

New this year, CarbondALE Brew Fest will feature a home brew competition courtesy of Southern Illinois Brewers. Judging will take place at SIU Fermentation Science Institute with an awards ceremony at the Fest on May 4th.

Our inaugural home brew competition is sanctioned by American Homebrewers Association and the Beer Judge Certification Program.

Entries will be thoughtfully judged by BJCP-certified judges, professional brewers and other professionals in the field. Participation in the home brew competition is available to all amateur adult home brewers and it is open to all styles and substyles of beer in BJCP categories 1-34 of the 2015 BJCP Guidelines ([see the BJCP website for more information on these categories.](#)) Mead and cider entries will not be included this year.

**Window for beer entries opens on April 1, 2018. Entry deadline is April 23, 2018.**

1. Submit two 10-14 ounce bottles with no distinguishing marks on the bottle or cap. Blacked-out caps are acceptable.
2. Entrant Information Form: Please complete this form ONE TIME ONLY for each entry. No club affiliation is necessary to enter. If you submit multiple beers, you will need to fill out a form for each of the beers (e.g., 4 beers, 4 forms).
3. Entry Listing Form: Only one Entrant Info form per person is needed, but use additional copies of the Entry List if needed to list all of your entries. Please include any additional notes that are required by BJCP guidelines for styles 6D, 16E, 17F, 20, 21, 22B, 22C, 25C, 26A, 27E, and 28B-D. See [BJCP style guidelines](#) for the specific requirements.
4. Bottle Labels: Cut out the bottle labels and affix a Bottle Label with the requisite information to each bottle with rubber band(s) – do not use tape. Be sure to include the Entry Number, the BJCP category code (e.g. 2B for Bohemian Pilsner), the Style Name, and any additional information needed. Please ensure that the information on the Bottle Label is complete and matches that on the Entry Listing and Entrant Information Forms. There is no limit on the number of entries an individual may submit, but only one entry per sub-category will be allowed. Copy the Bottle Labels page as needed.
5. Enclose a check for the total amount of your entries. Checks may be made to Southern Illinois Brewers. Each entry costs \$5 (i.e., 4 beer entries would cost \$20).
6. All shipped entries must be sent to the location below (do not ship via USPS). Pack your entries carefully and time them to arrive before April 23, 2018. All entries will be refrigerated upon receipt.

Entries may be shipped to or dropped off at:

**The Hangar 9**  
511 S. Illinois Ave.  
Carbondale, IL 62901

7. Categories may be combined if there are insufficient entries in a given category. If categories are combined, your beer will be judged and scored based on the category you entered it into. All the scores in the combined category will be ranked, and the highest score will be selected as category winner and move onto Best in Show.
8. Final judging is on Thursday, May 3, 2018. All entrants are invited to attend Carbondale Brew Fest at the Carbondale Town Square Pavilion on Friday, May 4th, starting at 6 PM (early entry for VIP). Admission is a separate fee.
9. Medals are awarded to the top three finishers in each category, as well as Best in Show, during our Awards ceremony.
10. After May 4th, results will be posted as soon as possible on our website.
11. We will send the score sheets in the mail as soon as possible, along with any medals that were not picked up during the Awards Ceremony.
12. For further information, please contact the Competition Organizer, Doug Brinkley at [policebombtech@yahoo.com](mailto:policebombtech@yahoo.com) or (618) 967-6307.