



## **Shipping Information\***

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It is the registered team's responsibility to adequately pack and ship their entries and have them arrive intact. It is recommended that a sturdy box be used to pack entries. Line the inside of the package with a plastic trash bag. Pack each bottle separately with adequate packaging material. Registered teams should refrain from using packing "peanuts" if possible; use of bubble wrap or newspaper is preferred. Do not over pack! The package should weigh less than 25 pounds.

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) is NOT responsible for shipping/handling/storage/etc. of any team's entry. It is solely the responsibility of the registered team to complete the necessary processes to present its entry at the competition.

All shipments must arrive at the competition site at least 90 minutes prior on the day of competition to be eligible for judging. No refrigeration will be provided at the competition site. Keeping brews at a desired temperature is the responsibility of the registered team. Beers will be chilled on site with buckets of ice.

It is not against any federal laws to ship "yeast samples" via a privately-owned shipping company for analytical purposes. The following links provide guidance for team members to ship and store their entries of yeast samples for analysis.

- ["How to Pack Your Beer"](#) - An excellent source of advice on how to save time and money, and avoid broken bottles.
- ["The Competitive Edge"](#) - An article about entering competitions.

Teams should note that it is illegal to ship alcoholic beverages via the U.S. Postal Service. Private shipping carrier rules and regulations concerning the shipment of beer or alcoholic beverages vary. We strongly encourage registered teams to check with their shipping carrier prior to shipping entries.

To ensure that all entries are received in time for the competition, teams are encouraged to begin the shipping process no later than one week ahead of the competition date.

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