

It's taken us a while to sort through all the myriad regulations and options to come up with a way to produce the 2020 Orpheus MeadFest Competition. The result? We're going virtual! Instead of a marathon mead judging, our judges will be meeting virtually or live in teams of 2 to judge our entries. (The Best of Show rounds will be live judging sessions.)

Utilizing all the capabilities of our ReggieBeer software will make the competition possible. Here's how the judging will work. (There are detailed instructions in ReggieBeer under "Login" on the menu bar.)

1. After you've registered, our judging director will pair you with another judge and assign your team the sub-categories you'll judge.
2. You can either pick up your entries the afternoon and early evening of Saturday, November 21st at the Brew Hut, 15120 E. Hampden Ave. in Aurora, or arrange with one of our special couriers to have your entries delivered to you.
3. Your team will have 13 days, from Nov. 21 to Dec. 4th, to evaluate your entries, either virtually or live.
4. You'll use the eScoresheets on ReggieBeer to score your meads. ReggieBeer will tabulate all the results and you'll use ReggieBeer to determine your winners (it's easy).
5. Once you've completed the judging, you may keep or dispose of the entry bottles.
6. The Best of Show rounds: 3 judges will be selected to meet with a steward and our Backroom Manager at a private home. The judging will be live, just as it was in the past. Social distancing will be in place.

To judge this year's competition, here's what you need to do:

Register in ReggieBeer your desired division(s). For the Homebrew Division, click here: [2020 Orpheus MeadFest Homebrew Division](#). For the Commercial Division, click here: [2020 Orpheus MeadFest Commercial Division](#). ***If you're available to judge both divisions, you'll need to register on both websites.***

For all the competition dates, rules and regulations, [CLICK HERE](#) (This is a PDF and will download; check your downloads or spam folders if it doesn't automatically open.)

The gala public MeadFest tasting is tentatively scheduled for May of 2021, COVID-19 guidelines permitting. We'll provide more information as soon as we are able so that you may add it to your calendars.

In the meantime, thank you ever so much for your continued support of both Orpheus and the Orpheus MeadFest!

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