

2011 Home Brewer of the Year Categories

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Below you will find the list of BJCP Categories that will garner points towards the coveted Home Brewer of the Year. A traveling trophy is awarded to the homebrewer who throughout the year accumulates the most points. This Award is presented at the January GNBC club meeting which coincides with the Great Alaskan Beer and Barley Wine Festival.

Here is the run down on how points will be scored:

- Each Category has several sub categories, **only** your highest scoring entry per category will be awarded points. This will minimize the shot gunning affect.
 - Points will be awarded as follows
 - 1st-6 points
 - 2nd-4 points
 - 3rd-2 points
- If your HBOY entry wins Best of Show you will earn another 2 points

Fur Rondy Home Brew Competition

Category	Name
1	Light Lager
4	Dark Lager
5	Bock
19	Strong Ale
22	Smoke Flavored/Wood Aged Beer
23	Specialty Beer

Snow Goose Break -Up Home Brew Competition

Category	Name
3	European Amber Lager
6	Light Hybrid Beer
8	English Pale Ale
10	American Ale
15	German Wheat and Rye Beer
20	Fruit Beer

Anchor Town Invitational Home Brew Competition

Category	Name
2	Pilsner
7	Amber Hybrid Beer
14	India Pale Ale (IPA)
17	Sour Ale
21	Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer
27	Standard Cider and Perry

Equinox Mead Competition

Category	Name
24	Traditional Mead
25	Melomel (Fruit Mead)
26	Other Mead

Humpy's Big Fish Home Brew Competition

Category	Name
9	Scottish and Irish Ale
11	English Brown Ale
12	Porter

13	Stout
16	Belgian and French Ale
18	Belgian Strong Ale
28	Specialty Cider and Perry

Keep in mind that with exception to the Snow Goose Spring Break-Up Competition and the Equinox Mead Competition all the other competitions are open to all 28 BJCP Categories. But only these preselected categories will garner points in this year long competition. Also keep in mind that every competition except the Anchor Town Invitational has the added bonus that your home brewed beer or mead could be brewed professionally by one of our sponsoring breweries.

So now that the criteria have been set let's get those winning recipes formulated and get brewing. The first competition (Fur Rondy) is just around the corner in February. All style guidelines can be found on the BJCP website at <http://www.bjcp.org/2008styles/catdex.php>