

NHC Final Round Judging with Dedicated Mini-BOS Judges

May 2018



The Schedule

- Only categories are judged during Session 1.
- During Session 2 separate Mini-BOS judges will do the Mini-BOS from Session 1.
- Same for Session 3 and Mini-BOS from Session 2.
- Mini-BOS for Session 3 starts when entries are ready.
- Mead and Cider Category Judging completed in Sessions 1 & 2.
- BOS judging begins when entries are ready.

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8:00 AM	Session 1		
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10:00 AM	Session 2		
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12:00 PM		Lunch	
1:00 PM	Session 3		
2:00 PM		Mini-BOS Session 2	
3:00 PM		Mini-BOS Session 3	Mead & Cider BOS Judging
4:00 PM			Beer BOS Judging
5:00 PM			

How it Works

- Approximately 36 entries per a category.
- 6 to 8 entries per a pair of Session judges.
- 10 to 12 judges per category.
- 2 to 3 entries passed on per a pair of judges to Mini-BOS.
- Dedicated judges for Mini-BOS and BOS judging. About 14 judges per session.
- Mini-BOS for Session 3 starts when entries are ready.
- There will still be a bull pen to address last minute cancellations.
- Numbers subject to change per what actually shows up to final round.

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How it Works

- Judges for the Mini-BOS will be selected based on judging experience, category experience, and judge rank.
- No one judge will judge a Beer Mini-BOS and then judge Beer BOS.
- No one judge will judge a Mead Mini-BOS and then judge Mead BOS.
- No one judge will judge a Cider Mini-BOS and then judge Cider BOS.

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Benefits

- Reduce judge fatigue.
- Reduce down time between sessions for judges.
- Reduce lag time between end of category judging and the beginning of Mini-BOS judging.
- Eliminate judge constraint of Mini-BOS finishing and next category judging starting.
- Reduce bias carryover from category judging to the Mini-BOS round.
- 3 Category Judging sessions complete in 7 hours with lunch.
- Allows more judging to be done in a shorter amount of time.
 - Less time away from conference events.
 - Get 1.5 judging points a day instead of just 1. BOS judges 2 points.

Keys to Success

- 8 or less entries per a pair of Category Judges.
 - Diminishing returns after 8.
 - Judges take longer to fill out sheets, get more chatty, palate fatigue.
- Category Judges reach an impasse on an entry?
 - Send it to Mini-BOS. Resolved quicker there.
 - Judges still have a job to do though. No more than 3 entries passed on to a Mini-BOS per a pair of judges.
- Mini-BOS Judges reach an impasse on an entry placing?
 - Judge Coordinator assigns an arbitrator judge to break the impasse.
- 2 hours plenty of time to judge 6 to 8 entries.
 - Time intended for all efforts, including Stewards and Beer Runners.
 - Judges can't downshift. 10 minute average judge time per an entry.
- Get Mini-BOS going as soon as possible.
 - Lag time can be a killer.