



BJCP EXAM GRADER TRAINING PROGRAM

A Joint Education & Exam Directorate Initiative

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Program Objectives

- Establish more consistent grading results across exams.
- Train / retrain National or higher judges to be exam graders.
- Provide existing graders with an opportunity to calibrate to current grading practices.
- Expose new graders to a trial exercise ahead of receiving their first set.
- Award participants with an CEP points and exam grading credit for their efforts after successfully completing an exam grading educational track.
- Provide a self paced offering that can be accessed regardless of location.
- Opportunity to provide the offering in multiple languages per demand.



Program Overview

- All Grader Candidates their first time through the program would need to complete a prerequisite Exam Grading Process Overview course.
- Grader Candidates would then complete an educational track in order to satisfy program requirements and receive points/exam credit:
 - Beer Judging.
 - Mead Judging.
 - Beer Written Proficiency.
 - Cider Judging.
- Educational track would consists of:
 - Review of and test on a scoring guide pertaining to the specific track.
 - Completing and submitting a exam grading exercise.





Program Overview



- Upon successful completion of both prerequisite course and first educational track course Participants would receive:
 - ✓ 3 CEP Points
 - ✓ Credit for grading 6 tasting exams
- Upon completion of subsequent educational tracks Participants would receive:
 - ✓ TBD
 - ✓ 0.5 Non-Judging Point and TBD GMSR Points
- Exam Grading Overview Prerequisite Time Estimate – 1 to 2 hours.
- Exam Track Grading Exercise Time Estimate – 6 to 8 hours.



National or Higher Level Judge

- ### Exam Grading Process Overview
- Prerequisite to any focused track
 - BJCP Exam Grader Policy review
 - BJCP Exam Grading Process document review
 - Test: 50 questions / 30 minute limit / 80% to pass

Exam Grader Training Program

Beer Judging Exam Grader Track

Beer Written Proficiency Exam Grader Track

Mead Judging Exam Grader Track

Cider Judging Exam Grader Track

- ### Beer Judging Exam Grader Training
- BJCP Exam Scoring Guide review
 - BJCP Scoresheet Guide review
 - Compile entry info exercise using Proctor sheets, Exam Admin info, and Style Guideline
 - Grade six sample exams
 - Enter exam scores into system test questions and compare to previously compiled scores
 - Test: 24 questions / no time limit / 80% to pass

Beer Written Proficiency Exam Grader Training
(To Be Developed)

Mead Judging Exam Grader Training
(To Be Developed)

Cider Judging Exam Grader Training
(To Be Developed)

Beer Judging Exam Grader

Beer Written Proficiency Exam Grader

Mead Judging Exam Grader

Cider Judging Exam Grader



Priority of Track Development

1. Beer Judging Exam.
2. Beer Written Proficiency.
3. Determine if Mead / Cider Judging Exams should be addressed or offer existing tracks in other languages.



FAQ

Will existing graders be required to take these courses?

- The training will be required for all new graders entering system after August 1, 2016.
- All active graders must complete the courses by January 1, 2017. If a grader doesn't complete the courses they will be removed from the list of active graders on January 1, 2017.
- If more than 2 years have passed since a grader's last graded an exam set then a grader must re-take the training before being allowed to grade another exam set.

Who would have access to the courses?

Only National, Master, and Grand Master level Judges would have access to these courses. They are added to a system security group and only that group has access to the course. Once a judge reaches a level of National or higher they will be automatically enrolled in the Grader Training Program.



FAQ

Once I become a National or higher judge, must I take the Grader Training Program courses?

No. Taking the courses, as well as becoming an exam grader is completely optional.

Will we have to re-take this training in the future?

If significant updates are made to the training courses we may require graders to retake a class in the future.

How will we know who has earned successfully completed the training?

The portal system automatically emails Education Directorate and Participant receives a system message when the training requirements have been satisfied. The system can also produce an ongoing list of those who have satisfied the requirements.



FAQ

When can I expect to see the earned points on my judge report?

Points will not automatically appear on your judge report upon completion of the training. They will be sent in batch to the IT Directorate on a monthly basis. Depending on when the judge database is refreshed, it could take 1 to 2 months for them to appear on a judge's record.

I've been grading for a long time. Is there any way I can get out of it?

If a grader thinks they shouldn't have to meet the requirement they can ask for a waiver from exam_director@bjcp.org but granting a waiver requires a quorum of the Exam Directors.

Is anyone exempt from the training?

All members of the current Exam Directorate staff are exempted from the requirement - many of them participated in developing/qualifying the classes.



Beer Judging Exam Grader Training

Inaugural Track Offering of the Exam Grader Training Program



Exam Grading Process Prerequisite Course

- The objective of this course is to provide an understanding of the BJCP exam grading process.
- All participants must first review the exam grading process materials and pass the test before moving on to a focused exam grading track.
- Test is 50 questions. True/False, Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer, Match Role to Statement. 30 minute time frame. Must get an 80% to pass.
- Participant can take the test over and over again without penalty until they pass. Questions are re-shuffled each time they re-take and possible answers are re-shuffled within questions.
- Highest grade is retained by the system.



Exam Grading Process Prerequisite Course

Coming out of this course Participants should know:

- Grading quality and timeliness expectations.
- All roles involved in the grading process and associated duties.
- The steps involved in the grading process and dependencies.
- Information confidentiality and communication expectations.
- Points assigned to Graders.
- Consequences for late completion or poor performance.
- Process for Grader reinstatement.



Beer Judging Examination Grader Training

- The objective of this course is to provide an understanding of how to grade a Beer Judging Exam using some hypothetical exams that were developed by the Exam Directorate.
- Participants will first review the scoring guides, compile information pertaining to an exam beer, complete a grading exercise, and submit the scores from their grading exercise.
- Once a Participant has completed all of the exercises they will receive notification of satisfying the Beer Judging Exam Training requirement.
- There are 6 tests, one for each exam that the Participant is grading.
- Each test has 4 questions to capture the Participant's scores for Perception, Description, Feedback, and Completeness.



Beer Judging Examination Grader Training

- There are 24 total questions between the 6 tests.
- Must get an 80% to pass or 20 of 24 correct.
- Participant can take any of the tests over and over again without penalty until they pass.
- Correct answers will be displayed to the user after taking the test, but they will not have access to those answers once the test has completed.
- Highest grade is retained by the system.
- What the course and training does not provide:
 - A reconciliation exercise with another grader.
 - Exercise of populating scores in an EGF.
 - Completing an RTP.



Beer Judging Examination Grader Training

Coming out of this course Participants will have experience with:

- How to compile Proctor, Exam Admin, and Style Guideline information prior to grading sheets for an exam beer.
- How to approach grading Perception, Descriptions, Feedback, and Completeness.
- Expectations of Recognized, Certified, National, and Master level score sheets.
- For new graders, exposure to the documents and process ahead of getting their first grading set.
- Understand the time commitment associated with grading exams.
- For existing graders an opportunity to recalibrate.



Course Feedback

- Each course contains a Feedback section.
- Optional for each participant, does not factor in to satisfying the Beer Judging Exam Training requirement.
- Standardized questioning aimed at providing metrics about the courses themselves as well as training directorate offerings.
- Two open ended questions to allow for free text responses.



Questions?

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