

## **Mad Zymurgists / Oaktoberfest German Beers Only Competition 2010**

### **1. General**

The 2010 Oaktoberfest Homebrew Competition is an American Homebrewers Association / Beer Judge Certification Program sanctioned event. AHA / BJCP rules and procedures shall apply. The Mad Zymurgists homebrew club has been selected by the Oaktoberfest organizing committee to run the Homebrew Competition.

The Competition is open only to individuals producing beer in a homebrew setting. Commercially produced beers or those produced at a brew-on-premises facility, microbrewery, or brewpub are not eligible. Competition is open to all home brewers over 21 years of age on October 1st, 2010.

Competition staff, judges, and stewards are eligible to enter the competition. Judges and stewards may not participate in the judging of their entries. Safeguards will be put in place to prevent judges from knowing the identity of the brewer of the entries they are judging.

### **2. Entries**

Each entry shall consist of three (3) 12-oz. brown glass, crown capped, bottles, free of commercial labels, raised marks or lettering, or other identifying markings besides the official Bottle Label. Generic embossed markings along the bottom of the bottle are OK. Plain, unmarked crown caps (any color), caps with standard printing on the edges (e.g., "Oxycap"), or printed caps thoroughly blacked out with permanent marker are acceptable. Corked, corked and capped, corked and caged, and swing top stopper bottles (e.g., Grölsch) will not be accepted. A properly completed Bottle Label must be attached to each bottle with one or more rubber bands. Do not use tape or glue.

Each entry shall be accompanied by a completed Entry Form and payment. The fee for each entry is \$7.00. There is no discount for multiple entries. Please make checks payable to **Mad Zymurgists**, or pay using PayPal, following the instructions at: [madzymurgists.org/oaktoberfest](http://madzymurgists.org/oaktoberfest). Download the Entry Form and Bottle Labels from the same page.

On the entry form, please include a complete, accurate, and legible email address and street address, so we have means to deliver your scoresheets. Entrants may pick up their scoresheets after awards are announced at approximately 2PM on the the main stage of the Oaktoberfest event October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Remaining scoresheets may be scanned and emailed to participants, or mailed, at the discretion of the organizer. For Entry Forms which are received with inaccurate, illegible or missing information, note that the entrant may not receive scoresheets or awards.

Entries shall be classified and judged per BJCP Style Guidelines which are available at [www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org). Refer to the next section for a list of styles accepted for this competition. Style assignments made by the entrant are final; entries will not be reassigned once judging begins. Participants are allowed to submit multiple entries of a given beer style (e.g., 2 different Traditional Bocks). These will be differentiated by their entry numbers at left on the Entry Form. If entering multiple beers of a given style, be sure to note the entry numbers on the bottle labels, and keep track of which beer corresponds with each entry number, for your records.

## 2010 Oaktobefest Homebrew Competition Rules

Entries become the property of the Oaktobefest Homebrew Competition and will not be returned. Entries not conforming to these guidelines will be disqualified and will not be returned.

### 3. Accepted Styles

The following list shows the BJCP styles which will be accepted for the competition and the anticipated grouping of styles which will be used for judging and awards. Final groupings of styles will be at the sole discretion of the competition organizer depending on the number of entries received.

Entries submitted in subcategories not listed here will be immediately disqualified, and will not be judged or returned. ★Do not enter styles in categories other than those shown below!★

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| 1D. <a href="#"><u>Munich Helles</u></a>            | 6C. <a href="#"><u>Kölsch</u></a>                        |
| 1E. <a href="#"><u>Dortmunder Export</u></a>        | 7A. <a href="#"><u>Northern German Altbier</u></a>       |
| 2A. <a href="#"><u>German Pilsner (Pils)</u></a>    | 7C. <a href="#"><u>Düsseldorf Altbier</u></a>            |
| 3A. <a href="#"><u>Vienna Lager</u></a>             | 15A. <a href="#"><u>Weizen/Weissbier</u></a>             |
| 3B. <a href="#"><u>Oktoberfest</u></a>              | 15B. <a href="#"><u>Dunkelweizen</u></a>                 |
| 4B. <a href="#"><u>Munich Dunkel</u></a>            | 15C. <a href="#"><u>Weizenbock</u></a>                   |
| 4C. <a href="#"><u>Schwarzbier (Black Beer)</u></a> | 15D. <a href="#"><u>Roggenbier (German Rye Beer)</u></a> |
| 5A. <a href="#"><u>Maibock/Helles Bock</u></a>      | 17A. <a href="#"><u>Berliner Weisse</u></a>              |
| 5B. <a href="#"><u>Traditional Bock</u></a>         | 22A. <a href="#"><u>Classic Rauchbier</u></a>            |
| 5C. <a href="#"><u>Doppelbock</u></a>               | 22B. <a href="#"><u>Other Smoked Beer*</u></a>           |
| 5D. <a href="#"><u>Eisbock</u></a>                  | * With a German base style only                          |

