

# Want to Judge Beer?

## BECOME A BJCP-CERTIFIED BEER JUDGE

*Do you love craft beer and know more about beer than most of your friends?*



*Do you want to learn more about world beer styles?*



*Do you want to know how to pick a great beer from those that are merely average?*



*Do you make your own beer but want to know how to improve it?*

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, then you could have what it takes to be a good beer judge.

### What is the BJCP?

The Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) is an independent organization of over 5000 beer judges in 12 countries. BJCP judges evaluate beer and select winners in homebrew and commercial beer competitions. You become a BJCP judge by passing the BJCP exam, a written test of judge knowledge, and a tasting test of practical judging skills.

### Judging Skills

Judges learn a good working knowledge of world beer styles, know how to properly and completely evaluate a beer, understand and recognize basic beer faults, and develop a vocabulary sufficient to communicate perceptions and ideas.

Judges assess the aroma, appearance, flavor, and mouth-feel of beer, describing the intensity and character of all elements they perceive. They communicate their thoughts to brewers using scoresheets.

### Learning More

The BJCP publishes free educational references and tools to help beer judges and consumers learn more about beer. Our style guidelines are also available for iPhone and Android mobile phones (search for "BJCP" in the app stores). Many homebrew clubs offer exam prep classes and judge training sessions. Volunteer to judge or steward at a local homebrew competition to see what judges do, and to meet some great people.



*Judging Best of Show at the Toronado Barleywine Festival*



*Filling Out a Judging Scoresheet*



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Our website contains beer style guidelines, exam study guides, sample scoresheets, and other helpful materials. Visit it to find out more information, to learn of BJCP activities in your area, or to meet local contacts.