

Washington Pro-Am Special Award Rules

Awarded to the best beer produced by scaling up a recipe from a Washington homebrewer and produced commercially. Beers submitted for the Washington Pro-Am 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 a beer in the Washington Pro-Am Special Award competition. Breweries are not allowed to enter ONLY the Washington Pro-Am Special Award competition.
- 2) Beers submitted for the Washington Pro-Am Special Award competition must have been brewed in and commercially available in the state of Washington. All Washington Beer Awards eligibility rules apply to Washington Pro-Am Special Award entries.
- 3) Brewers may select homebrew recipes to scale up in one of four ways.
 - a) Select an award-winning homebrew recipe from a Washington homebrewer from a homebrew competition. A list of potential competitions can be found at www.bjcp.org or www.wahomebrewers.org.
 - b) Organize their own brewery-run competition to select a recipe from a Washington homebrewer.
 - c) Partner with a Washington homebrew club to select a recipe from its club members. A list of Washington homebrew clubs can be found at www.wahomebrewers.org
 - d) Partner with a Washington homebrewer who will provide a homebrew recipe to scale up and brew commercially.
- 4) The homebrewer brewing their recipe with the professional brewery MUST be a resident of Washington State. Organizers of the Washington Beer Awards will not participate in the Pro-Am Special Award Competition.
- 5) The homebrewer brewing their recipe CANNOT be, or have ever been, an employee of that brewery or on the brewing staff at ANY brewery.
- 6) Entry Fee:
 - a) There is a \$15 charge for the entry to cover award and administration expenses.
- 7) No more than one entry per licensed brewery is accepted for the Washington Pro-Am Special Award competition.
- 8) No more than one entry per homebrewer is accepted for the Washington Pro-Am Special Award competition.
- 9) **Entries must be submitted into the “Pro-Am” 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.
- 10) The Washington Pro-Am 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.

- 11) 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).
- 12) After registration, breweries who submit beers into the Washington Pro-Am Special Award will be contacted for information on the homebrewer who provided the recipe. The brewery should be prepared to provide the name, e-mail address, phone number, and city of residence of the homebrewer.
- 13) 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.
- 14) All other submission guidelines from the regular Washington Beer Awards competition apply.
- 15) Washington Pro-Am 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.
- 16) Judges will determine the top entries in the Washington Pro-Am Special Award. A minimum of 3 entries will be required to hold the Washington Pro-Am 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 brewery and the winning homebrewer. If there are insufficient entries to hold the competition, breweries will be notified during the entry confirmation process.