



## Eligibility

- Team members must be aged 21+, and at least one team member must also be under the age of 35
- Team members must be a current AIChE professional member (2018). Undergraduate students are not eligible and will not be allowed to compete
- Teams must be formed through an active AIChE local section
- Local sections can have more than one team participate
- Only teams from the continental United States can participate
- Teams must complete all [registration](#) and [liability](#) forms

## Competition Requirements

- Teams must participate in both the tasting and poster competitions
- Teams may submit up to **three styles of beer** into the competition. Any beer style may be submitted into the competition so long as it is a [Beer Judge Certification Program official beer style](#)
- Each team's entry must be submitted in the form of 12-ounce bottles, **free of ink or labeling beyond competition entry labels**. Bottle caps that are non-plain in color must have any logo or lettering obliterated. Note that artistic beer label should only be on the poster entry
  - Six (6) bottles are required for each beer submission
  - Alcohol content shall not exceed 15% by volume (ABV)
- Beers brewed on the premises of competition, or at a commercial brewery or brewpub are not eligible. Only beers made from non-professional equipment are allowed to be entered
- At least one team member must be present on competition day
- No part of an entry will be returned to a team. Bottles will not be returned.
- It is the responsibility of each team to adequately pack and ship competition entries in sturdy packaging that will resist damage and in a manner that abides by relevant laws and regulations. AIChE is NOT responsible for transportation or handling of any team's beer submissions. (See more information on [Shipping Instructions](#))
  - A storage hall shall be provided at the competition site one day prior to the competition. However, no refrigeration shall be provided at the storage site. Temperature control is the responsibility of each team; competition coordinators will have ice and buckets onsite the morning of the event

- No alcoholic beverage shall be permitted except in the designated judging area and to the designated judges. Doing otherwise will be grounds for removal from the competition and conference, and violators will be subject to local laws

## Poster Guidelines

To qualify for the Grand Prize, each team must submit a poster in the same beer style as the brewed beer. If multiple beer styles are being judged, each team needs only to create a poster and present on one beer style.

- Team posters shall include, but not limited to:
  - Beer recipe
  - Mass balances
  - % ABV calculations
  - Brew house efficiency calculations (click [here](#) for more information)
  - Process used to brew
  - Any other production information pertinent to the entrant and its style.
  - Optional: artistic beer label
- Each team shall conduct a 5-minute poster presentation during the scheduled event

See sample poster score card [here](#).

## Tasting Judging

Judging shall occur in accordance with [BJCP guidelines](#), including but not limited to the following:

- Blind tasting where judges shall not have the identity of the brewer or entrant team.
- Entries shall be judged in accordance with published style guidelines.
- Judging panels shall have a minimum of two and maximum of four judges.

See sample tasting score card [here](#).

## Awards

Tasting Competition: 80% of overall score. Judged by Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) official judges.

Poster Competition: 20% of overall score. Judged by AIChE professional members.

Grand Prize: Best cumulative score of the tasting and poster competitions. Winning team members of the grand prize will receive a complimentary membership to AIChE for the 2019 dues year (\$199 value per person). Grand prize winners will also be featured in an AIChE webinar reviewing their winning brew processes.

#### List of 2018 Competition Awards:

- Grand Prize (1st Place) - 80% taste/20% poster
- 1st Runner-Up Grand Prize (2nd Place) - 80% taste/20% poster
- 2nd Runner-Up Grand Prize (3rd Place) - 80% taste/20% poster
- Best of Show (BoS) - Tasting Winner from BJCP judges
- Best Poster Presentation Winner – winner from poster judges
- Best Beer Name – from guest judges
- People's Choice Award – from guest judges
- Most Efficient Brew – The team with the best brewhouse efficiency number
- Biggest Beer – Beer with the highest starting gravity before fermentation
- Lightest Weight Beer – Beer with the lowest percentage alcohol
- Best Beer Label - to be shown on the poster, not the entry bottles

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