

**Modesto Mashers**  
**In-House and AHA Club Only Competition Rules**

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**Objectives**

- The objectives of competition are many. Competition encourages our members to improve their brewing from a better understanding of the brewing process through: sensory analysis, feed back from judges, and healthy rivalry between brewers.
- One of the most valuable skills a brewer can acquire is the ability to objectively analyze his or her beer. Competitions provide a means to educate and train our members to evaluate beer toward the goal of becoming a better brewer.
- Competitions can also encourage our members to seek formal certification as a judge in the BJCP.
- Competition provides a means to identify and recognize outstanding club brewers.
- Any member that wishes to judge is encouraged to show up for the judging process whether they are BJCP certified or not.
- Competitions are also just plain fun!

**Competition Rules**

1. Entry is open to all Modesto Mashers members in good standing.
2. Beers are to be made in the home for private and non-commercial use. Beer made at a commercial brewery or a brew-on-premise-brewery is not eligible for competition.
3. An entry fee of \$7.00 must accompany each entry (beer). The entry fees shall be used to pay for shipping costs and entry fees for AHA Club Only competitions, for glassware, paperwork, and other judging requirements, and to fund the Modesto Mashers Brewer of the Year Prize.
4. Each entry shall consist of three (3) 12 oz. brown glass bottles, free of identifiable markings, labels, raised glass designs, etched logos, or any other markings. Caps must be plain or have any crown cap markings obscured with black ink. Swing top bottles are not permitted. Nip bottles (6 oz. or 8 oz.) will be accepted in Strong Ale, Barley Wine, Mead, and Cider categories. The three (3) bottles will cover the one (1) bottle required for judging and the two (2) bottles to be shipped to final locations. Three (3) bottles are also required in the event of possible bottle infection, to allow judges to call for a second or third bottle in such case of infection or bottle gushing.
5. An official registration form must be submitted with each entry and must be fully completed. An official bottle identification form must be completed and attached to each bottle by a rubber band. Both forms can be located at <http://forum.modestomashers.com/viewtopic.php?t=335>
6. Entries not meeting the specifications of the above paragraphs will be evaluated and a scoring sheet prepared, but will be disqualified from the competition.
7. Beer submitted and all entry fees are non-refundable.
8. The categories to be judged in each competition shall be posted on the Modesto Mashers Events web page in advance of the competition. The Competition Organizers reserve the right to reassign monthly competition categories; and combine, or subdivide categories as required to facilitate effective and fair judging.
9. All competitions will use the 2004 Beer Judge Certification Program Style Guidelines. A downloadable version of the complete style descriptions is available at [www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org).
10. It is the brewer's responsibility to enter his or her beer in the proper category. Judges and Organizers are prohibited from classifying or reclassifying your entry.
11. Judging will follow BJCP competition guidelines, the BJCP Competition Handbook, and Judge

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Procedures Manual as closely as possible with the judge staffing available. The above manuals are available at <http://www.bjcp.org/compcenter.html>

12. Unless otherwise indicated in the competition announcement, entries are to be delivered to Barley & Wine, 1125 Lone Palm Ave., Unit C, Modesto, California, and are due at 6:00 p.m., on the date the competition is to be held. Late entries are disqualified from the competition, but will be evaluated if judges are available.
13. All decisions of the Organizers are final. Any interference in judging or the conduct of the competition will result in disqualification from the competition and the Modesto Mashers Brewer of the Year Program.
14. Submission of entry(s) to any competition implies acceptance of all rules and conditions as stated above.
15. All participating judges shall be required to read through the BJCP Judges Manual and Modesto Masher Competition Rules and sign a memorandum of understanding prior to participation each year.

**Brewer of the Year Program**

16. The purpose of the Brewer of the Year Program is to encourage members to participate in club competitions and to provide a mechanism by which to identify and recognize outstanding brewers in our club.
17. Participation in the Modesto Mashers Brewer of the Year Program is open to all club members in good standing.
18. The Program period will commence on December 1 of each year and run through November 30 of the following year. (i.e: 01Dec2006 to 30Nov2007)
19. The member who accumulates the most points during the Program period will be awarded the Brewer of the Year title at an award ceremony in December following the Program period. One Grand Prize will be awarded to the participant with the most accumulated points. Actual Grand Prize, and any second and third prizes, will be awarded due to availability of competition funds.
20. Points will be awarded for participation in each competition organized by the club.
  - a. 1 point is awarded for each entry (beer)
  - b. 12 points are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place
  - c. 8 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - d. 4 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
21. Points will be awarded for winning entries into the AHA National Homebrew Competition.
  - 8 points for Best of Show entry
  - 6 points for 1st place entries
  - 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries
  - 2 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries

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