

BOXING ROCK BREWING COMPANY

BLACK BOX CHALLENGE

Objective: Brew a beer with only the ingredients provided. Brewing skill and technical excellence is expected, but innovation, originality, creativity and marketability will be equally valued by the judging panel.

Competition Rules:

1. There will be a maximum of 25 entries allowed.
2. Brewers may only use ingredients provided in the "Black Box", with the following exceptions:
 - a. You may use water from any source you wish. This includes tap water, R-O water, distilled water, and spring water. If you use tap water you may filter it through a charcoal filter to remove chlorine and chloramines.
 - b. You may not use brewing salts or mineral additions.
 - c. You may aerate your wort using pure oxygen, if you wish.
 - d. You may force carbonate your beer using bottled CO₂.
3. You do not have to use all the ingredients in the Black Box. Use only the ingredients that you wish to use.
4. Black Boxes will contain sufficient ingredients to make up to two 20L batches.
5. Black Box ingredients will not be revealed prior to pickup.
6. All brewers will include photos of their homebrew setup, and photos of the brew day in their submission to the judges. Creativity is encouraged in competitors' photography submissions.
7. All brewers will submit a minimum of six 341 ml (or 12 oz) bottles to the judging panel for tasting. Each submitted sample will have a completed label attached. Labels are provided.
8. Brewers will deliver their samples in person between March 12, 2017 and March 15, 2018 to Stillwell Beer Bar, 1672 Barrington St. Halifax. Late entries will not be accepted.
9. Preliminary judging will take place at the Boxing Rock Brewing Company. The preliminary judging panel will consist of staff from the Boxing Rock Brewing Company with assistance from BJCP certified judges.
10. Six entries will be selected as finalists. Finalists are required to prepare a short five-seven minute presentation on their beer. Presentations will be heard during final judging.
11. Final judging will take place on March 25, 2018 at Stillwell Beer Bar, 1672 Barrington St. Halifax. Final judging will include BJCP principles, but will also include the brewers' presentations as part of the overall score. The overall score will be calculated as follows:
 - BJCP scoresheet: 45 %
 - The presentation: 20 %
 - Subjective evaluation: 35%
12. The entry fee is \$55 plus HST. Registration is through Eventbrite. No Exceptions.
13. Black Boxes may be picked up starting February 7, 2018 at 2:00 pm until February 11, 2018 at the Stillwell Beer Bar, 1672 Barrington Street in Halifax. Any Black Boxes not picked up by the end of the working day on February 11, 2018 shall be forfeited.
14. Finalists' presentations, tastings, and judging will take place on March 25, 2018 starting at 12:15 pm at the Stillwell Beer Bar, 1672 Barrington Street in Halifax.
15. The winner of the Black Box Challenge will be named the Black Box Brewer of the Year, and will be invited to the Boxing Rock Brewing Company to brew his or her beer on a commercial scale.