



## Hop Quality Group Membership and Dues Structure

The Hop Quality Group (HQG) advocates for all craft brewers, not just members, in the maintenance and improvement of hop quality, in addition to developing and sharing useful information about the quality characteristics of hops.

### HQG Membership Eligibility

Brewery members of the Hop Quality Group must maintain a US TTB production permit and have less than 5% ownership from hop growers/brokers. Members agree to abide by the HQG Code of Conduct, our NDA at all times, and pledge to keep hops appropriately cold until use, treating hops as a food product.

### HQG Membership

Hop Quality Group membership is by brewery and the below are some of the benefits afforded to member breweries. The Hop Quality Group is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation.

- Access to the members only area of the HQG web site
- Access to the HQG monthly meetings and associated documents and reports
- Opportunity to join farm or pellet mill visits and access to subsequent reports
- Opportunity for committee involvement and networking
- Invitation to the HQG annual meeting and access to documents
- Invitation to grower BBQ's and other networking activities
- Voting rights on all HQG official votes
- Voting rights regarding the breeding program hop selections (when necessary)
- Sensory access to hop breeding program selections
- Early access to HQG breeding program hops when they become available\*

\*After one full year of membership

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### HQG Dues Structure

The Hop Quality Group dues are collected annually (after first year pro-rated dues) and are based on the previous year's annual production barrelage.

<1,000 Bbls	= \$1,000
1,000 to 15,000 Bbls	= \$2,500
>15,000 Bbls	= \$5,000