



2016 Fond du Lac Brew Festival Home Brewing Competition Rules

Home Brewer expectations/limitations

- Each home brewer may enter as many of their beers in the competition as they wish.
- Home brew clubs may enter “club brews” where the club, not the individual brewer, shall receive recognition for the beer(s) brewed.
- Home brewers shall have a list of beers they will be entering in the competition to the Central Wisconsin Vintners & Brewers no later than January 10, 2016. Any submissions received after January 10, 2016 will still be eligible for the competition, but will not be printed in the program. Space will be available in the program for write-in votes.
- Each home brewer shall be responsible for pouring samples or supplying a representative to pour samples of their beers entered in the competition.
- Any representative chosen to pour for a brewer must be a club member and have knowledge of the beer(s) being poured.
- Beer may be delivered in any way the home brewer sees fit (ex. keg, bottles, bomber).
- Each brewer taking part in the competition will need to be able to provide a minimum of 12 ounces of product in portable container(s) such as bottles, growlers, etc. at 8:00 pm for possible participation in the expert judging round. Failure to do so will result in the beer not being judged.

Competition voting & judging

- The competition shall run from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- This competition shall be divided into 2 rounds, primary voting round and an expert judging round.

Primary voting round

- Each paying participant shall select and vote for their favorite home brewed beers by voting using the pre-printed ballot in the program.
- Each paying participant of the festival shall receive 3 votes. If more than 3 beers are selected, the judges will pick the first 3 on the ballot.
- Open voting shall conclude at 8:00 pm (1 hour prior to festival end time).
- Votes shall be counted by members of the sponsored charity.
- The top 8 beers shall be entered in the expert judging round.
- In the event of a tie, Fox River Brewing shall make the final determination of the beers moving on to the expert judging round.

Expert judging round

- The expert judging round shall begin immediately after the announcement of the top 8 beers from the primary voting round.
- The secondary judging shall be performed by a panel of Brew Masters selected from the attending breweries.
- Fox River Brewing shall pick the expert panel of judges.
- The winning beer will be announced prior to the end of the festival, and will be awarded the chance to have their beer brewed by Fox River Brewing, and also the chance to be on site while their beer is brewed.