

Description of Beer Categories for the 22st Annual USBTC Winter Competition

<u>Whiskey Barrel-Aged Beer:</u>	Beer of any style that is aged in a whiskey barrel or otherwise imparted with whiskey flavors. There is <u>no ABV limit</u> .
<u>Non-Whiskey Barrel/Wood-Aged Beer</u>	Beer of any style that is aged in other (non-whiskey) barrels or with wood chips. There is <u>no ABV limit</u> .
<u>Barleywine:</u>	<u>Ales with ABV>9.0%</u> , excluding American Black Ale (below) and Imperial IPA/Amber/Red Ale (a separate category in our summer competition).
<u>Strong Ale:</u>	<u>Ales with 6.5%<=ABV<=9.0%</u> , excluding American Black Ale (below) as well as India Pale Ale and Imperial IPA/Amber/Red Ale (summer categories).
<u>American Black Ale:</u>	Black IPA, Cascadian Dark Ale and aggressively-hopped Brown Ale are included in this category, which includes highly-hopped ales with a significant amount of dark malt character. There is <u>no ABV limit</u> .
<u>Imperial Stout:</u>	Stouts or porters with <u>ABV>7.5%</u> .
<u>Stout:</u>	All ales labeled “stout” with an <u>ABV of 7.5% or less</u> .
<u>Porter:</u>	All ales labeled “porter” with an <u>ABV of 7.5% or less</u> . This includes lager-yeast Baltic Porter if ABV is 7.5% or less. Otherwise, the beer should be placed in Imperial Stout.
<u>Scottish-style Ale:</u>	All ales brewed to mimic the Scottish tradition; that is, a heavily malt-accented character and often smoky/peaty/whiskey undertones. There is <u>no ABV limit</u> .
<u>Belgian/Abbey Strong Ale:</u>	Ales brewed in traditional Abbey/Belgian styles, including Dubbel, Quad and other strong Belgian ales. Excluded are Belgian Trippel which will be judged separately this winter and Belgian/French styles in our summer categories (Belgian Pale Ale, Saison, Farmhouse Ale, Belgian Bruin/Red Ale, Wit). There is <u>no ABV limit</u> .
<u>Belgian Trippel:</u>	Ales brewed in the traditional of Belgian Trippels. There is <u>no ABV limit</u> .
<u>Brown Ale:</u>	Ales brewed with significant amounts of dark malt typically imparting chocolate, nutty, and/or roast flavor, including Mild Ale. <u>ABV must be 6.5% or less</u> and the beer should not be otherwise classified as a porter/stout.
<u>Black/Dark Lager:</u>	Lagers denoted as “dunkel,” “schwarzbier,” “dark” or “black”. <u>ABV must be 6.5% or less</u> . Those with ABV>6.5% would be categorized in Bock (summer category).
<u>Vienna/Marzen Lager:</u>	Lagers described as “Vienna,” “Marzen,” “Octoberfest,” “Fest” or “Amber Lager” or “California Common.” <u>ABV must be 6.5% or less</u> . Those with ABV>6.5% would be categorized in Bock (summer category).
<u>Spice/Herb Beer:</u>	Beer of any style that contains a clearly detectable level of spice or herb flavoring in the taste, excluding Belgian styles. There is <u>no ABV limit</u> .
<u>Bean Beer:</u>	Beer with significant coffee, chocolate, vanilla or other flavor based on an addition that comes from a “bean.” The flavor must be imparted from the addition (as opposed to chocolate flavor coming solely from malt, for instance). There is <u>no ABV limit</u> .

Note that a beer can only be entered in one category.