Brew Slam 2026 Award Categories

1 - Light Lager

1A. American Light Lager
1B. American Lager
2A. International Pale Lager
5A. German Leichtbier

2 - Pale Malty Lager

4A. Munich Helles
4B. Festbier
27A1. Kellerbier** (Historical)

3 - Pale Bitter Lager

3A. Czech Pale Lager
3B. Czech Premium Pale Lager
5C. Helles Exportbier
5D. German Pils
27A6. Pre-Prohibition Lager (Historical)
LSX5. New Zealand Pilsner

4 - Amber Lager

2B. International Amber Lager
3C. Czech Amber Lager
6A. Märzen
7A. Vienna Lager
7B. Altbier

5 - Dark Lager

2C. International Dark Lager
3D. Czech Dark Lager
8A. Munich Dunkel
8B. Schwarzbier

6 - Bock

4C. Helles Bock
6C. Dunkels Bock
9A. Dopplebock**
9B. Eisbock

7 - Pale Hybrid Ale

1C. Cream Ale
18A. Blonde Ale
5B. Kölsch

8 - Pale English Ale

11A. Ordinary Bitter
11B. Best Bitter
11C. Strong Bitter
12A. British Golden Ale
12B. Australian Sparkling Ale
12C. English IPA

9 - Pale American Ale

18B. American Pale Ale
LSX1. Dorada Pampeana

10 - Amber & Brown British Ale

14A. Scottish Light
14B. Scottish Heavy
14C. Scottish Export
15A. Irish Red Ale
13A. Dark Mild
13B. British Brown Ale
27A4. London Brown Ale (Historical)

11 - Amber & Brown American Ale

19A. American Amber Ale
19B. California Common
19C. American Brown Ale
27A2. Kentucky Common (Historical)

12 - Porter

9C. Baltic Porter
13C. English Porter
20A. American Porter
27A7. Prohibition Porter (Historical)

13 - Stout

15B. Irish Stout
15C. Irish Extra Stout
16A. Sweet Stout
16B. Oatmeal Stout

14 - Strong Stout

16C. Tropical Stout
16D. Foreign Export Stout
20B. American Stout
20C. Imperial Stout

15 - Classic IPA

21A. American IPA
22A. Double IPA

16 - Hazy IPA

21C. Hazy IPA

17 - Specialty IPA

21B. Other Specialty IPA**
21B1. Belgian IPA**
21B2. Black IPA**
21B3. Brown IPA**
21B4. Red IPA**
21B5. Rye IPA**
21B6. White IPA**
21B7. Brut IPA**
LSX2. IPA Argenta

18 - Wheat & Rye Beer

1D. American Wheat Beer
10A. Weissbier
10B. Dunkels Weissbier
10C. Weizenbock**
24A. Witbier
27A8. Roggenbier (Historical)
27A9. Sahti (Historical)

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19 - Belgian & French Ale

24B. Belgian Pale Ale
24C. Bière de Garde**
25B. Saison**
26A. Belgian Single

20 - Belgian Strong Ale

25A. Belgian Blond Ale
25C. Belgian Golden Strong Ale
26B. Belgian Dubbel
26C. Belgian Tripel
26D. Belgian Dark Strong Ale

21 - Strong Ale

17A. British Strong Ale
17A1. Burton Ale
17B. Old Ale
17C. Wee Heavy
17D. English Barleywine
22B. American Strong Ale
22C. American Barleywine
22D. Wheatwine

22 - Brett Beer

28A. Brett Beer**

23 - Sour Beer

23A. Berliner Weisse
23B. Flanders Red Ale
23C. Oud Bruin
23D. Lambic
23E. Gueuze
23G. Gose
28B. Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer**
28D. Straight Sour Beer**

24 - Specialty Wild & Sour Beer

23F. Fruit Lambic**
28C. Wild Specialty Beer**

25 - Fruit Beer

29A. Fruit Beer**
29B. Fruit and Spice Beer**
29C. Specialty Fruit Beer**
29D. Grape Ale**
LSX3. Italian Grape Ale**
LSX4. Catharina Sour**

