



# IPA DAY COMPETITION RULES



**Special category beer style: Belgian IPA - 21B**  
VIII edition  
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### Object of the competition

The IPA Day Competition is an annual activity of the Association of Spanish Home Brewers (hereinafter **ACCE**) with variable venue. The headquarters of the VIII edition, corresponding to the year 2024, is the city of **Valladolid**. The objective of the competition is recreational, cultural and informative, without profit motive.

### Date and location of the tasting

It will be held on **September 28, 2024** in Valladolid (Spain).

### Considerations for participation

Participation in the competition implies the acceptance of these rules. It is an official **BJCP** contest, so it is open to participation for everyone. Although it is an open participation, any prize or gratuity beyond the commemorative medal or trophy will only be awarded to ACCE members in good standing.

The number of entries is conditioned by the presence of enough judges to evaluate all the beers. For now, the competition is limited to **60 entries**. The number of entries may be increased, with advance notice, as the attendance of judges is confirmed.

### Registration fee

Participation to the IPA Day competition has a variable cost. **For international participants**, the fee is the following:

- International participant, €10: one beer in the general category.
- International participant, €12: one beer in the general category + one beer in the special category.

**To complete the registration, you must confirm and pay for the order** that will have been created in the store, in "Mi Cuenta / Pedidos" (My account/Orders): <https://www.cerveceros-caseros.com/mi-cuenta/orders/>

If the amount is €0, the order and registration will be confirmed automatically.

Otherwise, you must click on the "Pay" button to select the payment method:

- **Credit card:** It will request credit card information. If the payment is made correctly, at that time the order and registration will be confirmed automatically.
- **Wire transfer:** the payment of the fee regardless of its amount must be made into the bank account indicated on the registration website.

**Failure to pay this fee will result in the cancellation of the registration and the disqualification of the beers.**



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### Accepted beer styles and categories

Any beer from the following BJCP categories may be submitted according to the **2021** BJCP guide, in addition to the Special Category of the contest.

- **General Category:**
  - o 12C. English IPA
  - o 21A. American IPA
  - o 21B. Specialty IPA
  - o 21C. Hazy IPA
  - o 22A. Double IPA

#### • **Special Category: Belgian IPA 21B**

In style 21B. Specialty IPA, the 2021 BJCP guide lists the following substyles:

- Specialty IPA: Black IPA
- Specialty IPA: Brown IPA
- Specialty IPA: Red IPA
- Specialty IPA: Rye IPA
- Specialty IPA: White IPA
- Specialty IPA: Brut IPA

\* Explanatory annex 1 can be found on page 8 about intensities: Session, Standard and Double, 21B. Specialty IPA and 21C: Hazy IPA

### Additional rules

- Anyone who makes homemade beer can participate in the competition. These beers must be brewed on non-commercial equipment in batches smaller than 100 liters.
- Those interested must register on the following website, completing all the requested information:

<https://ipaday.cerveceros-caseros.com>

- The participant agrees to share the recipe with the organization if required.
- The jury will be made up of members assigned in some way to the BJCP program, and/or by professionals from the sector, brewers and experienced tasters. The beers presented by them, if they exist, will be judged completely anonymously and by other judges in the competition. A judge will never be able to judge a category in which he participates with one of his beers.
- Tasting panels of two or three judges belonging to the BJCP program will be established.
- Each panel will evaluate between 8 and 10 entries, selecting the best for a final round in each award category.



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- A final tasting table will be set up with 3 judges (those with the most experience; if there is a National or higher judge on the panel, they will participate in the BOS) who will select the three best (gold, silver and bronze medals) of each awarded category. None of the judges evaluating the final round may have his own beer presented in this phase of the competition.
- After receiving the bottles, codes will be assigned to them. These codes will be the ones used by the judges to relate the beers to the Evaluation Sheets. **This will guarantee the integrity and anonymity of the tastings.**
- Participants must register their beers at <https://ipaday.cerveceros-caseros.com> in the corresponding form with the recipe information requested.
- The winning recipes may be published on ACCE website and/or “El Pimplón”, the association's written publication.

