

Our 9th Annual Big Muddy Monster Home Brew Contest is sanctioned by the American Home Brewers Association and the Beer Judge Certification Program. Entries will be judged by BJCP Certified Judges, Professional Brewers, or other Professionals in the Field when possible.

The Best of Show Home Brew will take home a \$250 cash prize, as well as the opportunity to work with a local brewery to have their winning recipe professionally brewed for limited release.

The homebrew competition will be open to all amateur adult home brewers and open to all styles and sub-styles of beer in BJCP categories 1 - 34 of the 2015 BJCP Guidelines (see the BJCP website for more information on these categories). **Mead and Cider entries will not be included this year.**

Entry forms and payments will be accepted online this year.

Entries can be submitted online at:

**<https://reggiebeer.com/ReggieEntry.php?CompetitionID=QVAWUJ1000389>, and
payment can be made through Paypal to <https://paypal.me/bigmuddyhomebrew>**

Entry window for Beer entries opens **September 8, 2018.**

Entry deadline is **September 15, 2018.**

Judging will take place on **Saturday, September 29, 2018**, at the 17th Street Warehouse in Murphysboro, Illinois, and the winning homebrews/brewers will be announced on **October 13, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Big Muddy Monster Brewfest at Riverside Park in Murphysboro, Illinois.

1. Submit two 10-14 ounce bottles with no distinguishing marks on the bottle or cap. Blacked out caps are OK. No cans will be accepted, and any entries received containing cans will be disqualified.
2. Entrant Information Form: Please complete this form ONE TIME ONLY for each entrant. No club affiliation is necessary to enter.
3. Entry Listing Form: Only one Entrant Info form per person is needed, but use additional copies of the Entry List if needed to list all of your entries. Please include any additional notes that are required by BJCP guidelines for styles 6D, 16E, 17F, 20, 21, 22B, 22C, 25C, 26A, 27E, and 28B-D. See BJCP style guidelines for the specific requirements.
4. Bottle Labels: Cut out the bottle labels and affix a Bottle Label with the requisite information to each bottle with rubber band(s) – do not use tape. Be sure to include the Entry Number, the BJCP category code (e.g. 2B for Bohemian Pilsner), the Style Name, and any additional information needed. Please ensure that the information on the Bottle Label is complete and matches that on the Entry Listing and Entrant Information Forms. There is no limit on the number of entries an individual may submit, but only one entry per sub-category will be allowed. Copy the Bottle Labels page as needed.

5. Enclose a check for the total amount of your entries or pay through Paypal to bigmuddyhomebrew@gmail.com. The cost is \$5 per entry (checks can be made out to the “Friends of Murphysboro”).

6. All shipped entries must be sent to the location below (do not ship via USPS). Pack your entries carefully and time them to arrive before **September 15, 2018**. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the competition coordinator.

**Big Muddy Brewing
1430 North 7th Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966
618.684.8833**

Entries may also be dropped off at the locations below:

**Minglewood Brewery 121
Broadway Street
Cape Girardeau, Missouri**

**Roof Brothers
3145 Park Ave.
Paducah, Kentucky**

**Big Muddy Brewing
1430 North 7th Street
Murphysboro, Illinois**

**The Old Bakery Beer Company
400 Landmarks Boulevard
Alton, Illinois**

**Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery
500 S 6th St
Springfield, Illinois**

Please make sure you specify your drop off location and number of entries when you register online prior to dropping off your entries.

All entries will be refrigerated upon receipt.

7. Categories may be combined if there are insufficient entries in a given category.

8. Final judging is on **Saturday, September 29, 2018**. All entrants are invited to attend the Big Muddy Monster Brew Festival at Riverside Park (Murphysboro, IL) on **October 13, 2018**. Admission is a separate fee.

Ribbons are awarded to the top three finishers in each category during our Awards Ceremony at the Big Muddy Monster Brew Festival at the band shell starting at 2:00 PM. The Best of Show Home Brew will take home a \$200 cash prize, as well as the opportunity to work with a local brewery to have their winning recipe professionally brewed for limited release.

9. After **October 13, 2018**, results will be posted on our website:
<http://bigmuddymonsterbrewfest.com>.

10. We will get the score sheets in the mail as soon as possible, along with any ribbons that were not picked up during the Awards Ceremony.

For additional information or any questions, please contact the Competition Coordinator, Gabrielle Smith at bigmuddyhomebrew@gmail.com or general information at <http://www.bigmuddymonsterbrewfest.com/home-brew-competition.html>.