

# British Cider Championships Regulations

## Entries:

1. Entries may be made:  
Online at [www.bathandwest.com/royal-bath-and-west-show/competitions](http://www.bathandwest.com/royal-bath-and-west-show/competitions). Online entries close 9 May at 12:00 midnight and no entries will be accepted after this date.

Please note: As a condition of your entry limited exhibitor information will appear in the catalogue and on the Society's website. Please see the Society's website for full details of our privacy policy.

2. Any Exhibitor whose entry fees amount to £30.00 or more (including VAT) will be entitled to one exhibitor day ticket. When entry fees amount to £60.00 or more (including VAT) exhibitors will be entitled to two exhibitor day tickets.
3. If you wish to enter carbonated cider in Classes 1, 2 or 3 in 75cl bottles, decant your cider as follows:
  - Chill your entries to approximately 3°C.
  - When fully chilled, transfer the cider to the sterilised 75cl bottle and apply the closure immediately. This will minimise any loss of carbonation and not compromise product quality.
4. **PLEASE CHECK THE "Entry Specifications and Exhibit Labelling Requirements" AND THE BOTTLING REQUIREMENTS IN THE SCHEDULE.**

## Delivery & Removal

5. Exhibits must be delivered in advance of the Show to the Society Offices, The Showground, Shepton Mallet BA4 6QN but will not be accepted before Tuesday 9 May and the latest any exhibit will be accepted is Friday 26 May.

Alternatively exhibits will be received at the Showground from 10:00am until 4:00pm on Wednesday 29 May.

No exhibits will be accepted at the show itself.

6. Every reasonable care will be taken of exhibits, but the Show will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
7. Unless specified, all exhibits will be disposed of, and any exhibits not collected by **6:00pm** on Saturday 1 June will become the property of the Show and will be disposed of at its discretion. If specified, exhibits may be removed after **4:00pm**, (*subject to approval by the Competition Steward*) on the last day of the Show.

Please contact: Ross Mangles, Orchard & Cider Competition Steward on 07776238608 ([rossmangles@gmail.com](mailto:rossmangles@gmail.com)) for further details.

## Judging:

8. The judges will award points to each cider after considering the following attributes: **Appearance (20%), Aroma (10%), Flavour and Mouthfeel (40%) and Overall Impression (30%), each scored out of 10 points. The score for each attribute will be calculated by weighting and the total score compared to the score guide for a Gold, Silver, Bronze or 'No Award'. The weighting of each attribute remains consistent with previous years.** The judges will record their comments for the cider, and these will be fed back to the entrant.

Gold	41 to 50	Excellent example of style
Silver	31 to 40	Exemplifies Style well, requires minor fine tuning,
Bronze	21 to 30	Within Style parameters, minor flaws.
No Award	0 to 20	Off flavours/aromas or major style deficiencies.

The Gold medal winners in each class will be judged against each other to find the "Best in Class". The Champion Farmhouse Cider will be selected from the Best of Class in classes OC15, OC16 and OC17.

The Best in Class winners and the Champion Farmhouse Cider will then go forward for the judging of the British Champion Cider.

This applies to classes OC1, OC2, OC3, OC5, OC6, OC7, OC8, OC9, OC10, OC15, OC16 and OC17.

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## Cider Newcomer Award:

The judges will provide written feedback to all entrants on their ciders, giving constructive comments and the score breakdown for the attributes of each cider. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards may be presented.

Competitors may only win a Gold Medal award twice in this class, thereafter they will be expected to enter the main cider classes.

9. The Judges have the power to withhold a Prize from any class through insufficient merit.
10. No exhibit may be tasted, or in any way interfered with, whilst on the Show bench by the exhibitor or any other person, unless accompanied by the *Competitions Steward*.
11. Over time, judges are drawn from all parts of the country in order to include experience and preference over a full range of taste and regional variations.
12. *Regulation removed.*
13. Judges are not able to provide feedback on individual exhibits, however, any exhibitor wishing for such information, is invited to attend the marquee on Saturday between 10:00am and 4:00pm and speak to the Competition Steward.

## Objections:

14. Any exhibitor wishing to lodge an objection having reference to any entry exhibited at this Show must make the same in writing to the Show Office and deposit the sum of £50. An objection form will be made available from the Show Office to do so. If, on investigation, the objection is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Disqualifying Committee, the sum thus deposited shall, at the discretion of the Show, be forfeited to the funds of the Show. All objections should be delivered to the Show Office no later than 17.00 on the day of the award or the first day of Show, as appropriate, and no objection will be subsequently received, unless a reason, satisfactory to the Disqualifying Committee, be assigned for the delay. The Disqualifying Committee will consider such objections at a time and place to be fixed by them, at which time and place any person making an objection is expected to attend. The Show reserves the right to refer an objection to any Authority or Organisation to adjudicate, wholly or in part, in respect of that objection, on behalf of the Show. The decision of the Disqualifying Committee shall be final. In all other cases, the judge's decision shall be final.

The Disqualifying Committee of The Society shall include a legal advisor and a Senior Steward of the Shows or department concerned and will be chaired by the Honorary Show Director and Organisers of The Show.

The Committee shall:

- a. consider all protests arising out of the Shows organised for or on behalf of the Society by its subsidiaries or others and take such action as they may deem appropriate;
- b. consider the disqualification of any entry exhibited in a manner contrary to the regulations of the particular Show the Society or of any organisation, the rules of which are accepted by the Society for the purpose of organising competitions.

## Presentations:

15. The Cider, Perry and Apple Juice Competition Trophies will be presented on Friday 31 May at 3:00pm. The Orchards & Cider Committee request that winners be available to collect their prizes at the presentation and to give interviews if required. Please note all winners are required to sign for their trophies at the Cup Room in the Showering Pavilion.
16. Exhibitors wishing to have trophies engraved should do so at their own cost, but any engraving must be similar in size, style and layout to previous engravings to ensure consistency. The Show will seek reimbursement for the cost of repairing any damage caused to trophies through mishandling or engraving.

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## Health & Safety:

17. Exhibitors are reminded that they must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (as amended); Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002 (DSERA) and other relevant Health and Safety legislation. Exhibitors must also comply with The Equalities Act (formerly The Disability and Discrimination Act); the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order Act 2005; the Health Act 2006 incorporating the Smokefree Legislation.
18. Smoking, including vaping, is prohibited in all buildings. Environmental Health Officers and Trading Standards Officers will be in attendance at the Show and, together with Stewards, have the authority to take appropriate enforcement action.

**New or amended regulations are marked in the margin**

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