26 - Spice / Herb / Vegetable Beer

30A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer**
30B. Autumn Seasonal Beer**
30C. Winter Seasonal Beer**
30D. Specialty Spice Beer**

27 - Smoke-Flavoured and Wood-Aged Beer

6B. Rauchbier
27A3. Lichtenhainer (Historical)
27A5. Piwo Grodziskie (Historical)
32A. Classic Style Smoked Beer**
32B. Specialty Smoked Beer**
33A. Wood-Aged Beer**
33B. Specialty Wood-Aged Beer**

28 - Specialty Beer

27A. Other Historical Beer**
31A. Alternative Grain Beer**
31B. Alternative Sugar Beer**
34A. Commercial Specialty Beer**
34B. Mixed-Style Beer**
34C. Experimental Beer**

29 - Traditional Cider

C1A. Common Cider**
C1B. Heirloom Cider**
C1C. English Cider**
C1D. French Cider**
C1E. Spanish Cider**
C2A. New England Cider**
C4A. Common Perry**
C4B. Heirloom Perry**

30 - Specialty Cider

C2B. Applewine**
C2C. Ice Cider**
C2D. Fire Cider**
C3A. Fruit Cider**
C3B. Spiced Cider**
C3C. Experimental Cider**
C4C. Ice Perry**
C4D. Experimental Perry**

31 - Traditional Mead

M1A. Dry Mead**
M1B. Semi-Sweet Mead**
M1C. Sweet Mead**

32 - Specialty Mead

M2A. Cyser**
M2B. Pyment**
M2C. Berry Mead**
M2D. Stone Fruit Mead**
M2E. Melomel**
M3A. Fruit & Spice Mead**
M3B. Spice, Herb, Vegetable Mead**
M4A. Braggot**
M4B. Historical Mead**
M4C. Experimental Mead**

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(2026) Change Log from 2025:

- Adopted the BJCP 2025 Cider Guidelines

(2025) Change Log from 2024:

- Shuffle:
  - {Pale Malty Beer / Pale Bitter Beer}
  - into
  - {Pale Malty Lager / Pale Bitter Lager / Pale Hybrid Ale Ale}
- Merge:
  - {Scottish & Irish / English Brown Ale}
  - into
  - {Amber & Brown British Ale}
- Move **27A1. Kellerbier** (Historical)** from Amber Lager into **Pale Malty Lager**

(2024) Change Log from 2023:

- Reorder Mead and Cider category numbers to have Cider first (due to popularity)

(2023) Change Log from 2019:

- Adopt the BJCP 2021 Guidelines
- Move **American Wheat** from **Other Pale American Ale** to **Wheat & Rye Beer**
- Renamed **Pale European Lager** to **Pale Malty Beer**
  - Moved in **Cream Ale** and **Blonde Ale**
- Renamed **Pilsner** category to **Pale Bitter Beer**
  - Moved in **Kolsch** from **Pale European Lager**
- Renamed **English Pale Ale** category to **Pale English Ale**
  - Moved in **English IPA** from **Other IPA**
- Renamed **Standard IPA** to **Classic IPA**
  - Moved in **Double IPA** from **Other IPA**
- Created new category for **Hazy IPA**
- Rename **Other IPA** category to **Specialty IPA**

(2019) Change Log from 2018:

- Rename category **American IPA** to **Standard IPA** to make it more obvious that New England IPA is included
- Rename category **German Wheat and Rye** to **Wheat & Rye Beer** to allow non-German styles
- Move **Witbier** from **Belgian & French Ale** to **Wheat & Rye Beer**
- Combine/split **Sour Ale** and **American Wild** into **Brett Beer**, **Sour Beer**, **Specialty Wild & Sour Beer**
  - This brings wild beer categories more in line with sensory characteristics, rather than historical context
  - Left **Catharina Sour** in **Fruit Beer** since "*the flavor and aroma of the fruit (should) be the primary focus of the beer*"

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