

Champion Beer of Britain – A Summary

CAMRA's Champion Beer of Britain (CBoB) is one of the most prestigious beer competitions in the world.

This summary will condense and explain the CBoB process through its various stages leading up to the annual announcement of the overall 'supreme champion' at CAMRA's Great British Beer Festival (GBBF).

Every autumn, nominations for the Champion Beer of Britain are selected by CAMRA members and tasting panels in 12 cask beer style categories and 2 strength categories for bottle-conditioned beers (Real Ale in Bottle).

Tasting panel nominations are used alongside an annual online vote in which CAMRA members can vote for up to five beers per category on a list of eligible beers from across the British Isles. This takes place between 1 September and 1 November at <https://cbob.camra.org.uk/>

Over the following calendar year, category competitions judge these nominations in nine geographical areas, which are identical to the nine tasting panel regions. Each CBoB area judges the nominations brewed within its boundary.

In the next calendar year, the top-scoring beers from the area category competitions are judged in three sets of national competitions: *Champion Beer of Britain* (CBoB), *Champion Winter Beer of Britain* (CWBoB) and *Champion Bottled Beer of Britain* (CBBBoB).

At the Great British Beer Festival (GBBF), six CBoB cask beer categories are judged and the winners go head-to-head in the CBoB 'supreme champion' judging along with the winners of six cask beer categories that were judged for CWBoB earlier in the year. The national CBBBoB judging takes place at a separate event towards the end of the year.

A process flow summary of the CBoB competition is shown below:

