

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Colorado State Fair Authority Craft Beer Competition

The Colorado State Fair Authority proudly announces the 2026 Craft Beer Competition. Any licensed brewery that conforms to state and federal regulations is eligible. The American Homebrewers Association (AHA) and the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) sanction this event.

Awards per Class

- 1st Place Gold Medal
- 2nd Place Silver Medal
- 3rd Place Bronze Medal
- Best of Show Award

Entry Fee

A. \$40 per entry

Schedule

Event	Date and Time
Entry Form And Fee Deadline (Online or Mail Only)	Friday, April 10, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. (or when entry cap is met)
Drop-off	Colorado State Fair Authority, General Entry Office (located in the northeast corner of the Palace of Agriculture Building), Monday, March 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. Alternate Drop-off Location - through Sunday, April 12, 2026 (please note business hours)

Judging	Sunday, April 26, 2026, 9:00 a.m., 4-H Dining Hall on the fairgrounds.
Judging Results	Judging results will be posted online, Monday, May 25 at 5:00 p.m. Results will not be given before this time/date.

Entry Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, the General Entry & Fine Arts 2026 Competition & Entry Requirements, and the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct.

1. Enter online at reggiebeer.com.
2. Up to eight entries per brewery.
3. One entry consists of three bottles or cans—two for judging and one in case of flaw or breakage.
4. Each bottle or can must have an identification label that can be printed from reggiebeer.com.
5. Attach labels to bottles or cans with rubber bands.
6. Total entries will be capped at 100.

Classes

- A. Classes are judged per the 2021 BJCP Style Guidelines.
- B. Your beer will be judged by the category you enter.
- C. Non-alcoholic or CBD-infused beer should be entered in the appropriate beer category (i.e., a non-alcoholic IPA should be entered in the appropriate IPA category).

Judging

- A. Qualified judges will conduct the judging.
- B. Any placement in or removal from a category will be at the discretion of the judging chairperson.

- C. If the judges are faced with a clearly flawed bottle or can of beer, no more than one additional bottle of the same entry will be opened and tasted.
- D. In the interest of achieving valid results, the judges will have an appeal process in accordance with BJCP sanctioning.
- E. The Colorado State Fair Authority and Judges may combine classes.
- F. Decisions will be based on the merit of the beer. Awards will be awarded at the judges' discretion.
- G. Judging is per the AHA and 2021 BJCP guidelines.
- H. Stewards and judges may not evaluate a category they have entered.

Beer Drop-off and Shipping

- A. Hand-deliver to the fairgrounds
 - a. Craft Beer entries will be accepted from March 23 to April 10, 2026, Monday- Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Colorado State Fair Authority, General Entry Office in the Palace of Agriculture.
- B. Ship
 - a. Pack your bottles or cans carefully!
 - b. Include your entry form in the box. Use a rubber band to attach the Bottle ID Form to each bottle/can shipped.
 - c. When shipping alcohol, you must comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations that govern alcohol shipment, whether intrastate or interstate. The state of Colorado, the Authority, and the Board are not responsible for lost, stolen, misdirected, or seized shipments of alcohol. Please check with your shipping company for policies about shipping alcohol.
 - d. Beer must be received by 4 p.m. on April 10th. Ship to: Colorado State Fair Authority Craft Beer Competition, Attn: General Entry, 1001 Beulah Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004
- C. Alternate drop-off locations
 - a. Drop-off locations will accept homebrew entries from March 23 to April 10, 2026.

- b. Drop-off locations will not issue receipts for your entries or be held liable for your entries.
- c. If you can't visit us in Pueblo to deliver your beer, these businesses have offered alternate drop-off locations:



Launch Pad Brewery

884 South Buckley Road

Aurora, CO 80017