



INDIES ENTRY PROCESS 2019

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THE INDEPENDENT BEER AWARDS AUS (the Indies)

Championing Independent Brewing. Driving Quality. Celebrating Excellence

The Independent Beer Awards ('the Indies') champions the best of independent brewing. Organised by the Independent Brewers Association ('IBA'), the Indies are an invaluable platform to showcase excellence in Australian independent beer.

The Indies are judged by a respected panel of national and international beer judges dedicated to providing entering breweries with a high-quality competition, meaningful feedback and honest results.

The Indies are open for entry to Australian brewing companies (as defined by the IBA) who distribute their entered beer in Australia. The Indies competition is designed to reflect the Australian consumer beer market and create greater consumer awareness of the quality and diversity of the independent brewing industry.

Indies/BrewCon 2019 Key Dates

Entries open	Thursday 30 May
Entries close	Sunday 7 July
Labels sent to entering breweries	Friday 19 July
Delivery of entries (will vary according to state depot)	Monday 12 August - Friday 16 August
Competition judging	Sunday 1 September - Monday 2 September
Brewery tours	Tuesday 3 September
BrewCon Delegates' Welcome	Tuesday 3 September 6:30pm - 9:30pm
BrewCon19	Wednesday 4 September - Friday 6 September
Indies awards night	Thursday 5 September 6:30pm - 10:30pm

Eligibility

Brewery Eligibility

Australian independent breweries

Australian independent brewing companies that meet the IBA's definition of an [Independent Brewer](#) are eligible to participate in the 2019 Indies if they have produced beer for commercial sale.

Breweries-in-planning and/or those not in commercial operation as of **30 August 2019** are not eligible to participate.

Eligibility compliance

If requested by the competition organisers, entering brewing companies are required to provide proof of annual production volume with an annual excise statement from their national taxation office for the previous twelve (12) months prior to entry into the 2019 Indies. This excise statement is required to be a formal statement in English. These statements are treated as confidential and will be destroyed following the completion of the Indies.

Beer Entry Eligibility

A brewing company may enter unlimited beers into the competition.

All beers entered into the 2019 Indies must have been commercially available in Australia at some time in the 12 months prior to 30 June 2019. If requested by the competition organiser, brewing companies may be required to verify commercial availability by providing the details of at least one stockist or outlet.

Beers must be entered into the correct style and class. See the IBA 2019 Style Guidelines for more details. No single beer may be entered in more than one style. Packaged and draught versions of the same beer must be entered into the same style.

Collaboration beers may only be entered by one party, which must be the party that has the greatest ownership (financial interest) of the beer. If financial interest is equally shared, the beer must be entered by the brewery where the beer was produced.

Many styles require additional information in order to assist the proper judging of entries. Any additional information provided will be edited by the competition manager to ensure that it does not identify the beer being judged.

If a brewing company or beer entry does not meet the eligibility requirements above as of the 30th June 2019 and has registered for the Indies, the brewing company and/or beer entry may be subject to disqualification without refunds or without further notice.

The Independent Brewers Association retains sole discretion to determine eligibility for competition at the Indies.

Judging Process

Judge Selection

Judges for the Indies are selected from the national and international brewing industry and include brewers, sensory experts, suppliers, consultants and writers. Judges are selected based on their sensory abilities, industry and peer recognition, knowledge of beer styles and the brewing process, and their judging demeanour.

Indies judges perform several important roles. They assess competition entries against stringent award criteria to determine winning beer entries. They are also expected to provide concise, accurate written feedback to entering breweries regarding their entries, describing both positive attributes as well as defects noted during the competition.

Judging Process

Each Indies entry is assessed at a table of at least four Judges, plus an Associate Judge. This table is led by an experienced Judge Captain. The Judge Captain protects the integrity of the competition, facilitates table discussion and ensures that the judging runs smoothly.

Judges very rarely evaluate more than 30 beers in any one three-hour session and never evaluate their own products, or other products in which they may have a commercial interest.

Judging is blind, with no brand knowledge of any kind provided to judges.

