



2015 House Of Brews Pro-Am Challenge



The House of Brews, in conjunction with MHTG, presents the 2015 House Of Brews Pro-Am Challenge.

This is a contest for MHTG homebrewers to submit their best beers to be judged by BJCP judges. The winning entry will be brewed at The House of Brews and submitted to the Pro-Am Challenge at the 2015 Great American Beer Festival.

Entrants must be willing to work with Page Buchanan and The House of Brews to brew the beer.

Basic rules:

- The contest is open to all MHTG members in good standing as of 1-December 2014.
- Members who have ever been employed at The House of Brews or who have ever been on the brewing staff at any brewery are not eligible.
- The winning brewer must maintain their MHTG membership at least through the 2015 GABF.
- The winning brewer must be an AHA member at the time the brewery enters the GABF competition and must have a valid AHA membership at the time of the GABF. MHTG will purchase a 1-year membership or extension for the winning brewer (the main brewer if there are co-brewers).
- The brewers must sign a Licensing Agreement prior to the submission of entries to the GABF. The Licensing Agreement limits and protects the way the GABF trademark is used.
- All Ale and Belgian styles are allowed, except Barley Wines, Lagers, and Sour Beers.
- The maximum allowed S. G. is 1.085.
- The winning beer cannot require a maturation time of more than one month.
- Submitted beers cannot require a maturation time of more than one month or the cost of \$10 per five gallon batch for specialty ingredients such as fruit, herbs, spices, vegetables, etc. (not including hops, malt and yeast).
- If the recipe calls for hops or any other ingredient that cannot reasonably be obtained by The House of Brews, a substitution will be made (with input from the brewer) at the discretion of The House of Brews. For recipes that call for ingredients like this, the brewers are encouraged to contact The House of Brews prior to submission.
- The recipe must be an original creation of the brewer, not a clone of a commercial beer or from a kit.
- Entries will be judged by BJCP judges according to the style guidelines they are entered under. Allowable styles are those listed in the 2008 BJCP stylebook (<http://tinyurl.com/d8nj78g>), those listed in the proposed 2014 BJCP style guidelines (<http://tinyurl.com/ooy77qd>), and those listed in the Brewers Association Style Guidelines (<http://tinyurl.com/o737z5g>).
- The winning brewers must agree to and sign a release form allowing The House of Brews to brew and sell the winning recipe.
- The beer will be made commercially available in the Madison area market.
- The House of Brews is planning to get the winning brewers' tickets to the GABF, as well as shared transportation and lodging with the brewery staff.

For each entry, the brewer must submit:

- Two bottles of beer, at least 12 ounces or 375 ml.
- Attach a bottle identification form to each bottle with a rubber band.
- Entries must be registered online at: <http://mhtg.brewcompetition.com>
- No more than three entries are allowed per brewer, and they must be different styles.

Entries must be mailed or delivered to:

The House of Brews
C/O The House of Brews Challenge
4539 Helgeson Drive
Madison, WI 53703

The entry deadline is March 20th. Judging will take place on March 21st.

If you have any questions about the contest please contact Peter Steinberg at peter.steinberg@charter.net

If you have any questions about the brewery's requirements please contact Page Buchanan at houseofbrewsmadison@gmail.com