

COMPETITION CLASSES

The 2019 International Brewing Awards Competition will consist of 9 Competitions comprising 35 classes.

The 9 Championship trophies are;

- International Cask Conditioned Ale
- International Keg Lager
- International Keg Ale
- International Smallpack Lager
- International Smallpack Ale
- International Non-Alcoholic and Low Alcoholic Beer
- International Speciality Beer
- International Dark Beer (Milds, Stouts, Porters, Lagers etc)
- International Strong Beer

Each class is intended to have Bronze, Silver and Gold winners. The Gold winner of each class is then re-judged to establish the Championship Beers/Ciders. There is no Supreme Champion.

All medals, certificates and trophies are presented at the Brewing, Food & Beverage Industry Suppliers' Association (BFBI) National Luncheon, Guildhall, City of London, UK on 26th April 2017.

DRAUGHT BEER:

INTERNATIONAL CASK CONDITIONED ALE COMPETITION - 4 Classes

Ales conditioned in cask on live yeast to be dispensed via tap & spigot direct from cask to glass without the aid of extraneous gas pressure

Class 1: 2.9%-3.8% ABV **Class 2:** 3.9%-4.3% ABV **Class 3:** 4.4%-4.8% ABV **Class 4:** 4.9%-6.9% ABV

INTERNATIONAL KEG LAGER COMPETITION - 2 Classes

Lagers conditioned and finished in brewery and dispensed from a keg with the aid of gas pressure.

Class 1: 2.9%-4.7% ABV **Class 2:** 4.8%-6.9% ABV

INTERNATIONAL KEG ALE COMPETITION - 2 Classes

Ales conditioned and finished in brewery and dispensed from a keg with the aid of gas pressure.

Class 1: 2.9%-4.4% ABV

Class 2: 4.5%-6.9% ABV

SMALLPACK BEER:

INTERNATIONAL SMALLPACK LAGER COMPETITION - 4 Classes

Class 1: 2.9%-4.4% ABV

Class 2: 4.5%-4.9% ABV

Class 3: 5.0%-5.4% ABV

Class 4: 5.5%-6.9% ABV

INTERNATIONAL SMALLPACK ALE COMPETITION - 4 Classes

Class 1: 2.9%-4.4% ABV

Class 2: 4.5%-4.9% ABV

Class 3: 5.0%-5.4% ABV

Class 4: 5.5%-6.9% ABV

COMBINED DRAUGHT AND SMALLPACK:

INTERNATIONAL NON & LOW-ALCOHOL BEER COMPETITION - 2 Classes

Class 1: Ultra low alcohol (up to 1.1% ABV)

Beer of any style brewed in compliance with local regulations as a beer, with alcohol up to 1.1%abv

Class 2: Low (1.2%-2.8 % ABV)

INTERNATIONAL SPECIALITY BEER COMPETITION - up to 6.9% ABV - 7 Classes

Class 1: Wheat style

A recognised wheat style: e.g. German Weizen or Weiss style, Belgian Wit or American Wheat. Wheat style to be declared by brewer and information provided to assist the Organisers.

Class 2: Fruit & Vegetable

Whole, processed, or flavours of fruit &/or vegetable products a featured ingredient. Brewer to nominate the featured ingredient and provide information provided to assist the Organisers.

Class 3: Organic

A labelled organic beer sold in compliance with local labelling /Govt. regulations and 90% of non water ingredients to be organic i.e. organic hops alone is insufficient . Brewer may consider entry in other appropriate classes e.g. ale or lager where less than 90% organic non water ingredients are used . The brewer is to provide evidence of organic status nominating the organic ingredients.

Class 4: Other Special Feature

A beer where a special ingredient, process etc contributes a unique character to the beer taste. Brewer is to describe the feature and attribute and provide information to assist the Organisers.

Class 5: Special Hop

A beer which exhibits uniquely innovative or defining hop character. While hops may dominate the beer's flavour profile it must remain pleasing to the palate justifying repeat purchase and the beer's commercial worth.

Class 6: Sour Beer

A beer characterised by an intentional tart sour taste . Other flavours may be present e.g. fruit, wood, brettanomyces but the other flavours should add complexity or balance to the overall characteristic sensory impact of sourness. Brewer is to provide information on ingredients/process to assist the organisers.

Class 7 : Zero Gluten Beer

A beer that does not contain gluten and is made from ingredients that do not contain gluten. Brewer is to provide information on the ingredients to assist the organisers .

Class 8 : "Gluten Free" / Reduced Gluten Beer

*Gluten Free beer, that is brewed from gluten containing ingredients , e.g. such as barley or wheat , that may include a gluten reduction step in processing and have up to a max of 20ppm gluten present should be entered as Gluten Free . **Note : Beers brewed from gluten containing ingredients e.g. such as barley or wheat, must NOT be entered as Zero gluten***

INTERNATIONAL DARK BEER COMPETITION - 4 Classes

Milds, Stouts and Porters, Lagers etc - Beer with a colour of > 40 EBC

Class 1: 2.9%-3.7% ABV **Class 2:** 3.8%- 4.7% ABV **Class 3:** 4.8%-5.7% ABV **Class 4:** 5.8%-6.9% ABV

INTERNATIONAL STRONG BEER COMPETITION- 7% and above - 5 Classes

Class 1: Lager **Class 2:** Ale **Class 3:** Dark **Class 4:** Speciality **Class 5:** 10% + Above, all beer categories