

Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award Rules

Awarded to the best beer produced by through collaboration between Washington breweries. Beers submitted for the Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Breweries that have entered at least one regular entry in the Washington Beer Awards competition are eligible to enter beers in the Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award competition. Breweries are not allowed to enter ONLY the Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award competition.
- 2) Beers submitted for the Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award competition must have been brewed in and commercially available in the state of Washington. The breweries involved in the collaboration may be from out of state, but the beer must have been brewed in the state of Washington and be submitted by the brewery where the beer was brewed. All Washington Beer Awards eligibility rules apply to Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award entries. All collaborating breweries must be licensed as a commercial brewery in the state of their brewery with a valid TTB license.
- 3) Entry Fee:
 - a) There is a \$40 charge for the entry to cover award and administration expenses.
- 4) **Entries must be submitted into the “Collaboration Beer” category during registration. In the “Specialty Information” section, the brewer must specify the base style category from the competition guidelines (largely based on the Brewers Association Style Guidelines) that the beer will be judged to.** Any other supplemental information required for correct judging must be submitted in the “Specialty Information” section as well. Entries that do not include the appropriate information may not be judged correctly.
- 5) The Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award medals do not count towards “Brewery of the Year” awards. This entry will not count as one of the 10 maximum entries allowed per brewery.
- 6) It is possible to submit the entry in the regular Washington Beer Awards competition as well. The beer should be entered as described in the standard rules and will be treated as a separate entry (normal entry fee, bottle requirements, and registration rules).
- 7) After registration, breweries who submit beers into the Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award will be contacted for information on the second brewery involved in the collaboration. The brewery should be prepared to provide the brewery name, e-mail address, phone number, and brewery mailing address for the collaborating brewery.
- 8) The brewery where the beer was brewed must submit and pay for the entry. That brewery will also be responsible for coordinating with the Washington Beer Awards for any competition and awards details. The organizers of the Washington Beer Awards will only contact the brewery who registered the beer during the registration window.
- 9) Entrants must provide at least six (6) 12-ounce containers, four (4) 22-ounce containers, or the equivalent of at least 72 ounces for each entry packaged in a minimum of four containers. Acceptable package sizes must be between 10 and 32 ounces. **Entrants must send at least 4 packages of each beer being judged (even if the total volume exceeds 72 oz).** All entries must be bottled or canned.

- 10) All other submission guidelines from the regular Washington Beer Awards competition apply.
- 11) Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award entries compete in a best-of-show style judging. The guidelines posted by the competition organizers prior to the competition which leverage Brewers Association Style Guidelines are used for the judging. Entering brewers must submit the beer in the correct style category and provide any requested stylistic supplemental information for the entry to be judged correctly in the "Specialty Information" during registration.
- 12) Judges will determine the top entries in the Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award. A minimum of 3 entries will be required to hold the Washington Collaboration Beer Special Award competition. If there are 3-5 entries, a Gold medal will be awarded. If there are 6-8 entries, Gold and Silver medals will be awarded. If there are 9 or more entries, Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded. Medals are issued to both the winning breweries. If there are insufficient entries to hold the competition, breweries will be notified during the entry confirmation process.