

BIG BEND BREW OFF 2016

Official Rules and Regulations

Event Details Snapshot

Competition

- January 15-16, 2016; Friday 12PM - 4PM, Saturday 9am until completion
- Tri Eagle Sales ; 545 River Birch Road, Midway, FL ; 850-539-2539

Entries

- Entry Window: December 6, 2015 - January 8, 2016
- \$7 per entry; 4 entries per brewer; 1 entry per category
- Ship to: Big Bend Brew Off, Shane Brooks, 40 Savannah Forest Circle, Crawfordville, FL 32327

Entry and Category Information

- Eligibility: All entries must be homemade. No commercially brewed entries will be accepted.
- Each entrant can enter and submit up to four (4) entries maximum. No more than one entry per category.
- Total entries will be capped at 225.
- The Big Bend Brew Off is a beer-only competition. We will accept entries from categories 1- 34 of the current 2015 BJCP Beer Style Guidelines. No mead or cider entries will be judged. Full category descriptions can be found at www.bjcp.org.
- Deadlines: Entries will be accepted from December 6 to January 8. Official entry status may be confirmed by contacting the Registrar. No walk-in entries will be accepted. No entries will be accepted after January 8 2016, 8PM EST. No exceptions.
- Fees: Entry fee is \$7 per entry. An entry consists of three (3) bottles.

- How to Enter: Entrants must register their beer using the online registration system linked on bbbo.nfbl.org, which automatically updates the competition database.
- Window: The registration window opens on December 6, 2015: Fees must accompany entries and will be processed through the online registration. Entry fees are not refundable.
- Bottles: To ensure the anonymity of entrants, submit three bottles, 10 to 12 fluid ounces, brown or green color with no paper or inked labels, or any other identifying or distinguishing marks on the bottle. Raised brewery lettering on import beer bottles or beers with national distribution are acceptable but not encouraged. Remove or blur beyond distinction any identifying marks from bottle caps. Solid color bottle caps are acceptable. Caps with colors other than these finishes may be rejected at the discretion of the Judge Director. Caps with identifiable markings that make them unique as determined by the Judge Director with visible symbols, writing, etching, coating, etc. will be disqualified. If there is any doubt that a cap is compliant, it is recommended to apply a coat of opaque black (sharpie) ink to all surfaces of the caps. Grolsch-style bottles will not be accepted.
- Bottle forms: The online registration system will generate forms for use on each of your bottled entries. A fully completed, legible bottle identification form must accompany each entry bottle. If you forget to print out the labels when entering, you can print out labels with the information that you will receive via email confirming your entries. Bottle ID forms must be affixed to each bottle with a rubber band. Do not tape forms to bottles. Forms may be duplicated. Incomplete or illegible forms may result in disqualification.
- Shipping entries: Please ship or deliver entries to "Big Bend Brew Off, Shane Brooks, 40 Savannah Forest Circle, Crawfordville, FL 32327"
- Walk-in entries to the competition or to other non-designated NFBL events are not accepted. Entrants are responsible for packing entries accordingly.
- Categories may be combined at the discretion of the Organizer and the Judge Director. Entries in combined categories will be judged according to the style originally indicated by the brewer on the entry form.

- Entries must receive a minimum score of 30 to be awarded a medal. The competition organizers reserve the right not to award medals for all places if deemed appropriate by the Judge Director.
- Entries may be disqualified from the competition by the Organizer for failure to comply with any of the official rules.

Competition Staff

Organizer: Geo Miller

Judge Director: Rick Lindburg

Registrar: Shane Brooks

Head Steward: Bruce Lytle

Cellarmaster: David Lundquist

Hospitality Coordinator: Sarah Bridegroom , Lori Lindburg

All BBBO staff can be contacted at competition@nfbl.org