

D. Rules of the AABC (Australian Amateur Brewing Championship)

Except for the rules that specifically apply to the AABC (D1, D4, and D10–Champion State), these rules shall also be used by the State/Territory Qualifying Championships.

D1. Qualification. The first three placegetters at State/Territory Championships automatically qualify for entry to the Australian Amateur Brewing Championship in the same year (see D8 for resolving tied scores). A maximum of three entries in any category will be accepted from each State/Territory. Entrants may enter only those categories in which their placings were achieved. If the original beer is no longer available, entrants may submit a different beer in the same or a different style in that category. The beer style nominated must be a designated style for the category, as listed on AABC Entry Form available at www.aabc.org.au. Organizers reserve the right to reclassify or disqualify non-conforming entries. In the event that a qualifying entrant is unable to submit a beer in a particular category, State/Territory organizers may invite the next highest scoring entrant in that category to do so, in his/her own name, in order to fill the quota of three entries for AABC.

D2. Entries. No more than **two entries** are allowed from each entrant in any one Category. Within this rule, no more than **one entry** is allowed in any one style. (This rule would normally be enforced in State/Territory Qualifying Championships.)

D3. Amateur brews. The competition is restricted to amateur brews, that is to beers not subject to excise duty. This means any beer not fermented on licensed brewing premises is eligible, including beers made using extract kits, wort kits, or any other source of fresh wort. Brew-On-Premises beers are ineligible as these are subject to excise duty. Entries must be submitted under the brewer's own name.

D4. One Qualifying Championship per Brewer. Entrants can only qualify from one State/Territory Qualifying Championship.

D5. Bottles. Each entry must consist of a single bottle of at least 500 mL in volume or two smaller bottles to make up at least 500 mL. Both glass and plastic bottles are acceptable. Bottles should not have any unique identifying features other than possibly a batch code on the bottle cap.

D6. Judging. Judging will be by blind tasting. Where possible, each judging panel will include at least one BJCP-qualified judge. Neither the judges nor the stewards serving the judges should know the name of the brewer whose beer is being served. Judges decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into. Completed judging/score sheets will be returned to the brewers within three weeks of completion of judging.

D7. Category Awards. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third placed beers in each category based on the judging scores.

D8. Tied scores. In the event of tied scores in determining the first three placegetters, placings will be resolved either by the judging panel during judging or using a progressive countback until the tie is resolved based on: a) highest score for Overall Impression; b) highest score for Flavour; c) lowest range of individual judge scores (smallest spread of scores across panel); d) the judging panel will be requested to resolve the tie.

D9. Champion Beer and Champion Kit/Extract Beer. The award of the Champion Beer of the Show will be to the beer that receives the highest number of judging points in the championship. If awarded, the Champion Kit/Extract Beer of the Show will be awarded to the kit/extract beer (identified on the entry form) that receives the highest number of judging points in the championship. In the event of equal top scores for two or more beers, the

Champion Beer will be decided using the criteria for resolving tied scores given in rule D8. The same rules apply for resolving ties for the Champion Kit/Extract Beer.

D10. Champion Brewer and Champion State. The sum of category placing points is to be used for deciding Champion Brewer and Champion State. Category placing points are 3 points for first place, 2 points for second place, and 1 point for third place. If there is a tie (in the number of placing points) for Champion Brewer or Champion State then the sum of the placing points times the judging points will be used to decide the winners. For example, a win (3 placing points) for a beer receiving 130 judging points and a third place (1 placing point) for a beer receiving 110 judging points would have a total of 500 points. If there is still a tie, then joint winners will be declared.

D11. Privacy. Personal information (names, addresses, and other contact details, etc) provided by brewers on the entry form will only be used for the conduct of the competition. This information will not be released to third parties, other than the names of brewers, which will be published in the results lists for the competition.

D12. Results. The full results for all beers entered in the AABC will be published on the AABC web site within one week of completion of the judging. The results will include score, brewer, category, style and state, as well as the judges for each category and their BJCP Rank where applicable.