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**California Commercial Craft Beer and Homebrew Competitions Return for 2023 with  
New Additions**

**SACRAMENTO** — The California State Fair proudly announces the return of the California Commercial Craft Beer Competition and the Homebrew Competition for 2023. For the first time since 2020, both competitions will be held simultaneously, with the judging taking place back-to-back over two weeks in July at Cal Expo. **The deadline for entering is June 4, 2023.** For details on how to enter, click [here](#) for the California Commercial Craft Beer Competition and [here](#) for the Homebrew Competition.

The 2023 competitions are excited to welcome new Competition Coordinator Bill Tarchala, while the talented and experienced David Teckam will be returning as the lead judge. The Commercial Craft Beer Competition has expanded this year, introducing cider, perry, and hard kombucha categories for the first time. All details regarding the new categories can be found in the competition guidebook.

"We are thrilled to bring back the Homebrew Competition and combine the event dates for both competitions this year. With the addition of new categories and our fantastic team, we are confident that this year's competitions will showcase the incredible talent and innovation in the California craft beverage community," said Tom Martinez, CEO of the California State Fair.

Many of the winning commercial craft breweries will be featured at the 2023 Best of California Brewfest, held on **Sunday July 23**, at Heart Health Park during the CA State Fair & Food Festival. Attendees can enjoy beer tastings from 3 pm – 6 pm, with General Admission tickets priced at \$45 and VIP tickets at \$55. VIP ticket holders will have access to an extra hour of beer tasting starting at 2 pm. For ticket purchasing information and further details on participating breweries, which will be available online at CA State Fair's [Brewfest webpage](#).

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to experience the best of California's craft beer scene, as well as the chance to discover new and innovative beverages. Mark your calendars and join us for the 2023 Best of California Brewfest!

**About the California State Fair**

The California State Fair is an international award-winning fair, receiving top honors at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions out of more than 1,100 fairs world-wide. The California State Fair is dedicated as a place to celebrate the best the state has to offer in agriculture, technology and the diversity of its people, traditions and trends that shape the Golden State's future.

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