

The logo for the Hill Staff Homebrew Competition features the words "HILL STAFF" in a black, serif font at the top, arched over a central graphic of golden wheat stalks. Below this, the word "HOMEBREW" is written in a large, bold, orange-red serif font, and "COMPETITION" is written in a smaller, black, serif font at the bottom.

HILL STAFF HOMEBREW COMPETITION

2019 Rules & Regulations

1. **All entries must be homebrewed.** Commercially brewed beers or beers brewed on professional/commercial systems are ineligible, whether for commercial research, production or any other purpose, including equipment at brew-on-premises establishments.
2. Main entrant must work in some capacity on Capitol Hill, including but not limited to a congressional office, custodial, police and security, cloak room, etc.
3. Each entrant or team can submit a **maximum of one entry**. More than one entry in the competition is not allowed.
4. There is **no entry fee** for this competition.
5. **For each entry, brewers must provide FIVE 10-16 oz. or THREE 22 oz. or 750 ml bottles that are free from previous labeling.** Bottle caps should be plain; any markings should be blacked out with a permanent marker. NOTE: Bottles that are unique enough to identify the entrant may be subject to disqualification and should not be submitted.
6. Fill out the needed information for your entry in the database. This information will populate on the required documentation to attach to each bottle (called a Bottle ID Label). Proper documentation will be available via the competition website. The website will be provided to you by the competition organizer once registration opens. Bottles should be identified in the following manner:
 - a. Print out Bottle ID Label completely (available in your Brewer Profile).
 - b. RUBBER BAND a Bottle ID Label to each bottle.
 - c. **Do not** tape or glue labels.
7. Please fill out the entry forms in the database completely. Be meticulous and note any special ingredients that must be specified per the 2015 BCJP Style Guidelines. Failure to note such ingredients may impact the judges' scoring of your entry.
8. All entries submitted become property of the Capitol Hill Staff Homebrew Competition. No part of an entry will be returned. Bottles are not returned.
9. The American Homebrewers Association reserves the right to disqualify any entry for failure to comply with these rules. Disqualified entries may be evaluated but will not be eligible for awards or prizes. No entries will be returned. The decision of the judges is final.

BJCP Style Guidelines

1. All BJCP beer categories (categories 1-34) are eligible for submission. All subcategories for each major beer category are eligible.
2. Additional information (i.e. base style and specialty) about entries in categories requiring specialty information **must** be provided as described in the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines. Failure to include this information may lead to disqualification of your entry and will certainly be detrimental to your score.
3. Only beers are allowed, no meads or ciders.
4. The category and sub-category of the entry must be identified by the entrant, or the entry will not be judged. Organizers will not classify or reclassify your entries.
5. Each entry will be judged according to the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines for the category and subcategory in which it is entered.
6. Depending on the number and variety of total entries received, the competition organizers reserve the right to combine two or more style categories, to judging in mixed, “collapsed” categories.
7. We will announce category winners, as well as the Best-of-Show entry on a TBD date and location.

2019 Competition Dates

- July 2 – November 1: Registration
- August – November 1: Brew your beer in this time frame to have it ready to submit for judging
- November 22 – December 6: Drop off beer for judging (location TBD)
- December 8: Judging
- December 10: Award Ceremony and Brewers Association’s Holiday Tasting. The AHA will pour participants’ beer at the tasting!