

# 5th Annual Orpheus Cup MeadFest Mead Competition Official Rules, Registration Form, Labels, and Instructions

Saturday, October 3, 2015 4-8 PM  
The Crown Social  
1446 South Broadway Denver, CO 80210  
[www.orpheuspcc.org](http://www.orpheuspcc.org)

**This is a MEAD-only competition, sanctioned by the AHA/BJCP  
and following AHA competition guidelines.**

## PART I – How to Enter This Competition

### Categories and Subcategories

The Orpheus Cup uses the *Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) Style Guidelines for Beer, Mead and Cider, 2008 Edition*: <http://www.bjcp.org/2008styles/catdex.php>. Enter your brew in the subcategory where you feel it will perform best. Please list all special ingredients – it makes it easier to judge flavors. Judges do not see your entry registration form. Judges or organizers **will not** classify or reclassify your entry. *Any entry that does not meet the stylistic definitions for AHA Style Guidelines, categories 24 – 26 will be disqualified.* The following is a listing of categories and subcategories:

#### 24. Traditional Mead

- A. Dry Mead
- B. Semi-sweet Mead
- C. Sweet Mead

#### 25. Melomel (Fruit Mead)

- A. Cyser (Apple Melomel)
- B. Pyment (Grape Melomel)
- C. Other Fruit Melomel\*

#### 26. Other Mead

- A. Metheglin\*
- B. Braggot\*
- C. Open Category Mead\*

\* **Style and/or special ingredients information required**...see below

### 1. What kind of bottle is required? *Entries in bottles not meeting these requirements will be disqualified.*

- Mead entries must be in bottles that hold a minimum of 10 ounces in volume. Bottles may be of any size and color, and must be free of ink, paint, or paper labeling other than competition entry labels. Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker. Corked bottles, odd-shaped bottles, and bottles with raised lettering are acceptable.

### 2. How many bottles do I need?

Send at least one (1) bottle for each competition sub-category.

**3. How much are Entry Fees: \$10** for each sub-category entry. An entry may consist of 2 different meads in the *same* sub-category. For instance, if you enter both a cherry mead and a peach mead in sub-category 25C

(Melomel/Other Fruit), the entry fee is \$10 for the two bottles. If you enter a cherry mead in 25C and a dry mead in 24A, the entry fee is \$20.

**4. When are the entry deadlines?** Entries must be received from Monday, August 31 until Monday, September 28, 2015.

**5. How do I enter?**

- A. **Fill out a Registration Form** for each entry. Entrants must register their entries with a completed registration form at the time the entry is received, either when dropping off or included as part of a shipment.
- B. **ALL** entries must use the registration form or they will be disqualified.
- C. **Pay for your entries by check or money order made out to Orpheus Pagan Chamber Choir.**
- D. **Print labels** for each entry bottle and attach the label to each bottle using a rubber band.
- E. **Do not attach the bottle label with glue or tape** or your entry will be disqualified.

**6. Shipping/Drop off** of your entries: ***DO NOT SHIP ENTRIES VIA THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.***

Entries may be shipped to:

Pamela McAlpin  
6440 W. 62<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Arvada, CO 80003

Entries may be dropped off by prior arrangement. Email [just.pamela@gmail.com](mailto:just.pamela@gmail.com). Other drop-off locations will be announced. Be sure to check our website ([www.orpheuspccc.org](http://www.orpheuspccc.org)) and Facebook page frequently for this and other important news.

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHIP ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES VIA THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.** However, it is **not** against any federal laws to ship your entries via a privately-owned shipping company for *analytical purposes*. Private shipping carrier rules and regulations concerning the shipment of alcoholic beverages vary. We **strongly** encourage you to check with your shipping carrier prior to shipping your entry. *It is solely the entrant's responsibility to follow all applicable laws and regulations.*

Orpheus cannot acknowledge receipt of entries – arrange for a return receipt with your shipping company, if you wish to confirm delivery of your package. Packages with postage due or C.O.D. charges will be returned to sender.

