



Welcome to the 22nd Annual Smokin' on the Beaver BBQ Contest

Friday & Saturday, September 25-26, 2026 in Atwood, Kansas
(Revised 8/24/2026)

Homebrew and Homemade Wine Contest Rules

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.
2. All entries must be homemade for private, noncommercial use.
3. Participants must supply entries in the following containers: Beer in beer bottles and wine in wine bottles.
4. There are no maximums for entries. However, each entry must have a unique descriptive name.
5. Bottles must be clean and carry no labels or other identification.
6. Entries may be turned in Wednesday & Thursday, September 23 and 24 after 5:00 PM or Friday, September 25 before 5:00 PM. Judging will take place on Friday, September 25 at 7:00 PM.
7. If you would like your bottle back, please see a Committee Member in the Hall Kitchen Friday evening (after judging) or Saturday morning (before 2:00 PM).
8. Each entry must include either two (2) bottles or equal to 24 oz.

Judging Guidelines

Entries for the Smokin' on the Beaver contest will be scored using the process outlined below. Scores will range from 9 to 2 with 9 being the highest and 2 the lowest. The score of 1 is assigned for disqualification only. Each entry will be judged on its own merit; judges will not rank entries – therefore two or more teams may get the same score from the same judge.

Judging criteria for the Homebrew and Homemade Wine:

Aroma: In your opinion, does the entry smell like brew, wine or spirit?

Appearance: How are the color and the clarity?

Taste/Flavor: This is a personal preference.

Body: How does the drink feel in your mouth?

Drinkability: Is the entry something you would want to continue drinking?

Overall Impression: The final criteria. What is the overall effect of the drink, your total impression?

In the case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the highest score in the "Taste/Flavor" category; if a tie still exists, Judges 1 and 5 will determine the winner.

Judge 2 in each category will score the Appearance/Presentation of the entries. The same designated judge is to score ALL the entries in their assigned category; however, group discussion/consensus may occur.

If one had to describe the 9 to 2 rating scale, the descriptions might use the following words:

- 9= So outstanding, it is among the best
- 8= Close to but not quite among the best
- 7= Much better than average, but not nearly among the best
- 6= Slightly better than average
- 5= Average
- 4= Slightly below average
- 3= Quite a bit below average, but not among the worst
- 2= Among the worst
- 1= Disqualified per rule violation