



Cider Program Overview

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Cider Judge Program

- Structured the same as the Mead Judge Program
- Cider Judge is a rank (non-BJCP judges)
- Cider Judge is an endorsement (BJCP judges)
- No prerequisites for rank
- Pass online exam first, then pass tasting exam (60 or higher)
- No experience points required
- Full BJCP member
- Can check Cider Judge box on score sheets
- Can wear Cider Judge pin
- Can't advance in rank
- Can't use exam as basis to advance in beer rank
- Passing the exam gives judges CEP credit



Cider Exam Proposed Format

online entrance exam

- Cider Judge program, judging procedures / ethics
- Cider style guideline questions
- Apple varietal questions
- Characteristics, faults
- Process control
- Etc.

90 minute tasting exam 6 Cider or Perry samples

- New World Cider
- New World or Traditional Perry
- English or French Cider
- Cider or Perry with Herbs / Spices
- Cider or Perry with Other Fruit
- New England, Applewine, or Ice Cider

What's Been Done To Date

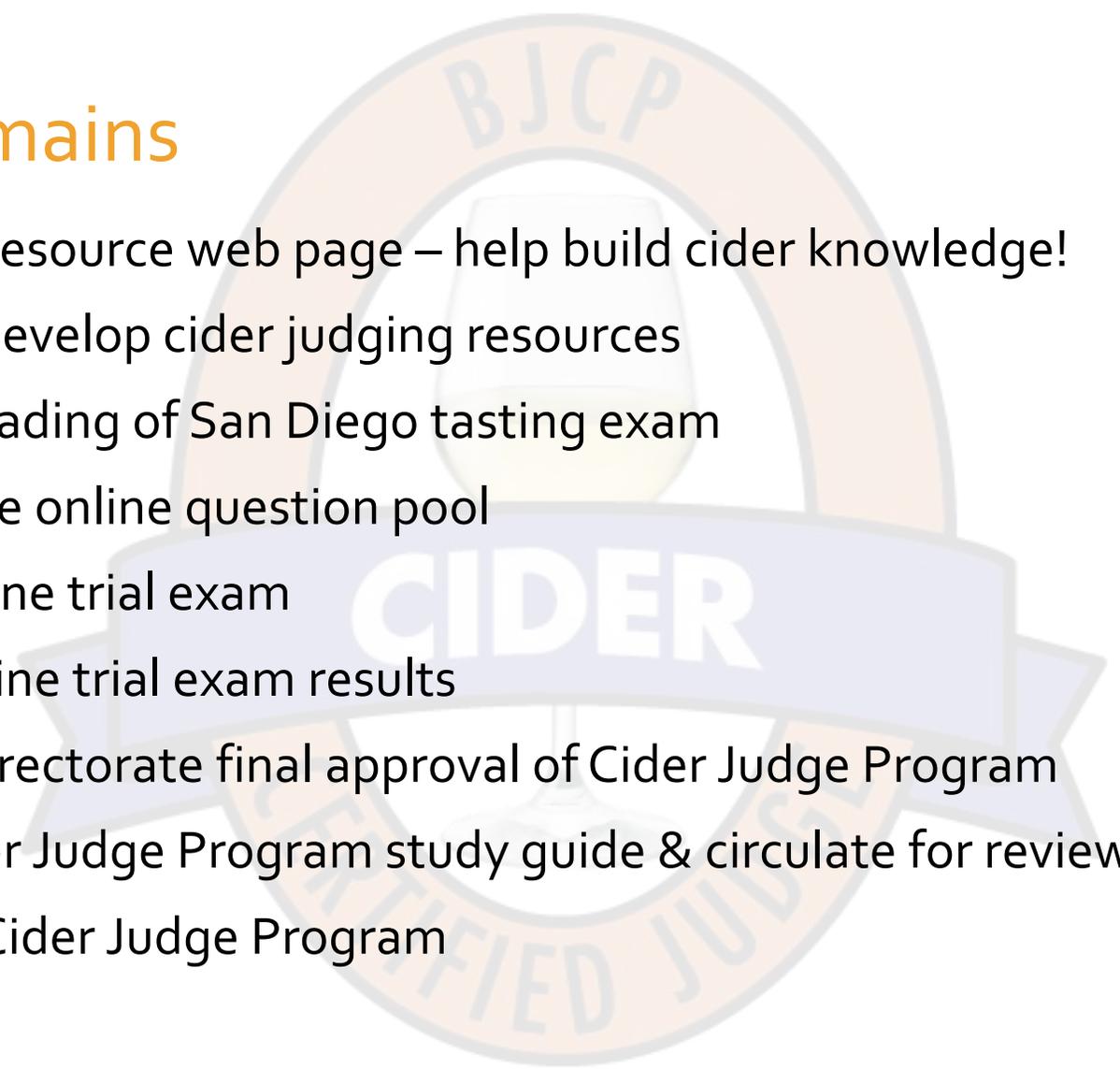
- Two trial tasting exams – Grand Rapids, MI & San Diego, CA
 - End to end testing – tasting exam with 6 ciders through grading
 - Grading and proctor pool building once tasters pass online exam
- Cider Exam Score & Cover Sheets
- Cider Exam RTP
- Cider Judge Administration Procedures Guide
- Proctors Guide
- Started building the online question pool

Trial Tasting Exam Findings

- Cider tasting knowledge good but needs improvement
- Home made ciders easier to find for Grand Rapids, harder for San Diego
- Exam cider & perry model (slide 3) works well
- 90 minute format & Cider Judge Administration Procedures Guide worked well
- Cider Exam Score & Cover Sheets and Proctors Guide also worked well
- Grading of exam plugged in nicely with existing BJCP grading infrastructure
- More cider educational materials are needed
- San Diego exam and results currently going through grading process
- Grand Rapids exam and results accepted by the exam directorate
- Once Grand Rapids examinees take the approved online exam and pass they will become Cider Judges

What Remains

- Cider exam resource web page – help build cider knowledge!
- Assemble / develop cider judging resources
- Complete grading of San Diego tasting exam
- Complete the online question pool
- Conduct online trial exam
- Evaluate online trial exam results
- Get Exam Directorate final approval of Cider Judge Program
- Prepare Cider Judge Program study guide & circulate for review
- Launch the Cider Judge Program





Questions or Comments?

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