### Bottling requirements

Each contestant must deliver to the organization 3 half-liter or one-third bottles per entry. One for the evaluation, one for the final round (if applicable) and a substitute in case a breakage or infection occurs. Although only 2 bottles will also be admitted, we do not recommend it, since in case of breakage or possible “geyser” there will be no option to compete in a possible final round.

It must be taken into account that:

- The bottles must be brown, and without any type of label, logo, brand or anything that can differentiate it from the majority.
- PET or glass bottles will be accepted, as long as they are brown and do not have identifying elements (logo, brands, engravings or similar)
- The colour of the cap may be any as long as it does not carry elements (logos, brands, etc.) that could identify it with any participant.
- Participation with beer in cans is also allowed, as long as they do not carry identifying elements.
- **The organization may disqualify any bottle that it considers does not comply with the spirit of the previous points.**
- **It is recommended to attach the Annex II label or similar to the sides of your box.**
- The packaging must be optimal for the transport of bottles, and must meet the following characteristics:
  - Each of the bottles must be identified with a piece of paper or label rolled around the bottle, and secured with an **elastic band** (without adhesive). In this you must clearly indicate the name, surname and email used in the registration, as well as the style in which the beer is presented (the registration form allows you to print the label).
  - Each of the bottles must be wrapped in bubble wrap individually. This plastic must be placed above the paper from the previous point and must allow the bottle to be placed in a vertical position. (This will facilitate storage and shipping to the organization).



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- If any damage occurs during shipping, storage or cataloging of the beer, the organization will notify the participant, who will be able to replace the damaged bottle.
- The organization will use all means at its disposal to prevent bottle losses, but cannot be held responsible for any damage that may occur to the beers during shipping, storage or cataloging of the beer.

### Shipping and reception of bottles

The shipment of the bottles must be made to:

**C/ Los Molinos 5, 3ºA y 4ºA  
47001, Valladolid  
SPAIN**

### Calendar

These are the deadlines related to the competition:

<b>Registration</b>	August 1st to September 15th, 2024
<b>Reception of bottles</b>	16th to 20th of September 2024
<b>Tasting and evaluation</b>	September 28th, 2024
<b>Presentation of trophies and prizes</b>	28 de septiembre de 2024 (The results will be made public after the tasting and the trophies and prizes will be sent by mail)

### Competition jury

The jury of the competition, as a general rule, will be composed of experts in beer brewing and tasting, and renowned homebrewers certified in the BJCP program. And, in any case, under the guidelines that the BJCP program recommends.

- **Selected Jury**  
The figure of the judge is fundamental for the development of a contest. That is why you are asked to make the greatest effort to fill out the tasting sheets in the most conscientious and legible manner.  
The quality of the IPA Day depends on the quality of the work done as a judge and this, in turn, depends more on the intensity of your effort as a describer/evaluator, rather than on your ability as a taster.  
From the organization we insist on the importance of each judge making an effort to complete qualitative information and the general impression with suggestions for improvement.



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### Tasting and evaluation

The evaluation of each of the beers will be based on the evaluation and assessment protocols of the BJCP program.

- The jury will make its evaluations on an official evaluation sheet, filling out one (each judge) for each beer presented in the competition.
- The tasting sheets will be written in Spanish.
- The linked documents clearly explain the details of the reception, management and evaluation protocols that govern the BJCP program and that will be followed at the event::

[http://www.cerveceros-caseros.com/documentos/BJCP\\_Manual\\_Competicion.pdf](http://www.cerveceros-caseros.com/documentos/BJCP_Manual_Competicion.pdf)

[http://www.cerveceros-caseros.com/documentos/BJCP\\_Manual\\_Procedimientos\\_Jueges.pdf](http://www.cerveceros-caseros.com/documentos/BJCP_Manual_Procedimientos_Jueges.pdf)

### Categories

The participating beers will be classified into the following 2 categories awarded with a Gold, Silver and Bronze medal for the general category and for the special category

1. **General IPA Category**
2. **Special Category: Belgian IPA 21B**

The organization reserves the right to unify or separate the award categories depending on the number of beers received. The minimum score to qualify for a medal will be 30 points, and some of the categories may be left without winners.

