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Beer Awards



## Table Captain

### Australian Independent Beer Awards



Table Captains are responsible for managing and coordinating the judging process at a table. Their role is to ensure that the judging is conducted fairly, efficiently, and according to the rules of the competition.

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 Table Captain is, but is not limited to:

- Communicate with Head Judges and Committee any concerns or questions from the table.
- Coordinate the activities of the judging panel, which may include assigning duties to each member of the panel, managing breaks and mealtimes and ensuring that all judges are adhering to the competition rules and guidelines.
- Facilitate the judging process to meet the timelines and ensure the integrity of the Awards.
- Facilitate their panel of judges to collaboratively determine a consensus score and awarded medal.
- Encourage and mentor the other the judges.
- Foster positive conversation, especially encouraging less confident panelists who often have valuable insights to share.
- Read and discuss style guidelines to ensure scoring and feedback align back to the style entered.
- Review all scoring and ensure quality feedback is provided to each entry.
- Work closely with stewards to facilitate optimal flight service.
- Uphold all requirements included in the standard judging position.



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## Selection Criteria

*Table Captains are allocated by the Head Judge.*

1. 5+ years of beer experience, including brewing, judging, and/or beer education.
2. Ability to evaluate beers objectively and accurately in accordance with established competition standards.
3. Ability to work collaboratively with other judges.
4. Open-mindedness and objectivity when judging.
5. Strong 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 entrants 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.
11. Judging demeanor from previous Indies judging performance.

