



# CIDER PROGRAM OVERVIEW





# Cider Judge Program Overview

- Focus on improvement of critiquing, ability to evaluate, and properly communicate sampling experience in relation to cider.
- Provide constructive feedback to the cider maker.
- Not an attempt to solve issues or perceived flaws of entry.
- Build knowledge of cider styles and sensory perception.
- Need not be an existing member of the BJCP to become a cider judge.
- Endorsed by the United States Association of Cider Makers (USACM).





# Cider Judge Program Overview

- Participants must first pass an online entrance exam in order to qualify for the judging (tasting) exam. No exceptions.
- Upon passing both exams the participant will be considered a Cider Judge.
- Once a participant becomes a Cider Judge they will become a BJCP member if they are not one already.
- For non-beer judge members Cider Judge is considered a rank.
- For beer judge members Cider Judge is considered an endorsement.
- No prerequisites or experience points required.

# Cider Judge Program Overview

- Cider Judges can:
  - Check the Cider Judge box on score sheets.
  - Wear the Cider Judge pin.
  - Receive Education and Training Directorate credit based on Judging exam score.
- Cider Judges can't use the passing of exams pertaining to cider as basis to advance in beer rank.
- No additional rank beyond the designation of Cider Judge.
- Existing BJCP judges who pass the Cider Judging Exam will receive ETD credits based on the overall exam score (0.5/1/1.5/2 points for a score of 60/70/80/90).





# Cider Judge Exam Format

## Cider Online Entrance Exam

- 100 questions, 30 minutes.
- True / False, Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer.
- Cider Judge program, judging procedures / ethics.
- Cider style guideline questions.
- Apple / Pear varietal questions.
- Characteristics, faults, process control, Etc.
- Must pass the cider online entrance exam to qualify for the Cider Judging Exam.
- Participant has 1 year to pass the Cider Judging exam once they have passed the online portion.

## Cider Judging Exam

- 90 minute tasting exam of 6 samples from the following groups:
  - 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.
- Examinee fills out a scoresheet for each sample.



# Taking the Cider Exams

## Cider Online Entrance Exam

- <http://bjcp.coursewebs.com>
- Category: BJCP Cider Entrance Exam
- Single exam try for \$10.
- Three exam tries for \$20.
- Need to pass in order to take the Cider Judging Exam.
- Receive certificate upon passing.

## Cider Judging (Tasting) Exam

- Find a registered exam at <https://bjcp.org/exams.php>.
- Send copy of Certificate of Completion to Exam Administrator.
- Exam Sites can be registered in months that have openings.
- Number of Exam Sites per a month will not be increased for cider.



# Important Resources

[BJCP Cider Judge Designation & Program](#)

[Studying for the BJCP Cider Exam](#)

BJCP Cider Guideline [Intro](#) & [Styles](#)

[BJCP Exam Schedule](#)

[BJCP Exam Administration](#) (Choose Cider Button)

[BJCP Cider Judge List](#)

[BJCP Potential Cider Exam Proctor List](#)



# Thank you