Each beer is judged individually on its sensory merits and adherence to the competition style guidelines contained within the 2019 Indies Style Guidelines.

Once all beers have been judged, each beer is discussed as a group and determined to be Gold, Silver, Bronze or no medal. Table comments are collected for each beer and are provided as feedback to entering brewing company after the competition.

Medals

GOLD

An outstanding beer displaying the correct appearance, aroma, flavour and balance according to style with a high level of technical merit; a world-class example.

SILVER

An excellent beer maintaining close adherence of appearance, aroma, flavour, balance appropriate to style; an excellent example.

BRONZE

A very good beer that has minor deviations from style parameters and/or appearance, aroma, flavour, balance appropriate to style; a fine example.

Champion Trophies

Champion Category Beers

Eligible to entering independent Australian brewing companies.

A champion trophy is presented to the best single beer in each of the following categories:

1. Pale Ale
2. Amber Dark Ale
3. Porter Stout
4. Hybrid Beer
5. Lager
6. India Pale Ale
7. European-style Ale
8. Session Beer
9. Strong Beer
10. Mixed Culture Beer

Champion category beers are determined through a second-round process, where all gold medal Australian entries of a particular category (e.g. Pale Ale) are rejudged against one another to determine the Champion Beer of that category.

Champion Australian Independent Beer

A champion trophy is presented to the overall Champion Australian Independent Beer. The Champion Australian Independent Beer is determined through a third-round process. All Champion category beers are re-tested by a selected judging panel. These entries are judged against each other to determine the Champion Australian Independent Beer for 2019.

Champion Australian Independent Large Brewery

Annual production: 300,000 – 40 million litres per annum

To be eligible for the Champion Australian Independent Large Brewery Trophy, a brewery must enter at least four (4) beers and one of those beers must achieve a gold medal.

Points allocated for top 4 beers to determine by point calculation matrix

Brewery must identify entering this category upon entry

Champion Australian Independent Small/Medium Brewery

Annual production <300,000 litres per annum

To be eligible for the Champion Australian Independent Small/Medium Brewery Trophy, a brewery must enter at least four (4) beers and one of those beers must achieve a gold medal.

Points allocated to the top 4 beers will be determined by the point calculation matrix.

Brewery must identify entering this category upon entry.

Champion Australian Independent Brewpub

At least 75% beer produced on-site

Brewpub definition: "A brewpub services its local community and can be a pub, taproom or restaurant that brews beer on-premises."

To be eligible for a Champion Brewpub Trophy, a brewery must enter at least four (4) beers and one of those beers must achieve a gold medal.

Points allocated to the top 4 beers will be determined by the point calculation matrix.

Brewpub must identify entering this category upon entry.

State and Territory Champion Brewery Awards

A minimum of three (3) Breweries in each State or Territory must enter for this Award to be valid.

State and Territory Champion Brewery Awards are as follows:

1. NSW
2. QLD
3. VIC
4. WA
5. SA
6. TAS
7. ACT & NT

To be eligible for a State or Territory Champion Brewery Trophy, a brewery must enter at least four (4) beers and one of those beers must achieve a gold medal.

Brewery state or territory must be identified when entering.

Champions can be from Brewpub, Small/Medium Brewery or Large Brewery categories.

Winner will be determined by the point calculation matrix.

Point Matrix

Scores are calculated from the top four entries submitted. The highest scoring brewery from each category – Small/ Medium, Large and State/Territory Awards

Points are awarded per medal to determine Champion Awards as follows:

Champion Category	1 point
Gold	5 points
Silver	3 points
Bronze	1 point

How to Enter

To enter the 2019 Indies:

1. Read through the 2019 Independent Beer Awards Entry Process & Style Guidelines and identify the best style that applies to your beer.
2. Complete the online entry form at www.brewcon.org.au/awards
3. Entry form can be saved and completed later. An email will be automatically generated with link to return to the form and complete.

Entry Fees

Entry fees are payable online with credit card payment upon completion of entry form.

