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# INDIES

Australian Independent  
Beer Awards



## Associate Judge

### Australian Independent Beer Awards



An Associate (or trainee) judges are an integral part of the judging panel and development of future Full Judges.

As the Australian beer community continues to grow and evolve, more judges will be needed to ensure there is an even and fair representation across the competitions. By taking the opportunity to participate as an Associate Judge, applicants can further learn about the industry, the judging process, and continue to grow their own understanding of flavours, faults, techniques, etc.

The Associate Judge is the first step in becoming a full judge.

#### Role Description and Responsibilities

- Evaluate beer samples using predetermined criteria to accurately assess flavor, aroma, body, and other characteristics;
- Document tasting results in a comprehensive and consistent manner;
- Discuss their perceptions and sensory findings with the panel of judges;
- Provide feedback for entrants on the style and quality of the beer being judged;
- Have a basic understanding of flavours, faults and how brewing/packaging processes can affect these;
- Judge each beer on its merit according to the supplied style guidelines with fairness and without bias;
- Treat each sample as an award-winning beer unless otherwise determined by the panel after tasting;
- Ask questions of the other judges at the table to continue to learn and understand.



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## Selection Criteria

1. Preference is given to local applicants noting that we move the Indies Awards judging around the country each year.
2. Preference is given to applicants to have previously applied for and/or been accepted as an Associate Judge.
3. Ability to provide positive industry references.
4. Stewarding experience in 2+ competitions.

## Benefits

- Experience to add to your education, career profile and to value add for your employer,
- Industry engagement and networking.
- Ticket to the Indies Awards.
- Taxi transport to and from Indies judging and events. No driving needed.
- Pathway to becoming a Full Judge.
- Learn in greater details about the judging process, beer styles, and competition protocol.

