

Seventeenth Annual Iron Mash Brew-Off Contest Rules

The Iron Mash is held, the same day as the official AHA's "Learn to Homebrew Day." The resulting brews will be judged at the regularly scheduled B.A.S.H. meeting in January.

Here are the rules:

- At noon, each team is given a kit containing malt extract, specialty grains, hops and a few adjuncts. The ingredients will make possible a wide range of styles, both American and/or European. All kits will be identical and will be handed out at the same time. None of the team applicants will know the ingredients until brew day.
- Each team provides their own yeast, and starters are allowed. The yeast shall NOT be pitched onsite.
- Teams do not have to use all the ingredients in the kit. Each team can bring one ingredient to add to the brew (such as barley, hops, adjuncts). That ingredient can only be one type (for example cascade hops or black patent barley), must be declared on the recipe sheet before the ingredient box is handed out but DOES NOT have to be used. Water salts, yeast energizers and clarifying agents are allowed and will not count towards that one ingredient each team can bring and declare. All ingredients will be clearly labeled as to type of hops, % alpha acid, type of malt, etc.
- 30 minutes after ingredient boxes are handed out and recipe formulation has begun, an ingredient trading session will commence. Each team may acquire a total of two ingredient parcels from other teams. Example: two 1-lb bags of DME, two 1-oz bags of hop pellets or one 1-lb bag of DME + one 1-oz bag of hop pellets each count as two ingredient parcels. The providing team may give away an ingredient parcel or exchange it for an ingredient parcel from the acquiring team. Let the negotiations begin!
- If late hop additions are made (or dry hopping), they must be pulled from the original kit.
- Lazy Beach will provide brewing water for a **five**-gallon batch. Batch sizes can be no smaller than **1** gallon. It would be a good idea to bring some of your own brew water.
- **Note: A maximum of two beers may be entered per team.**
- 60 minutes after ingredient boxes are handed out, the teams announce what style(s) they are brewing. The teams will declare their styles on the provided recipe form to the Iron Mash Committee. Style sheets must provide fundamental calculations of basic recipe information, such as IBU's and the **target original gravity** and be submitted to the committee at this time. Ingredients acquired from other teams must be noted on the form.
- The entries will be judged under BJCP 2015 style guidelines. Each team must provide enough of their finished product for judging at the award ceremony. Bring *at least* a gallon since it would be prudent to have extra beer for club members to enjoy.
- There will be only a **first place** award, which consists of ownership of the Goblet of Grain for one year.
- Each team must register with the Iron Mash Committee no later than the October B.A.S.H. meeting. Each team will have a minimum of two and maximum of four members, have a team name and have a team captain to facilitate information transfer from the committee to the teams.
- Any brewing reference information, paper or electronic, you wish to have on hand can be used during the competition. Team members may consult with anyone they please, even competing team members (yeah, right)
- **NOTE: Please DO NOT bring any homebrew to this event. The Lazy Beach bar will be open.**

Administrative notes:

The B.A.S.H. treasury will purchase the necessary ingredients for all kits. Each team fends for themselves for brewing equipment. On brew day, the contestants should show up at 11 AM. That gives them time to set up. **Lazy Beach will provide heated brewing water.** The contest will begin at noon, and the styles being brewed are divulged at around 1:00 p.m. *Do* bring your own lawn chairs. Also, bring hoses, nozzles and splitters to clean up your brew pots and your area. Thanks and good luck!

Iron Mash Committee
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Gemütlichkeit!