Cost per entry*

IBA Brewery Member	\$200
Non-Member	\$300

*All entry fees are exclusive of GST

Once an entry has been submitted through the online form, a confirmation email will be sent. It is the entering brewery's responsibility to ensure that all entry details are correct.

Entry Requirements

Packaged Beer

A minimum amount of packaged beer required for competition judging is as follows:

Pack Size	Amount Required
< 375 mls	12 bottles/cans
500 mls	10 bottles/cans
675 mls	8 bottles/cans
750 mls	6 bottles/cans

Each entry must be packed in its own carton. Do not pack more than one entry in the same carton.

Draught Beer

Each draught entry must consist of at least ten (10) litres. Kegs must be fitted with either A or D couplers. Draught entries not in Type D or Type A kegs will not be judged. Cornelius kegs and other home-brew type containers are not be accepted.

Draught entries submitted must be the property of the entering brewing company or of a keg-rental provider used under agreement. Kegs are required to be brewery branded and clearly labelled with its contents and ownership details. Kegs that do not meet these requirements will be withdrawn and disqualified from the competition.

After the competition, kegs are collected by the IBA logistics partner for collection or return to the entering brewery. One-way kegs will be disposed of unless otherwise indicated from the entering brewery. Kegs not returned or collected within 60 days of the completion of competition will be disposed of.

Label Requirements

After entries close, entering breweries will be emailed labels to be attached to their beer entries. Labels must be attached to each bottle/can or keg of the beer entry prior to dispatch.

Labels include the following information:

- Entry no.
- Brewery Name
- Entry Name
- Category ID
- Style ID
- Packaging type (i.e. Bottles/Cans/Keg)

Labels will be emailed to each brewery's nominated contact on **19 July 2019**. Entries not bearing the Indies competition label will not be judged.

Delivery of Entries

Detailed shipping information will be sent to participating breweries once the registration process is complete.

Competition entries to the Indies must be received between Monday 12 August and Friday 16 August 2019. Late entries will not be accepted.

Delivery Discounts for IBA Members

Chill Logistics is the 2019 Indies Australian transportation partner. Chill Logistics has devised an economical schedule of rates for the transport of Australian entries to the competition judging venue in Melbourne. Discounted rates are available for IBA Members. Detailed shipping information will be sent to participating brewing companies once registration is complete.

Post-Event Publicity and Use of Awards Materials

The IBA encourages award-winning breweries to promote their winning entries and trophies.

To preserve the integrity of the competition, only official Awards graphics and logos are permitted for use in publicity and marketing materials.

Publicity material and use of the Awards logo must include:

- Category in which Award was received
- Type of Award received (e.g. Gold, Silver, Bronze, Champion)
- Year the Award was received
- The name of the beer and brewery exactly as it was entered into the competition

Usage of these logos must be pre-approved by the Independent Brewers Association. Requests for approval can be submitted to Events Manager, Independent Brewers Association at events@iba.org.au.

Terms and Conditions of Entry

1. Registration completed as incorrect type (e.g. non-members registering as IBA members) will be adjusted automatically on invoicing.
2. Entries must have had commercial release in the 12 months prior to 30 August 2019.
3. Entries are accepted on the condition that the brewery submits a completed entry form and pays the entry fee by the invoice due date.
4. Entry fees are due on the date shown on the invoice and payable in full.
5. Entries will not be judged if the entry invoice has not been paid in full one week prior to competition.
6. Entry forms must be submitted by 7 July 2019. Entry forms received after 7 July 2019 will not be considered.
7. The final day to withdraw entries from competition is 19 July 2019. Entries withdrawn prior to this date will receive full refund minus an administration fee of \$100. No refund will be given for entries withdrawn after this date.
8. All beer entered must bear correct labelling information attached as provided by the IBA.
9. Each entry must consist of the minimum amount as outlined in these entry requirements.
10. All beer received for judging will be kept by organisers and may be used at their discretion at a later date.
11. The IBA may at its discretion:
 - a. alter the closing date for the Indies;
 - b. rule that an entry may not compete or is ineligible to compete;
 - c. rule that a brewing company is ineligible to compete; or
 - d. alter the date, time or place on or at which the awards are scheduled to take place.
12. All decisions of the Event Organiser, Competition Manager and Judges on competition matters are binding and final.