Every reasonable effort will be made to contact entrants whose bottles have broken to make arrangements for sending replacement bottles.

***Safe Packing and Shipping Hints***

Please pack and ship your entries so they arrive intact. Carefully pack your entries in a sturdy box. Line the inside of your package with a plastic trash bag. Partition and pack each bottle with adequate packaging material. Please refrain from using packing “peanuts” if possible; use bubble wrap or newspaper instead. Do not over-pack! Your package should weigh less than 25 pounds.

Read “[How to Pack Your Beer](#),” a downloadable PDF file from *Zymurgy* Spring 1991 (Vol. 14, No. 1) for excellent advice on how to save time and money, and avoid broken bottles. Also refer to “The Competitive Edge,” an article about entering competitions in *Zymurgy* Spring 1996 (Vol. 19, No. 1). Contact [info@brewersassociation.org](mailto:info@brewersassociation.org) to obtain an electronic copy.

**7. Are there entry limitations?**

- A. You must be at least 21 years old to enter.
- B. Judges may not judge a category they have entered, and stewards may not steward a category they have entered.

## **PART II – The Fine Print**

### **A. Judging**

All judging will be performed on October 2, 2015 at a private residence. Winners will be announced at MeadFest on Saturday October 3, 2015.

- A. The judging director will provide the completed score sheets for those entrants that are available at the event. If you are unable to attend, we will strive to mail score sheets with judges' comments to entrants by November 2, 2015.
- B. All decisions by competition organizers are final.

### **B. Awards**

1. **Awards** will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place finishers scoring 30 or higher in each category. Entries must score 30 or better to compete in Best of Show, although scoring a 30 or better does not guarantee advancement. If there are less than three entries scoring 30 or better in a given category, judges will award fewer than three entries for that category.
2. **Best In Show Award**  
First-place winning entries in each of the sub-categories will compete in a best-of-show judging.

### **C. Return Policy**

No entries will be returned whether received late or otherwise. All entries become property of the Orpheus Cup MeadFest.

### **D. Refund Policy**

No refunds will be given.

### **E. Disqualifications**

Entries failing to meet requirements listed in these Competition Rules will be disqualified. Disqualified entries may still be judged, but will not be eligible for awards or prizes.

## **PART III: Special Ingredients::Please refer to BJCP Style Guidelines [www.bjcp.org/styles04/mead/php](http://www.bjcp.org/styles04/mead/php)**

All entries **must** specify level of sweetness (dry, semi-sweet, sweet), carbonation (sparkling, petillant, or still), and strength (hydromel, standard, sack). Please list all ingredients and honey type.

Entries in categories 25C and 26A, B, & C **require style and/or special ingredient information.**

A mead listed in a category *not* requiring special ingredients should not have any special ingredients listed.

#### ***Entries in 25C Other Fruit Melomel***

- You **must** also specify the varieties of fruit used.

#### ***Entries in 26A Metheglin***

- You **must** also specify the spices used.

#### ***Entries in 26B Braggot***

- You **may** also specify the base style of beer or types of malt used.

#### ***Entries in 26C Open Category Mead***

- You **must** also specify the special nature of the mead, whether it is a combination of existing styles, experimental mead, historical mead, or some other creation.

Please **do not use brand names**, geographic names, or any other proper names of special ingredients. For example, if you used Washington apples, Colorado clover honey, or Sitka spruce tips, enter only "apples, clover honey, or spruce tips" respectively. If a specific honey variety was used and the varietal character is noticeable, you **may** specify this in the Special Ingredients field as well.

***Special Instructions for the Judges*** (e.g. request that the judges swirl the bottle before serving):

Include all instructions in the *Special Ingredients* section of the registration form.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Orpheus Cup MeadFest**  
**Registration Form and Bottle Labels**  
**Fill out a Registration Form for *each entry*.**

**BREWER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Brewer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (C): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

Name of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

BJCP Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Category Number: \_\_\_\_\_

BJCP Sub-Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Sub-Category Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Ingredients/Judging Instructions:

*Bottle Labels - Attach one to the neck of each bottle with a rubber band*

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