



**BEER ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Terms, Conditions & Competition Rules

1. Participants

- Any commercial brewery producing beer within the Republic of South Africa may enter the South African National Beer Trophy ("SANBT").
- Breweries must hold the appropriate licence for the manufacture and commercial sale of beer within South Africa.
- Contract-brewed beers are eligible provided the entrant owns the brand being entered. Any medals or trophies awarded will belong to the brand owner.
- Collaborative beers are eligible. Entrants must declare all collaborating breweries on the entry form and indicate whether both parties should be acknowledged if the beer is awarded.
- Homebrewed beers and beers produced for non-commercial purposes are not eligible.
- Seasonal, limited release and speciality beers may be entered provided they have been commercially available before the judging period.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for medals, trophies or special awards, each beer must:

- Be brewed within the Republic of South Africa.
- Be commercially available for sale to consumers through retail outlets, taprooms, restaurants or similar licensed establishments.
- Have been brewed in a minimum production batch of 100 litres.
- Contain at least 51% of fermentable carbohydrates derived from malted grains.

The above malt requirement does not apply to entries in:

- Umqombothi Category
- Modern Flavour Category

The same beer may not be entered into multiple categories or under multiple brand names.

3. Categories

Entries must be submitted under the 2021 Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) Style Guidelines.

Entrants are solely responsible for selecting the correct style category.

The SANBT reserves the right to move an entry to a more appropriate category where necessary after consultation with the entrant. Please supply the brewer's cell number on the entry form for BJCP style queries. Modern Flavour and Umqombothi entries that do not conform to BJCP styles will be assessed separately by specialist judging panels.

4. Entry Submission

Each beer entered must be accompanied by:

- A completed entry form
- Proof of payment

Bottle requirements:

- Six (6) bottles of 330mL, or
- Four (4) bottles where bottle size exceeds 440mL

Kegs will not be accepted.

Where beers are packaged directly from kegs, every bottle must be individually labelled with the brewery name and beer name.

5. Entry Fees

The following entry fees apply (inclusive of VAT) and have not increased since 2024:

Entry Type	Fee
BJCP Score Report	R690 (R600 excl. VAT)
Full BJCP Evaluation	R975 (R847.83 excl. VAT)
Non-BJCP Evaluation (e.g. Umqombothi)	R690 (R600 excl. VAT)

Proof of payment must accompany every submitted entry form.

Tax invoices are available upon request, please supply your VAT number if applicable.

6. Payment

Payments must be made to:

RIDON COMMUNICATION

Standard Bank

Account Number: 07 030 2413

Branch Code: 020909

Reference: Use the Brewery's name

Entries will only be confirmed once payment has been received in full.

The SANBT reserves the right to reject unpaid entries.

7. Delivery

Entries must be delivered during the official entry period to:

Newspaper House

122 St George's Mall

Unit 302, 3rd Floor

Cape Town

All deliveries must arrive before the published closing date.

Late entries may not be accepted unless agreed in advance with the organiser.

Once received, all beers will be stored under temperature controlled conditions until judging.

8. Judging

Judging will be conducted by qualified BJCP judges, together with invited brewing professionals and sommeliers

All beers will be judged blind.

No identifying information relating to the brewery or brand will be available to judges during assessment.

It is the responsibility of the brewery to choose the relevant/appropriate BJCP category from the 2021 guidelines.

Non-BJCP Modern Flavour and Umqombothi entries will be evaluated by specialist tasting panels and will receive detailed organoleptic assessments.

Entrants selecting the Full BJCP Evaluation will receive comprehensive judging feedback.

9. Categories

Awards will be given to all categories provided the best beer achieve a gold medal level

The SANBT includes additional recognition for:

- BASA's Low Alcohol category (under 3.5% ABV)
- BASA's No Alcohol Beer (max 0.5% ABV)
- Modern Flavour category
- Umqombothi Award

Modern Flavour entries must clearly state:

- Base beer style(s) relevant to the 2021 BJCP Guidelines;
- a list of ingredients used to brew the beer;
- any information necessary for judges to properly evaluate the beer.

Failure to provide sufficient information may negatively affect judging.

10. Awards

Gold and silver medals will be awarded to top scoring beers.

The SANBT Trophies will recognise the highest-performing beers as determined by the judging panel.

No more than approximately 1/3 of total entries will receive medals.

Trophy and gold medal winners will receive complimentary tickets to the black-tie awards dinner and will be requested to provide their winning beers for the evening. Silver medallists will be offered the option to get discounted tickets.

11. Competition Dates

Entries Open	6 July 2026
Entries Close	3 August 2026
Judging	August – October 2026
Black-tie award ceremony	November 2026

12. Contact Information

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13. Liability

Whilst every reasonable care will be taken in handling entries, the SANBT, its organisers, sponsors and judging partners accept no responsibility for loss, damage or deterioration of entries arising from transport, delivery or circumstances beyond their reasonable control.

If a jury raises concerns on the actual ABV, an analysis will be requested from Vinlab. Non-compliance will disqualify the beer.

14. Privacy

Information submitted by entrants will be used solely for the administration of the South African National Beer Trophy and related competition activities.

Entrant information will not be sold or shared with third parties except where required for judging, administration or legal compliance.

15. Acceptance of Rules

By submitting an entry, the entrant confirms that:

- all information supplied is accurate;
- the entered beer complies with these Competition Rules;
- they are authorised to enter the beer on behalf of the brewery; and
- they agree to abide by all SANBT Terms, Conditions and Competition Rules.