2019 Indies Style List

With Our Thanks

The Independent Brewers Association (IBA) would like to acknowledge and thank the Brewers Association® for permission to use the following Brewers Association Beer Style Guidelines 2019.

The categories and styles have been placed in a different order from the original Brewers Association® document to better suit the requirements of the Independent Beer Awards.

The IBA has reviewed the Brewers Association® 2019 Beer Style Guidelines and made changes appropriate to the 2019 Independent Beer Awards.

All content remains the same with the exception of the style guideline for:

- 5.Z- New World Lager
- 6.D - India Red Ale; 6.E - India Black Ale
- 8.E - Session Beer/Reduced Alcohol Beer.
- Double Hoppy Red Ale is renamed 6.D India Red Ale

New Changes for 2019

Style additions

- 9.U - Juicy or Hazy Strong Pale Ale
- 10.M - Contemporary Belgian-Style Gueuze Lambic
- 5.AA - Franconian-Style Rotbier
- 5.BB - American-Style India Pale Lager

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Style List

ENTERING BREWING COMPANIES SHOULD REFER TO THE 2019 INDEPENDENT BEER AWARDS AUS. 2019 STYLE GUIDELINES WHEN ENTERING BEERS.

Entering brewing companies should refer to the 2019 Independent Beer Awards Style Guidelines before entering their beers

Category	Style number	Style name
1. PALE ALE		
	1.A	SPECIAL BITTER or BEST BITTER
	1.B	EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER
	1.C	SCOTTISH-STYLE EXPORT ALE
	1.D	SCOTTISH-STYLE LIGHT ALE
	1.E	ENGLISH-STYLE SUMMER ALE
	1.F	CLASSIC ENGLISH-STYLE PALE ALE
	1.G	GOLDEN OR BLONDE ALE
	1.H	AMERICAN-STYLE PALE ALE
	1.I	GERMAN-STYLE KOELSCH
	1.J	CLASSIC AUSTRALIAN-STYLE PALE ALE
	1.K	AUSTRALIAN-STYLE PALE ALE
	1.L	INTERNATIONAL-STYLE PALE ALE
	1.M	JUICY OR HAZY PALE ALE
	1.N	LIGHT AMERICAN WHEAT BEER WITHOUT YEAST
	1.O	LIGHT AMERICAN WHEAT BEER WITH YEAST
2. AMBER-DARK ALE		
	2.A	ENGLISH-STYLE BROWN ALE
	2.B	AMERICAN-STYLE AMBER/RED ALE
	2.C	AMERICAN STYLE BROWN ALE
	2.D	AMERICAN STYLE BLACK ALE
	2.E	GERMAN-STYLE ALTBIER
	2.F	IRISH-STYLE RED ALE
	2.G	DARK AMERICAN WHEAT BEER WITH YEAST
	2.H	DARK AMERICAN WHEAT BEER WITHOUT YEAST
	2.I	SCOTTISH-STYLE HEAVY ALE
3. PORTER-STOUT		
	3.A	BROWN PORTER
	3.B	ROBUST PORTER
	3.C	SWEET STOUT OR CREAM STOUT
	3.D	OATMEAL STOUT
	3.E	CLASSIC IRISH-STYLE DRY STOUT
	3.F	EXPORT-STYLE STOUT
	3.G	AMERICAN-STYLE STOUT
	3.H	SMOKE PORTER