Tentative competition style groupings for judging and award purposes (**groups may be revised**):

Group A Light	Group B Amber	Group C Dark	Group D Bock	Group E Wheat	Group F "Other"
1D, 1E, 2A, 6C	3A, 3B, 7A, 7C	4B, 4C	5A thru D	15A thru D	17A, 22A, 22B

### 4. Delivery

Entries will be accepted between September 11<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the locations shown below. Entries can be delivered in person to any of the drop-off locations, or shipped to the Brewmaster location. Please check with your preferred location for their normal business hours. Entrants are solely responsible for assuring all applicable regulatory requirements related to shipping alcoholic beverages are met. Do not submit entries via the U.S. Postal Service.

Packing and shipping tips: Carefully pack entries in a sturdy box. Line the inside of the package with a plastic trash bag. Partition and pack each bottle with adequate packaging material. Do not over pack! Package should weigh less than 25 pounds. "Bubble wrap" works well for protecting bottles. Avoid using packing "peanuts" as bottles can easily shift. Private shipping carrier rules and regulations concerning the shipment of beer or alcoholic beverages vary. Entrants are strongly encouraged to check with the shipping carrier prior to shipping entries. Entrants are solely responsible for assuring the security and proper delivery of shipped entries.

**IMPORTANT: Please clearly mark your box as “Attn: MZ Oaktoberfest.”**

★★★ Include this note in the address line for any shipped entries. ★★★

**ENTRY LOCATIONS:**

<b><u>Ship-to or Drop-off:</u></b> <b>Brewmaster</b> 2315 Verna Ct. San Leandro, CA 94577 (510) 351-8920	<b><u>Drop-off Only:</u></b> <b>Oak Barrel</b> 1443 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley, CA, 94702 (510) 849-0400	<b><u>Drop-off Only:</u></b> <b>The Good Brewer</b> 2960 Pacific Ave. Livermore, CA 94550 (925) 373-0333	<b><u>Drop-off Only:</u></b> <b>HopTech</b> 6398 Dougherty Rd #7 Dublin, CA 94568 (925) 875-0246
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Entries will not be accepted at the listed location beyond the close of business on the latest date shown. Entries arriving via common carrier after that date will not be accepted for the competition and will not be returned. Entrants are solely responsible for assuring entries arrive on time.

**5. Judging and Awards**

Judging of entries shall be performed to the maximum extent practical by BJCP ranked judges, and in accordance with Beer Judge Certification Program guidelines ([www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org)).

Beers within individual styles or groupings of styles shall be assigned a consensus score per BJCP procedures with 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place award ribbons going to the beers with the 3 highest scores respectively. The competition organizer reserves the right to assign a minimum score required to receive an award within any style or group of styles.

The top ranked beer within each style or group of styles will automatically be entered into a Best of Show competition, the winner of which shall be awarded a special Best of Show award. Judging and Best of Show judging will not be open to the public or competition participants other than judges, stewards, or competition organizers who are also entrants.

All judges' decisions are final. Winners' names will not be released until the Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony will take place on October 9, 2010 at approximately 2pm on the Main Stage of the Oaktoberfest event in Oakland, CA, and awards will be presented to the winners who are present at that time. Entrants are encouraged to attend the event, but need not be present to win. Awards for those not attending the festival will be mailed to the individual participants within 30 days of the event.

**For more information about the Oaktoberfest festival, please visit: [www.oaktoberfest.org](http://www.oaktoberfest.org).**