

# 2026 Home Brew Competition

## Rules

1. Competition is open to amateur / home brewers over the age of 18 years. Entries must be made by home brewers and must not use commercial brewing equipment or assistance from professional brewers.
2. There is no charge to enter
3. Entrants must register the beer(s) they intend to enter by completing the entry form and returning it to [info@thecoastalbrewingcompany.com](mailto:info@thecoastalbrewingcompany.com) by 7 March 2026
4. Entries are to be delivered to either:
  - a. The Coastal Brewing Company, 3 Dalman Street, Forster; or
  - b. Noble Barons - Newcastle Brew Shop, 1/70-72 Orlando Road, Lambton

between 9am Monday 2 March 2026 and 5.30pm Friday 13 March 2026

**Only entries that have previously been registered will be accepted.**

5. Each entry must consist of two bottles/cans/containers, each of at least 330mL. (i.e. a total volume of at least 660mL must be submitted for judging).  
[Whilst entrants are welcome to submit as much as they like i) it will not make any difference to the judging and ii) any left over will not be returned to entrants.]
6. Bottles/cans/containers must be labelled with the supplied labels (will be emailed to you once you have registered)
7. Entrants can enter as many different beers as they wish
8. Judging will be blind with judges served samples by someone not involved in judging.
9. Judges, stewards, organisers and associated parties are not permitted to enter the competition.
10. Entries will be judged based on the Brewers Association 2026 Beer Style Guidelines [Brewers Association Beer Style Guidelines](#)
11. The judges decision is final
12. Subject to rule 13 below entries are welcome in any of the BA 2026 Styles. The registration form must identify what style the beer is intended to be judged against
13. The following are NOT eligible to enter:
  - a. Beers that require aging
  - b. Beers that use Brettanomyces (Brett), lactobacillus, pediococcus, diastaticus strains
  - c. Spontaneously fermented beers
  - d. or other wild yeast / bacteria
  - e. Ciders

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14. Judging will take place during the w/c 16 March
15. Winners will be announced at 5pm on Thursday 19 March 2026 in the Coastal Brewing Company taproom at 3 Dalman Street, Forster. Winners will also be notified by email / text message.
16. In the event that the first prize winner has not responded to notification by Monday 30 March 2026 they will forfeit their prize and the second prize winner will be promoted to first prize.
17. The Coastal Brewing Company will work with the first prize winner to make any necessary adjustments to the winning recipe to enable it to be brewed on The Coastal Brewing Company's commercial brewhouse.
18. The beer brewed will be the property of The Coastal Brewing Company. The first prize winner will receive an allocation of beer for their personal use (see Prizes below)
19. The first prize winner must be available (at a time to be mutually agreed in April) to assist in the brewing of the winning beer.
20. Prizes will be given for the top 3 beers (as determined by the judges)
21. Winners names and pictures may be used in publicity material
22. Failure to observe the rules will result in disqualification

## **Prizes**

### **First prize –**

- The chance to brew the beer at The Coastal Brewing Company.
- The chance to be involved in the naming of the beer (to be in line with style of beer names used by The Coastal Brewing Company)
- 19 litres of the beer (into containers supplied by the winner such as a corny keg fill, growler fills or credit at the tasting room of equivalent value)
- a Coastal Brewing Co merch pack valued at \$100.

**Second Prize –** a \$50 gift voucher for The Coastal Brewing Company PLUS a \$50 gift voucher for Noble Barons – Newcastle Brew Shop

**Third price–** a \$25 gift voucher for The Coastal Brewing Company PLUS a \$25 gift voucher for Noble Barons – Newcastle Brew Shop

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## Entry Form

Please complete one form for each beer entered and return via email to [info@thecoastalbrewingcompany.com](mailto:info@thecoastalbrewingcompany.com).

We will then allocate a number to your entry and email you some labels for attaching to your entry.

Brewers Name:	
I acknowledge that I am over the age of 18 years (Answer: Yes or No)	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

Declaration:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I confirm that I have read and understand the rules of 2026 Home Brew Competition.</li><li>• I confirm that the recipe used to brew this entry is my own, that I brewed the entry and that the entry was not brewed using commercial equipment.</li><li>• Where any other homebrewers were involved in the brewing of the beer I have their approval to enter this beer under my name:</li></ul>	
Signed:	Date:

Style of entry (from <a href="#">Brewers Association Beer Style Guidelines</a> e.g "Ordinary Bitter" or "Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ale"	
Any special ingredients or process used	
Any other information	