4. HYBRID BEER		
	4.A	PALE AMERICAN-BELGO-STYLE ALE
	4.B	DARK AMERICAN-BELGO-STYLE ALE
	4.C	KELLERBIER OR ZWICKELBIER ALE
	4.D	GRODZISKIE
	4.E	ADAMBIER
	4.F	DUTCH-STYLE KUIT, KUYT or KOYT
	4.G	AMERICAN-STYLE FRUIT BEER
	4.H	FRUIT WHEAT BEER
	4.I	FIELD BEER
	4.J	PUMPKIN SPICE BEER
	4.K	PUMPKIN/SQUASH BEER
	4.L	CHOCOLATE or COCOA BEER
	4.M	COFFEE BEER
	4.N	HERB AND SPICE BEER
	4.O	CHILI PEPPER BEER
	4.P	SPECIALTY BEER
	4.Q	SPECIALTY HONEY BEER
	4.R	RYE BEER
	4.S	GERMAN-STYLE RYE ALE
	4.T	GINJO BEER OR SAKE-YEAST BEER
	4.U	FRESH HOP BEER
	4.V	WOOD AND BARREL-AGED BEER
	4.W	WOOD AND BARREL-AGED PALE TO AMBER BEER
	4.X	WOOD AND BARREL-AGED DARK BEER
	4.Y	AGED BEER
	4.Z	EXPERIMENTAL BEER
	4.AA	HISTORICAL BEER
	4.BB	SMOKE BEER
	4.CC	GLUTEN-FREE BEER
	4.DD	NON-ALCOHOLIC MALT BEVERAGE
	4.EE	AMERICAN-STYLE CREAM ALE
	4.FF	CALIFORNIA COMMON BEER
	4.GG	BRESLAU-STYLE PALE SCHOPS
	4.HH	BRESLAU-STYLE DARK SCHOPS
	4.II	FINNISH-STYLE SAHTI
	4.JJ	SWEDISH-STYLE GOTLANDSDRICKE
	4.KK	BAMBERG-STYLE BOCK RAUCHBIER
	4.LL	BAMBERG-STYLE HELLES RAUCHBIER
	4.MM	BAMBERG-STYLE MAERZEN RAUCHBIER
	4.NN	BAMBERG-STYLE WEISS RAUCHBIER
5. LAGER		
	5.A	GERMAN-STYLE PILSENER
	5.B	BOHEMIAN-STYLE PILSENER

	5.C	MUNICH-STYLE HELLES
	5.D	DORTMUNDER/EUROPEAN-STYLE EXPORT
	5.E	GERMAN-STYLE MAERZEN
	5.F	GERMAN-STYLE LEICHTBIER
	5.G	GERMAN-STYLE OKTOBERFEST/WIESN
	5.H	GERMAN-STYLE HELLER BOCK/MAIBOCK
	5.I	KELLERBIER OR ZWICKELBIER LAGER
	5.J	AMERICAN-STYLE LAGER
	5.K	AMERICAN-STYLE LIGHT LAGER
	5.L	AMERICAN-STYLE AMBER LIGHT LAGER
	5.M	AMERICAN-STYLE PILSENER
	5.N	AMERICAN-STYLE ICE LAGER
	5.O	AMERICAN-STYLE MALT LIQUOR
	5.P	AMERICAN-STYLE MAERZEN/OKTOBERFEST
	5.Q	AUSTRALASIAN, LATIN AMERICAN OR TROPICAL-STYLE LIGHT LAGER
	5.R	INTERNATIONAL-STYLE PILSENER
	5.S	VIENNA-STYLE LAGER
	5.T	EUROPEAN-STYLE DARK LAGER
	5.U	MUNICH-STYLE DUNKEL
	5.V	GERMAN-STYLE SCHWARZBIER
	5.W	AMERICAN-STYLE AMBER LAGER
	5.X	AMERICAN-STYLE DARK LAGER
	5.Y	CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN-STYLE PILSENER
	5.Z	NEW WORLD LAGER
	5.AA	FRANCONIAN-STYLE ROTBIER
	5.BB	AMERICAN-STYLE INDIA PALE LAGER
6. IPA (INDIA PALE ALE)		
	6.A	ENGLISH-STYLE INDIA PALE ALE
	6.B	AMERICAN-STYLE INDIA PALE ALE
	6.C	JUICY OR HAZY INDIA PALE ALE
	6.D	INDIA RED ALE
	6.E	INDIA BLACK ALE
7. EUROPEAN-STYLE ALE		
	7.A	BELGIAN-STYLE BLONDE ALE
	7.B	BELGIAN-STYLE PALE ALE
	7.C	BELGIAN-STYLE FRUIT BEER
	7.D	BELGIAN-STYLE TABLE BEER
	7.E	BELGIAN-STYLE WITBIER
	7.F	BELGIAN-STYLE PALE STRONG ALE
	7.G	BELGIAN-STYLE DARK STRONG ALE
	7.H	BELGIAN-STYLE DUBBEL
	7.I	BELGIAN-STYLE TRIPEL
	7.J	BELGIAN-STYLE QUADRUPEL

