



COMPETITION CLASSES 2024

The 2024 International Brewing Awards Competition will consist of 9 Competitions comprising 36 classes.

The 9 Championship trophies are;

- International Cask Conditioned Ale
- International Keg Lager
- International Keg Ale
- International Smallpack Lager
- International Smallpack Ale
- International Non-Alcoholic and Low Alcoholic Beer
- International Speciality Beer
- International Dark Beer (Milds, Stouts, Porters, Lagers etc)
- International Strong Beer

Each class is intended to have Bronze, Silver and Gold winners. The Gold winner of each class is then re-judged to establish the Championship Beers. There is no Supreme Champion.

All medals, certificates and trophies will be presented at the Brewing, Food & Beverage Industry Suppliers' Association (BFBi) National Luncheon, Guildhall, City of London, UK on 1st May 2024

DRAUGHT BEER:

INTERNATIONAL CASK CONDITIONED ALE COMPETITION - 6 Classes

Ales conditioned in cask on live yeast to be dispensed via tap & spigot direct from cask to glass without the aid of extraneous gas pressure. Dark beer classes for beers with a colour of > 40 EBC

Class 1: 2.9%-3.8% ABV **Class 2:** 3.9%-4.3% ABV **Class 3:** 4.4%-4.8% ABV **Class 4:** 4.9%-6.9% ABV
Class 5: Dark Ale – 2.9%-4.8% **Class 6:** Dark Ale – 4.9% - 6.9%

INTERNATIONAL KEG LAGER COMPETITION - 2 Classes

Lagers conditioned and finished in brewery and dispensed from a keg with the aid of gas pressure.

Class 1: 2.9%-4.4% ABV **Class 2:** 4.5%-6.9% ABV

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SMALLPACK BEER:

INTERNATIONAL SMALLPACK LAGER COMPETITION - 4 Classes

Class 1: 2.9%-4.4% ABV **Class 2:** 4.5%-4.9% ABV **Class 3:** 5.0%-5.4% ABV **Class 4:** 5.5%-6.9% ABV

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COMBINED DRAUGHT AND SMALLPACK:

INTERNATIONAL NON & LOW-ALCOHOL BEER COMPETITION - 3 Classes

Class 1: Zero alcohol (zero up to 0.05% abv). *Applies to UK Zero alcohol/alcohol free beers and some EU beers. Any style produced in the market context of a beer, with alcohol up to 0.05%abv. May be formulated from flavours but should fit the market context of a beer.*

Class 2: Ultra low alcohol (0.06% to 1.1% ABV) *applies to some EU zero alcohol beers where EU legislation (or any other) allows 0.5% abv and any other beer from any geography up to 1.1%. Beer of any style brewed in compliance with local regulations as a beer with .06% up to 1.1%abv.*

Class 3: Low (1.2%-2.8 % ABV) *Beer of any style in the ABV range*

INTERNATIONAL SPECIALITY BEER COMPETITION - up to 6.9% ABV - 6 Classes

Class 1: Wheat style

A recognised wheat style: e.g. German Weizen or Weiss style, Belgian Wit or American Wheat. Wheat style to be declared by brewer and information provided to assist the Organisers.

Class 2: Fruit & Vegetable

Whole, processed, or flavours of fruit &/or vegetable products a featured ingredient. Brewer to nominate the featured ingredient and provide information provided to assist the Organisers.

Class 3: Other Special Feature

A beer where a special ingredient, process etc contributes a unique character to the beer taste. Brewer is to describe the feature and attribute and provide information to assist the Organisers.

Class 4: Special Hop

A beer which exhibits uniquely innovative or defining hop character. While hops may dominate the beer's flavour profile it must remain pleasing to the palate justifying repeat purchase and the beer's commercial worth.

Class 5: Sour Beer

A beer characterised by an intentional tart sour taste . Other flavours may be present e.g. fruit, wood, brettanomyces but the other flavours should add complexity or balance to the overall characteristic sensory impact of sourness. Brewer is to provide information on ingredients/process to assist the organisers.

Class 6 : "Gluten Free" / Reduced Gluten Beer

Gluten Free beer, that is brewed from gluten containing ingredients , e.g. such as barley or wheat , that may include a gluten reduction step in processing and have up to a max of 20ppm gluten present should be entered as Gluten Free . This class may also include Zero Gluten beers.

INTERNATIONAL DARK BEER COMPETITION - 4 Classes

Milds, Stouts and Porters, Lagers etc - Beer with a colour of > 40 EBC

Class 1: 2.9%-3.7% ABV **Class 2:** 3.8%- 4.7% ABV **Class 3:** 4.8%-5.7% ABV **Class 4:** 5.8%-6.9% ABV

INTERNATIONAL STRONG BEER COMPETITION- 7% and above - 5 Classes

Class 1: Lager **Class 2:** Ale **Class 3:** Dark **Class 4:** Speciality **Class 5:** 10% + Above, all beer categories