

# 2015 BJCP GUIDELINE UPDATES



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- BJCP Guideline Overview
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# WHAT IS THE BJCP



Non-Profit focused on beer appreciation and literacy.



Creates and maintains de facto beer, mead, and cider style guidelines



Sets standards for, and administers, testing for beer judge certifications

- Study Guides
- Online Testing & Tasting Exam

# BJCP GUIDELINE OVERVIEW

- Categorizes beers, meads and ciders by style
- Provides guidelines for what the aroma, appearance, flavor, and mouthfeel and overall impression of a beer, mead, or cider should be.
- Provides commercial examples of each style for comparison purposes



# GUIDELINE UPDATES

- Now has three separate guidelines for Beer, Mead, and Ciders
  - ◉ Prevents people that just want to be certified cider judges from having to test on beer knowledge.
  - ◉ Allows the mead and cider guidelines to change more frequently
- Incorporate international styles to appeal to the global market
- Added new styles to keep up with the rapidly changing market
  - ◉ Gose - a sour beer with coriander and salt
  - ◉ Kentucky Common - dark cream ale
  - ◉ Pre-Prohibition Porter - a Yuengling/Pennsylvania style porter
  - ◉ American Wild Ale - Brett beer, sour beer
  - ◉ Australian Sparkling Ale - smooth, balanced ale with Australian Ingredients



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- Modified and Renamed some styles
  - ◉ Strong Scotch Ale is now Scottish Wee Heavy
  - ◉ Brown Porter is now English Porter
  - ◉ Oktoberfest is now Marzen
  - ◉ Rye Beer moved from American Wheat category to Alternative Grain Category
- Broke out styles with variants
  - ◉ Eg. Black, Brown, Rye, and Belgian IPAs are now in a category called Specialty IPA)



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- Reduced ingredient base descriptions (Eg. Smells like pils malt)
- Minimized the number of commercial examples



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