	7.K	OTHER BELGIAN-STYLE ALE
	7.L	FRENCH-STYLE BIÈRE DE GARDE
	7.M	CLASSIC FRENCH & BELGIAN-STYLE SAISON
	7.N	SPECIALTY SAISON
	7.O	GERMAN-STYLE LEICHTES WEIZEN
	7.P	SOUTH GERMAN-STYLE HEFEWEIZEN
	7.Q	SOUTH GERMAN-STYLE KRISTAL WEIZEN
	7.R	SOUTH GERMAN-STYLE BERNSTEINFARBENES WEIZEN
	7.S	SOUTH GERMAN-STYLE DUNKEL WEIZEN
8.SESSION BEER		
	8.A	ORDINARY BITTER
	8.B	ENGLISH-STYLE PALE MILD ALE
	8.C	ENGLISH-STYLE DARK MILD ALE
	8.D	SESSION INDIA PALE ALE
	8.E	SESSION BEER/REDUCED ALCOHOL BEER
9.STRONG BEER		
	9.A	AMERICAN-STYLE STRONG PALE ALE
	9.B	OLD ALE
	9.C	SCOTCH ALE
	9.D	BRITISH-STYLE IMPERIAL STOUT
	9.E	AMERICAN-STYLE IMPERIAL STOUT
	9.F	AMERICAN-STYLE IMPERIAL PORTER
	9.G	BALTIC-STYLE PORTER
	9.H	SOUTH GERMAN-STYLE WEIZENBOCK
	9.I	AMERICAN-STYLE BARLEY WINE ALE
	9.J	BRITISH-STYLE BARLEY WINE ALE
	9.K	STRONG ALE
	9.L	WOOD AND BARREL-AGED STRONG BEER
	9.M	OTHER STRONG ALE OR LAGER
	9.N	TRADITIONAL GERMAN-STYLE BOCK
	9.O	GERMAN-STYLE DOPPELBOCK
	9.P	AMERICAN-STYLE IMPERIAL OR DOUBLE INDIA PALE ALE
	9.Q	JUICY OR HAZY IMPERIAL OR DOUBLE INDIA PALE ALE
	9.R	IMPERIAL RED ALE
	9.S	DOUBLE HOPPY RED ALE (formally Double Red Ale)
	9.T	AMERICAN-STYLE WHEAT WINE ALE
	9.U	GERMAN-STYLE EISBOCK
10.MIXED CULTURE BEER		
	10.A	BERLINER-STYLE WEISSE
	10.B	LEIPZIG-STYLE GOSE
	10.C	CONTEMPORARY-STYLE GOSE
	10.D	BRETT BEER
	10.E	MIXED CULTURE BRETT BEER

	10.F	AMERICAN-STYLE SOUR ALE
	10.G	WOOD AND BARREL-AGED SOUR BEER
	10.H	WILD BEER
	10.I	BELGIAN-STYLE LAMBIC
	10.J	BELGIAN-STYLE GUEZE LAMBIC
	10.K	BELGIAN-STYLE FRUIT LAMBIC
	10.L	BELGIAN-STYLE FLANDERS OUD BRUIN OR OUD RED ALE
	10.M	CONTEMPORARY BELGIAN-STYLE GUEUZE LAMBIC