

IBA JUDGE POSITION DESCRIPTION

INDIES 2019

The 2019 Indies Competition will be held on **1st & 2nd September 2019** at Moonee Valley Racecourse Melbourne.

IBA Judge definition

An IBA Judge provides specialised sensory knowledge and unbiased adjudicating to the judging of competition beers against the IBA Style Guidelines according to category in which the beer has been entered.

IBA Judges are made up of industry professionals who volunteer their time and efforts for the integrity and successful running of the Independent Beer Awards ('Indies') competition.

IBA Judges

Indies judging currently takes place in four sessions (including final medal round) over the course of two days.

The number of Judges required will be determined by the amount of entries into 2019 competition. It is expected that 50 judges (including Associate Judges) will be required, allocating 10 tables of 5 Judges with a Captain for each table.

Expectations of IBA Judges are as follows:

- Ensure the integrity of the Indies competition is maintained.
- Judges are required to attend Orientation to be held on Saturday 1st September. Location TBA.
- Judges are required to follow a specific time schedule provided by the IBA team.
- Competition beer judging must be done in accordance to IBA Style Guidelines.
- Judges must be able to identify faults and flaws within competition beers.
- Judges will seldom taste more than 30 beers in any one judging session.
- Judges will never evaluate their own product or any product to which they have an affiliation.

- Each table of Judges must determine each beer entry as a Gold, Silver, Bronze or No-Medal according to definitions provided within the Judges' manual;
- Judges are expected to provide concise, accurate written comments on each beer entry to provide entering breweries sufficient feedback about their entries, describing positive product attributes as well as defects identified during assessment.
- Judges may be required to perform administrative duties, including collecting and checking judges' feedback forms, checking all numbers match the feedback forms and performing data entry in the judging app;
- All Judges have equal rights and are expected to express their opinion during judging.

Associate Judges

Associate Judges are identified as less experienced judges who display interest in becoming future IBA Judges.

Expectations of IBA Associate Judges are as follows:

- Associates will be allocated to an appropriate Table Captain for peer mentoring.
- Associates will be involved in table discussion regarding assessing the beer entry. The Table Captain will determine if the Associates' feedback is considered in the final result.
- Associates may be required to assist the Table Captain with administrative duties, including collecting and checking judges' feedback forms, ensuring they are correctly completed, checking all numbers match the feedback forms and performing data entry in the judging app.
- Associate judges will be provided and evaluation assessment by table captain to provide feedback on performance and recommendations for future competitions. This feedback will be provided post competition.

Table Captains

The role of Table Captain is to:

- Help facilitate the judging process so as to meet the judging timelines.
- Ensure the integrity of the Indies competition is maintained.
- Encourage and assist your table Judges and Associate Judges throughout the judging process.
- Foster positive beer conversations and encourage the learning process.



- Ensure that accurate notations have been made on each entry judged.
- Facilitate discussion on medal section that determines accurate ranking according to evaluation of medal-ranking beers.
- Make tough decisions if panel is undecided.
- Table Captain must act as a clear conduit between competition manager and Stewards.

Online Application form [CLICK HERE](#)

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