

## Process for Competition Admission into the Lone Star Circuit Homebrewing Series.

When a club or coordinator of a homebrew competition would like to request to be part of the Lone Star Circuit (LSC) Homebrewing competition series, they need to do so between Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. The request is for consideration of admission into the following LSC competition year. The LSC Board of Directors will discuss and vote between Sept 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> to decide if the competition will be admitted into the circuit. Criteria for inclusion into the LSC include the following but is not limited to:

The competition takes place in Texas.

How many years has the competition been active and functional? (A three-year history is preferable).

Is the competition AHA and/or BJCP sanctioned? This is not a requirement however it does add credibility.

Will the competition be using BJCP judging guidelines? If not, what are the judging guidelines?

Historically how large is the competition?

Number of categories and typical number of participants?

Do you provide score sheets? How quickly do you distribute them to the contestants?

How many BJCP judges does the competition have for a judging pool?

What is the ratio of BJCP judges to the number of entries? Is the ratio of judges to entries reasonable for the competition to have a quality competition knowing that being a part of the LSC will likely increase total participants?

Part of the responsibility of the competition is to provide a detailed spreadsheet of the results to the LSC for compilation of the points awarded.

The first step for LSC competition entry is to request participation into the LSC by contacting the LSC board or one of its members. These contacts can be found at [www.lonestarcircuit.com](http://www.lonestarcircuit.com)

The second step will be to fill out a quick email answering the above questions for consideration. Email to be sent to [president@lonestarcircuit.com](mailto:president@lonestarcircuit.com)

The next step will be for the LSC president to arrange for a member of the LSC board of directors to volunteer to be a "Champion" and personally evaluate the competition. The board member Champion will:

- Contact the completion representative to discuss the competition in detail.
- Gather and discuss the information about the competition.
- The Champion should be prepared to discuss the competition with the remaining LSC board members.
- The competition representative should be prepared to convince the Champion for LSC admittance.

The next step will be for the champion to start a discussion and prepare for a vote with the LSC board of directors. Once a vote is ready and raised, a majority vote will be required for a final decision. Email is used for voting; a voting quorum will require all board members to vote and the "at Large" representative if a tie vote is possible. The LSC president or champion will notify the competition of the results. In the event a competition does not gain entry into the circuit, they can apply again any following year if they wish.