

Tasting Panel Chairs are appointed by Regional Tasting Panel Coordinators (RTPCs) who have the appropriate access to the [Brewery Information System](#) (BIS) and can give the Chair access to the correct areas of the site.

Purpose of the role is to:

- Establish and maintain a well-motivated active tasting panel;
- Organise panellists' training as required;
- Collate the cards provided by the panellists to provide tasting notes on all beers brewed regularly within the area covered by your panel;
- Submit notes onto the Brewery Information System (BIS) which are then used annually for the *Good Beer Guide* and other publications;
- Submit panel nominations for the [Champion Beer of Britain](#) competition to the Champion Beer of Britain Area Co-ordinator;
- Ensure that the panellists are kept up to date with any changes in beer style guidelines;
- From time to time, hold sessions to standardise the scoring of the panellists;
- Liaise with the relevant Brewery Liaison Officers (BLOs) as and when required to maximise the number of beers that have a full tasting description.

All Tasting Panel Chairmen are asked to refrain from:

- Putting forward any personal points of view that are against CAMRA's policy or that might bring the Campaign into disrepute;
- Putting any personal bias in describing beers or entering the beers to the Champion Beer of Britain competition;
- Telling a brewer which of their beers have been put forward to Champion Beer of Britain Competition.

Hours

Hours are to suit and this role can take up as much time as you are prepared to give. Most of the work can be done as part of the usual visits to the pub or beer festivals. Circa two hours per month is probably acceptable except at key times, namely updating the beer descriptions on the BIS for the Good Beer Guide and submitting entries to the Champion Beer of Britain competition. Attendance at local Branch and Regional Meetings are useful.

You will have:

- Good interpersonal and communication skills;
- The ability to motivate people;
- Access to a computer and the internet;
- Ability to taste and describe beer.

Support and information

The [Tasting Panels](#) section on the CAMRA website; your Regional Tasting Panel Co-ordinator (RTPC) who is listed on the Brewery Information System (BIS). Other support is available from your [Regional Director](#)

Or for any other volunteering enquiry: volunteer.services@camra.org.uk

