



2026 Competition Guidelines + Shipping

New York State Craft Beer Competition presented by Ultimate Brew Service

2026 Competition Entry Fees:

\$60 - Member | \$80 - Non-Member

Current NYSBA Members receive one complimentary beer entry.

Registration Process Register entries online:

beerawardsplatform.com/2026-new-york-state-craft-beer-competition

Please note, if you enter beer at the membership price and you are NOT a current NYSBA member, you will be invoiced your 2026 membership dues. If you do not pay for membership dues, you will be billed the difference on your entry fees. If you do not pay the difference owed before the competition judging begins, your beers will not be judged.

Please also note that all non-member entries will be ineligible for the top two awards, Brewery of the Year and the Governor's Craft Beer Cup. Non-member entries will continue to be eligible for all bronze, silver, and gold medals.

PAYMENT TERMS

Payment is due upon your beer's arrival. If payment is not received before judging takes place, your beer will not be judged.

Registration Steps & Reminders:

Please note that we have upgraded our Competition this year to the Beer Awards Platform. This is a change for us, as well as for you! Please proceed with patience and feel free to bring any questions to [Emily Forrester](#).

Step 1: Register your brewery

You will first need to register your brewery before you can register entries. Be sure to list the brewery name the way you wish to see it on the awards page after the competition. This includes uppercase and lowercase letters, and any specific punctuation or abbreviations you want to use with your brewery name. If you have participated in another competition using the Beer Awards Platform (BAP), you should be able to log into your existing account and skip ahead to Step #2.



Step 2: Register your entries

After you set up your brewery, you can add your entries. Once again, the information you enter for the beers is the information we will use for any public display, including what the judges see. Please be sure to provide accurate data for your entries, and **PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY BREWERY IDENTIFYING LANGUAGE**. Please consult our 2026 Style Guidelines to ensure you are entering your beers into the correct categories.

Step 3: Payment

Click the Place Order button. You will then be taken to a payment screen to check-out with your credit card.

Step 4: Labeling

When you have completed your order on the registration page, you can print the labels for your beers. The system will print six labels for each entry. If you are sending fewer than six containers for an entry, simply discard the extra labels (we strongly encourage you to send at least four containers, more information on quantity requirements below). Please affix the appropriate label to each individual bottle or can with tape (not rubber bands) at the top and bottom of the label. Beers without proper BAP labels attached will not be judged.

Step 5: Changes

You can edit your entry information up until the close of registration, February 6th, 2026 at 5pm. We cannot allow changes after registration closes. Withdrawals from the competition are not refundable after registration has closed.

The entry requirements per beer are:

5 – 12oz or 16oz bottles/cans

4 – 20oz, 22oz, 25oz, 750ml, or 32oz bottles/cans (including crowlers) ***Please remember – no 64oz growlers***

Packing/Shipping Instructions

Ship to:

Raise A Glass Foundation

763 Linden Avenue

Suite 2

Rochester, NY 14625

We recommend UPS or Fedex. Do not ship via the US Post Office – it is illegal!

Please use heavy/reinforced shipping boxes – the shipping companies are not gentle to the



packages. In past years we have received many crushed and damaged packages, smashed cans, and broken bottles. If damage occurs and your package leaks, many times they will dispose of it (and may not inform you).

If you wish to ship cold with ice packs, use a waterproof liner or insulated bag inside your package so condensation does not weaken the cardboard (in winter months, this is not necessary).

We are constantly upgrading our online systems to show when your packages are delivered to our warehouse, but we can get backed up when multiple deliveries come at once (especially in the entry deadline week).

Drop-Offs

If you wish to drop your entries off in person (same address above), our warehouse hours are 10:00am - 4:00pm, Monday - Friday.

Please call 585-944-4611 at least a day ahead to schedule a drop-off time as our drive-thru area can get congested.