

Queued Judging

Detailed Instructions for Judges and Stewards

Queued Judging is a method for increasing the speed and throughput of judging categories with multiple flights. Following is a detailed look at the process for judges and stewards:

1. The entire judging category uses a single pull list (i.e., the list of beers within the category). Each flight will not have its own list; beers are not pre-assigned to a flight. Every judge and steward will have their own copy of the category pull list.
2. Each category's pull list has been sorted by the organizer into the preferred judging order. Judges should not resort the pull list.
3. Judges should not fill out scoresheets in advance with information on the beers. Labels will be provided with this information (as will labels with judge information).
4. The steward will pull beers from the pull list starting at the beginning. Enough beers will be pulled so that every flight will have one beer to judge.
5. Judges will locate the beer labels for the beer they are judging and apply them to their scoresheet. The labels for each category are sorted in the same order as on the pull list. Choosing the next labels on the sheet is all that is required.
6. As each flight finishes judging their beer, the steward will pull the next beer from the pull list and present it to the flight. This process repeats until all beers in the category have been judged. The goal is to finish at the same time, *not* for every flight to judge the same number of beers. Slow judges *will* judge fewer beers. Each flight sends beers to the mini-BOS as usual.
7. Stewards and judges may decide to pull additional beers on the list so as to have beers ready to judge at the table, or to allow the beers to reach an optimum judging temperature for the category. This is acceptable, as long as the beers are retained under the control of the steward until ready to judge. Flights may not "stock up" on advance beers.
8. At least one steward should remain at the judging table at all times, and assume responsibility for handling the paperwork. Table runners should be available to fetch beers from the cellar-master upon request from the lead table steward. Additional stewards may help depending on the number of flights involved; however, there should be one lead steward responsible for distributing the beers at the table and managing the pull list.

Definitions: *Category* refers to the competition award category, not the BJCP style category. It is the set of beers that are judged resulting in one award and/or one advancement to the best-of-show round. The **Pull List** is the master list of competition entries in a category. **Flight** refers to a single panel of judges within the category. Multiple flights are used to fully judge a single category. The **Mini-BOS** is the reconciliation of flights to pick the category medal winners.