### Prizes:

**First Classified General Category: Trophy**

**Second Classified General Category: Trophy**

**Third Classified General Category: Trophy.**

**First Classified Special Category: Trophy**

**Second Classified Special Category: Trophy.**

**Third Classified Special Category: Trophy.**

ACCE is not responsible for prizes awarded by third parties such as sponsors or collaborators..



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- Asociación de Cerveceros Caseros Españoles (ACCE)
- Comunidad de Cerveceros Caseros Pucelanos

### Consultations and information about the competition

In order to resolve questions about the competition, you can send them to these addresses:

- Questions about the competition and sending documentation:  
[ipaday@cerveceros-caseros.com](mailto:ipaday@cerveceros-caseros.com)
- Questions or technical problems with registration or payment  
[webmaster@cerveceros-caseros.com](mailto:webmaster@cerveceros-caseros.com)

### Final considerations

Participation to the ACCE IPA Day 2024 implies acceptance and compliance with its regulations.

ACCE's IPA Day 2024 is in continuous evolution and the intention is for it to improve year after year, so suggestions and comments to its organization and to these bases are accepted from all partners. The ideal tool to discuss this is our web forum



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### Annex I. Clarification on Session, Standard and Double and Specialty IPA intensities

#### Session, Standard and Double:

As described in the 2021 BJCP guide, the described intensities will be accepted:

- Session: ABV: 3.0-5.0%
- Standard: AVB: 5.0-7.5%
- Double: ABV: 7.5-10.0%.

**Comments:** Entries may use this category for a different strength version of an IPA defined in its own BJCP subcategory (e.g., American or English low-alcohol or session IPA); except when a BJCP subcategory already exists for that style (e.g. Double [American] IPA). A Session IPA corresponds to a 21B Specialty IPA with a 21A American IPA base style and low alcohol (Session). A Double IPA falls into the 22A category, not 21B.

**Instructions for registration:** The registrant must specify an alcohol intensity (low, standard, double); if an intensity is not indicated, it will be assumed as standard. The entry must specify a particular type of Specialty IPA from the list of currently defined types identified in the Style Guide, or from those proposed in the Provisional Styles on the BJCP website.

The entry must describe the type of Specialty IPA and its key characteristics in commentary form, so that those judging know what to expect.

Entries may indicate the specific hop varieties used if they feel that those judging may not recognize the characteristics of newer hop varieties. Registrants may specify a combination of defined types of IPA (e.g. Black Rye IPA) without providing additional descriptions.

At the same time, a consultation has been carried out regarding intensities with respect to the 21C style. Hazy IPA getting the following response from the BJCP address. We quote:

*“The style as we wrote it in the guidelines is basically for standard and DIPA I have no issue if people want to make a session style hazy ipa  
Dr. Kristen England  
Beer Judge Certification Program Education Director  
Grand Master IV Judge.”*

Based on this BJCP note in special category 21C. Hazy IPA intensities will also be allowed:

- Session: ABV: 3.0-6.0%
- Standard: AVB: 6.0-9.0%
- Double: ABV: 9.0-10.0%.





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## Anex II

It is recommended to attach this label or similar to the sides of your box:

# FRAGILE



**HANDLE WITH CARE**

**DON'T FALL NOT PRESSURE**



**FRAGILE**



**KEEP DRY**



**UPWARD**



**DON'T TRAMPLE**