

GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION
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The 28th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition took place November 7, 2026, in Norwalk, Connecticut.

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THE JUDGING
Two hundred twenty-three (223) beers, ciders, meads, hard seltzers, non-alcohol beers and RTDs from across the U.S. and around the world entered the competition. Forty-five (45) professionals who work in all three tiers of the drinks business, plus food and drinks journalists, acted as judges in a blind tasting format. First, second and third place awards were presented in thirty-three (23) categories. The judges knew only the style, subcategory, ABV and any special notes (such as special ingredients) for each entry.

Since the competition began in 1997, over 11,000 entries have been judged. The winners receive medals and certificates, and the results are sent to traditional and social media outlets around the world.

2027 GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION
The 29th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition takes place November 2027, again in Norwalk, Connecticut.

The deadline for entry forms is October 15, 2027.

All information — categories, entry forms, etc. — is available from:
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2026 WINNERS

WHEAT ALE & LIGHT ALE AMERICAN & GERMAN

1 — Harvest Moon, Dead Language Beer Project, Hartford, CT
2 — Brunette's Revenge, Wolf Hollow Brewing, Schenectady, NY
3 — Big Dog, Nod Hill Brewery, Ridgefield, CT

BRITISH & IRISH ALE

1 — Martha's Vineyard Ale, Bad Martha Farmers Brewery, Falmouth, MA
2 — Vue Brewing, Southington, CT
3 — Penny Farthing, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA

AMERICAN PALE & AMBER ALE

1 — Littleton Common, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
2 — Hoppy Amber, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT
3 — West End pale, Trinity Brewhouse, Providence, RI

IPA

1 — Midnight Dreary, Wolf Hollow Brewing, Schenectady, NY
2 — Night Shift Santilli, Hendler Family Brewing, Framingham, MA
3 — District 6 IPA, Wolf Hollow Brewing, Schenectady, NY

NEW ENGLAND IPA

1 — Lil' Scoop IPA, Back East Brewing, Bloomfield, CT
2 — Ice Cream Man IPA, Back East Brewing, Bloomfield, CT
3 — Second Hand, Clocktown Brewing, Thomaston, CT

BROWN/COPPER ALE

1 — Spectral Brown Ale, Antimony Brewing, Lenox, MA
2 — Off Trail Brown Ale, Geary Brewing, Portland, ME
3 — Aqueduct Ale, 6 Degrees Or Less Brewery, Ossinging, NY

PORTER & STOUT

1 — Roast, Kinsmen Brewing, Milldale, CT
2 — Six Shooter Oyster Stout, Willimantic Brewing, Willimantic, CT
3 — Lock 9 Porter, Wolf Hollow Brewing, Schenectady, NY

LAGER

1 — Estrella Damm, S.A. Damm Brewery, Barcelona, Spain
2 — Wackin' The Dog, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT
3 — Cochran's Mountain Lager, Stone Corral Brewery, Richmond, VT

BOHEMIAN PILSNER

1 — Foothills Pils, Wolf Hollow Brewing, Schenectady, NY
2 — The Automaton, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
3 — Buffalo Czech Pilsner, Shaidzon Beer Co., South Kingstown, RI

AMBER & DARK LAGER

1 — Winter Lager, Von Trapp Brewing, Stowe, VT
2 — Voll Damm, S.A. Damm Brewery, Barcelona, Spain
3 — Hungry Ghost, Dead Language Beer Project, Hartford, CT

OKTOBERFEST

1 — Oktoberfest, Stone Corral Brewery, Richmond, VT
2 — Oktoberfest, Bad Martha Farmers Brewery, Falmouth, MA
3 — Oktoberfest, Aeronaut Brewing, Somerville, MA

STRONG BEER

1 —Now Youse Can't Leave, Bronx Brewery, Elmsford, NY
2 — Brother In Arms, Czar's Brewing, Freemont, NH
3 — Procrastinator, Stone Corral Brewery, Richmond, VT

IMPERIAL IPA

1 — Yup/Nope, Kinsmen Brewing, Milldale, CT
2 — Me Time, Little Willow Brewing, South Hadley, MA
3 — Double Nandu, Aeronaut Brewing, Somerville, MA

SOUR/WILD & BELGIAN/FRENCH BEER

1 — Ace Of Wands, Nod Hill Brewery, Ridgefield, CT
2 — Bergamonster, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT
3 — Travelling Wit, Dough Daddy Brewery, Gibsonia, PA

GLUTEN-FREE & -REDUCED BEER

1 — Daura Damm, S.A. Damm Brewery, Barcelona, Spain
2 — Commemorative IPA, Willimantic Brewing, Willimantic, CT
3 — Peach Gold, Willimantic Brewing, Willimantic, CT

PUMPKIN SPICED BEER

1 — Witch Doctah, Canned Heat Craft Beer, Fall River, MA
2 — Bone Daddy, Dough Daddy Brewery, Gibsonia, PA
3 — Pumpkin Patch, Vue Brewing, Southington, CT

FRUIT & SPICED BEER

1 — Mixed Berry Patch, Vue Brewing, Southington, CT
2 — Bowser's Ransom, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ
3 — Pineapple Power Play, Dough Daddy Brewery, Gibsonia, PA

FRUIT & SPECIALTY CIDER

1 — Woodchuck Pear Ginger, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT
2 — Pineapple Hula, Ciderboys, Stevens Point, WI
3 — Woodchuck Spiced Apple, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT

COMMON CIDER

1 — Woodchuck Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT
2 — First Press, Ciderboys, Stevens Point, WI
3 — Woodchuck Amber, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT

HARD SELTZER: CITRUS & OTHER

1 — Mountain Bubbly, Vermont Hard Seltzer Co., Lyndonville, VT
2 —Tilt A Whirl: Peach Twist, Canned Heat Craft Beer, Fall River, MA
3 — Grapefruit Fizz, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA

HARD SELTZER: BERRY

1 — Tilt A Whirl: Raspberry Whirl, Canned Heat Craft Beer, Fall River, MA
2 — Berry Blitz, Primal Brewery, Belmont, SC
3 — Strawberry Guava, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA

NO ALCOHOL BEER

1 — Free Damm Tostada, S.A. Damm Brewery, Barcelona, Spain
2 — Free Damm, S.A. Damm Brewery, Barcelona, Spain
3 — All That Razz, 1820 Brewing, Portland, ME

RTDs: SPIRITS-BASED

1 — Tides & Vibes Espresso Martini, 1820 Brewing, Portland, ME
2 — Spiked Pop Cream Soda, Owl's Brew, New York, NY
3 — Vodka Sonrise, Bad Sons Beer Co. Derby, CT

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