-aged beers
- No meads or ciders
- **Beer style EXCLUSIONS** include 2015 BJCP categories and sub-categories: 23, 27 (Historical Style: Gose), 28, 31, 33, and 34C.
- You are welcome to submit beers of any beer style other than those listed in the exclusions. A full list of category descriptions can be found in the 2015 BJCP Beer Style Guidelines at http://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Beer.pdf
- For those entering extract beers, be prepared to formulate an all-grain equivalent recipe for your entry if your beer is the winner. The brewers at Outlaw and other homebrew club members are willing to help with this.
- Deadlines: Entries will be accepted from Monday, February 17th, 2020 - Friday, February 28th, 2020. Fees must accompany entries and will be processed through online registration. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- Official entry status may be confirmed by contacting Bridger Brew Crew.
- No walk-in entries will be accepted.
- No entries will be accepted after February 28th, 2020 at 3pm MST. NO EXCEPTIONS.

How to Enter

- Entrants must register their beer entries online at <https://reggiebeer.com/ReggieEntry.php?CompetitionID=LUORKS1000512>
Payment for entries will be processed via PayPal.
- Competition is open to everyone.
 - **No entry fee for first 2 entries for Bridger Brew Crew members**
 - **\$8 per entry for non-members and any additional member entries (over 2 entries)**
 - *Not a member? To find out how to join, learn how here:*
<http://www.bridgerbrewcrew.org/membership/>
- For each entry, submit a minimum of three (3) bottles that meet the following guidelines:
 - Entries must be in bottles that hold a minimum of 10 oz in volume. Submit 3 bottles per entry.
 - Bottles must be brown or green in color and free of ink, paint, or paper labeling other than the competition entry label. Raised brewery lettering on import beer bottles or beers with national distribution are acceptable but not encouraged. Remove or blur beyond distinction any identifying marks from bottle caps. Solid color bottle caps are acceptable. Caps with colors other than these finishes may be rejected at the discretion of the Judge Director. Caps with identifiable markings that make them unique as determined by the Judge Director with visible symbols, writing, etching, coating, etc. will be disqualified. If there is any doubt that a cap is compliant, it is recommended to apply a coat of opaque black (sharpie) ink to all surfaces of the caps.
- **Bottle Forms:** A fully completed, legible bottle identification form must accompany each entry bottle. Attach bottle IDs with rubber bands. Do not tape forms to bottles. Forms may be duplicated. Incomplete or illegible forms may result in disqualification. Recipes should be submitted along with entry bottles.
 - Fill out a BJCP entry form and bottle labels for each entry.

- Entry / Recipe Forms: http://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_EntryRecipe.pdf
- Bottle Labels: http://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_BottleID.pdf
- **Drop-off Location:** Cardinal Distributing (269 Jackrabbit Lane, Bozeman, MT 59718) will serve as the drop-off location for competition entries.
 - **Entries should be placed in a box or six-pack holder addressed "Bozeman Brewoff, Attn: Mike Brandt" and dropped off at Cardinal's front desk** for Cardinal's craft beer rep, Mike Brandt between the hours of **7AM and 3PM, Monday through Friday**.
- **Shipping entries:** Cardinal Distributing will also serve as the shipping location for competition entries. Entries should be shipped to arrive at the designated location between February 17th and 28th, 2020.
 - Pack your bottles carefully and **ship entries to the following address:**
Cardinal Distributing,
Attn: Mike Brandt & Bozeman Brew-Off
269 Jackrabbit Lane,
Bozeman, MT 59718
 - The shipping location cannot acknowledge receipt of entries. Arrange for a return receipt with your shipping company if you wish to confirm the delivery of your package. Packages with postage due or C.O.D. will NOT be accepted.
 - **DO NOT SHIP YOUR ENTRIES VIA THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE!**
- Walk-in entries to the competition are not accepted.
- Entries must receive a minimum score of 30 to be awarded a prize. The competition organizers reserve the right to not award prizes for all places if deemed appropriate by the Judge Director.
- Entries may be disqualified from the competition by the Organizer for failure to comply with any of the official rules.
- Any questions about the competition or entry process can be directed to **Jesse Bussard** at info@bridgerbrewcrew.org or **Will Thompson** at wwthompson91@gmail.com.