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Australian Independent
Beer Awards



Full Judge

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Full Judges provide the specialised knowledge and practical expertise that is required for the successful running of the Independent Beer Awards.

Judges are made up of industry professionals who volunteer their time and efforts for the integrity of the competition.

Role Description and Responsibilities

The role of a Judge includes, but is not limited to:

- Evaluate beer samples using predetermined criteria to accurately assess flavor, aroma, body, and other characteristics.
- Document tasting results in a comprehensive and consistent manner.
- Offer constructive criticism to entrants on how to improve their beer.
- Lead discussions on perceptions and sensory findings with the panel of judges..
- Offer a wide understanding of flavours, faults and how brewing/ packaging processes can affect these.
- Apply information on styles, techniques ingredients and up to date on trends in the beer industry.
- Communicate clearly with the volunteer stewards regarding pace of serving samples for judging.
- Ensure beers in a timely manner.
- 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.



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Selection Criteria

1. Previous experience as an Associate Judge during 2+ competitions.
2. Ability to evaluate beers objectively and accurately in accordance with established competition standards.
3. Ability to work collaboratively and lead with other judges.
4. Open-mindedness and objectivity when judging.
5. Knowledge of beer styles, ingredients, and brewing techniques.
6. Excellent sensory evaluation skills.
7. Ability to think critically and objectively.
8. Excellent verbal and written communication skills in order to provide feedback to brewers on their beers, including areas for improvement.
9. Willingness to learn and grow as a judge by attending additional sensory and training sessions.
10. Industry and peer recognition, qualifications
11. Judging demeanor from previous Indies judging performance.

Benefits

- Industry engagement and networking.
- Ticket to the Indies Awards.
- Accommodation covered for interstate and regional judges.
- Taxi transport to and from Indies Judging and events.
- Accommodation for regional and interstate judges. Unfortunately, flights are not covered.
- Pathway to judging at other beer awards, both national and international.
- Chance to further personal education with sensory training and panel discussions.

