



## **2026 HOME BREWERS COMPETITION INFORMATION**

**Date: Saturday, October 3 from 3-6 p.m.**

**Location: Reno County Farmers Market, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Washington**

Welcome to the 4th Annual Hutch Brewfest Home Brewers Competition. This event will be in conjunction with the annual Hutch Brewfest: A Craft Beer Festival, a fundraiser for the Hutch Rec Foundation.

We're excited to host you and several hundred craft beer enthusiasts. Please read on for more details and requirements about participating in the Home Brewers Competition portion of our event.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Requirement #1: All varieties of beers are welcome.**

- To be judged, all beers must conform to the BJCP2021 [Style Guidelines](#).

#### **Requirement #2: Number of Entries**

- Each brewer must enter at least two (2) of their best home brews for judging.

#### **Requirement #3: Sampling**

- Brewers must bring a minimum of 2 gallons to dispense in 2-oz samples (the festival provides cups).
  - Brews may be dispensed from kegs, bottles, etc., and should represent at least two different brews.
    - Bringing more than two options may please the VIP public judges and increase voter appeal!
    - For your information, in the past, those who brought the minimum amount ran out within the first few hours.
    - Brewers are welcome to include any samples, whether or not they were submitted for BJCP judging.
- Sampling will stop immediately at 5:30 pm, when the awards are announced.

**Event Location:** Reno County Farmer's Market Pavilion, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Washington



## **DEADLINE & REGISTRATION**

**Entry Fee:** \$10/per entry (2 maximum), with registration for your beer(s) through [ReggieBeer](#). **NOTE - The max number of contestants for the Home Brew Competition is 15, so register early to secure your spot.**

**Deadline:** The deadline for paying and registering your beer on [Reggiebeer](#) is **Friday, September 11, 2026, at 6 p.m.**, with beer turned in as indicated during your registration on [ReggieBeer](#).

To enter the competition, you must do EACH of the following:

- Register with Reggiebeer - [Registration Link](#) and pay the \$10 entry fee per beer
- Submit your labeled beer for judging per the instructions at the link above.
- Call Curtis at (785) 488-6532 to make arrangements for beer drop-off for formal judging.

On Saturday, October 3:

- Bring at least 2 gallons of beer to serve at the event.
- Bring additional items for your booth (see details below).

## **EVENT DAY SPECIFICS & JUDGING**

**Booths:** Any entry into the Home Brewers Competition **must** have a booth, be present during the event, and serve the judges beer to enter the contest.

- A 10' by 10' space will be available for each entry.
- Participants will receive a souvenir labeled beer stein.
- Brewers Social Hour: This is a time to visit with fellow brewers and swap craft brewing information, stories, and other things.
- Booth Workers: Each brewer will be given two wristbands for team members and **MUST** be 21 or older. Packets will be given to the team captain as they enter.

**Participant Judging:** Participants at the Brewfest event have the opportunity to vote on "People's Choice" between 3-5:30 p.m. Participants will vote by putting a chip/token in the bucket that is provided at each Home Brewer's booth. The booth with the most votes wins.

**Private Judging:** Before the public event, there will be private judging with certified judges.



**Prizes:**

- **Grand Prize:** The winner of the Judged Brewing Portion will receive:
  - The opportunity to brew their recipe with Sandhills Brewing in Hutchinson.
  - Free registration for the 2027 event.
  
- **People's Choice:** The winner selected by the Brewfest participants will receive:
  - Hutch Brewfest swag
  - Free registration for 2027 event.
  
- **NOTE:** All entrants will receive a souvenir commemorative Beer Stein, creatively designed and crafted by the employees at Clayworks.

