

Regulations VII IST Beer Challenge

Article 1 - General Principles

1. The VII IST Beer Challenge is a homemade craft beer competition organized by the Clube de Cervejeiros do Instituto Superior Técnico (CCIST), an autonomous section of the Instituto Superior Técnico Student Association (AEIST).
2. The competition is open to all individuals who produce homemade craft beer on a non-commercial basis.
3. All information about the competition will be shared on the CCIST website (<https://clubecervejeiros.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/>) and on the CCIST Instagram page (<https://www.instagram.com/clube.cervejeiros.ist/>).

Article 2 - Objective

1. The competition aims to foster interest in craft beer and promote homebrewing.
2. The competition provides participants with high-quality feedback on their beers and encourages cooperation and communication among various participating entities.

Article 3 - General Provisions

1. The competition follows the format and rules defined by the BJCP program (<https://www.bjcp.org>), and the beers will be judged according to the 2021 edition categories of the same organization.
2. The competition will have two categories:
 - a. **Ale Category** - Any beer classified as an ALE according to the 2021 BJCP guidelines may compete.
 - b. **Special Category - "Sours"** - Any beer belonging to the groups: 23. European Sour Ale and 28. American Wild Ale.
3. The beers submitted must be original and homemade.
4. Participants must submit/send 3 bottles of 0.33L.
5. The bottles must not have any labels, tags, or visible marks that allow identification of the participant.
6. Bottles may differ from each other or show signs of wear.
7. The bottle caps must be plain and metallic, of any colour.
8. Beers belonging to the Special Category cannot compete in the Ale Category.

Article 4 - Registration

1. Registrations will be conducted online through the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/mNTLWWQS5N>.
2. Registrations will be open until June 21, 2025.
3. Participants may register individually or in groups.
4. Each participant may enter as many times as they wish, by filling out the form the corresponding number of times.
5. A minimum of 10 participants is required for the competition to take place.

Article 5 - Beer Bottle Submission

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1. Beers will be accepted between March 20, 2025, and June 27, 2025.
2. Along with the bottles, the recipe of the beer must be submitted, including the name assigned to the beer.
3. Beers can be sent by mail to Clube de Cervejeiros do IST, Avenida Rovisco Pais No. 1, 1049-001 Lisbon, or delivered in person at the AEIST secretariat between 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Article 6 - Payment

1. Registration requires payment for the first entry, which costs €8, with an additional €2 for each extra entry.
2. Payment can be made in cash along with the delivery/shipment of the bottles or via bank transfer to PT50 0033 0000 45694819753 05. The proof of payment must be sent to ccist.sa@aeist.pt with the subject "PAGAMENTO IST BC," identifying the name of the beer.

Article 7 - Tasting and Awards

1. The beer tasting and judging will take place on June 28, 2025, and will not be open to the public.
2. Beer judging will follow the method recommended and certified by the BJCP.
3. Evaluation sheets will be sent to participants, and a ranked list of all submitted beers will be published.
4. All other participants will be represented by the name of their beer.
5. Three prizes will be awarded to the three highest-scoring beers in each category.
 - a. Prizes for the Special Category are subject to the number of entries in that category.
6. The prizes will be announced by the registration deadline on the CCIST website and Instagram page.

Note: If a group wins a prize, only one prize will be awarded per group.

Article 8 - Responsibility

1. Participants are responsible for ensuring their bottles arrive within the deadline and undamaged and for making the registration payment.
2. In case of disqualification or late delivery, CCIST is not responsible for refunding the registration fee and/or the submitted beers.
3. CCIST will store the bottles in a refrigerated chamber to ensure proper storage.

Article 9 - Omitted Cases

1. Any omitted case arising from this regulation will be duly considered and decided by the CCIST board.