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# Bylaws of the YEASTERN CAPE BREW CLUB

Established 2025

## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These bylaws shall be read in combination with the Constitution of the Yeastern Cape Brew Club (YCBC).
- 1.2 Should any ambiguities or conflicts arise between these Bylaws and the Constitution, the Constitution shall take precedence.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Yeastern Cape Brew Club membership shall be renewable on an annual basis, starting in January each year, or on a pro rata basis for new members, thereafter.
- 2.2 YCBC individual membership benefits shall include,
  - 2.2.1 The right to vote on YCBC matters as defined in the Constitution.
  - 2.2.2 Access to all club meetings, events, and activities and the networking and learning opportunities they represent.
  - 2.2.3 Access to all club resources, including its online knowledge centre and equipment.
  - 2.2.4 A single free entry to all YCBC Homebrew Competitions.
  - 2.2.5 Priority access to club subsidised benefits, e.g. transport to away events.
  - 2.2.6 Priority access to externally organised events, opportunities, and benefits.
  - 2.2.7 Possible ad hoc benefits, e.g. a free beer or tasting when feasible at non-competition meetings, as determined from time to time by the Executive Committee (EC).

### 3. VISITORS AND GUESTS

- 3.1 The YCBC welcomes visitors at all its meetings, events, and activities.
- 3.2 Visitors shall pay a visitor's fee, as defined in these Bylaws, which shall give them access to all member benefits at that meeting.
- 3.3 The EC may from time to time invite guests to attend club meetings or events to fulfil certain functions, such guests shall not be required to pay any fees.

### 4. FEES PAYABLE

- 4.1 Payable fees, including membership fees will be defined and updated as required by the EC of the YCBC.
- 4.2 Membership fees are payable in advance, either as a single payment by 31 January, or as two separate payments, the first by 31 January and the second by 30 June.
- 4.3 Membership fees should preferably be paid by direct EFT to the Club's bank account.
- 4.4 Membership and visitor fees as of January 2025

Individual Membership		Visitor's Fee	
Single payment by 31 January	R300	Per meeting	R0

### 5. HOMEBREW COMPETITIONS

- 5.1 The EC shall organise homebrew competitions to realise the Club's objective of developing its members' brewing, tasting, and judging skills.
- 5.2 All club members have an obligation to contribute to a respectful, fair, and honest competitive environment in which homebrewers can learn, grow, and excel.
- 5.3 The EC shall organise approximately four (4) YCBC Homebrew Competitions per calendar year.
- 5.4 Individual YCBC Homebrew Competitions shall –
- 5.4.1 be open to both YCBC members and visitors,
  - 5.4.2 as far as possible, be held during the February, April, June, August, and October club meetings,
  - 5.4.3 have themes/beer styles as determined by the EC and announced in January to all members.
- 5.5 Every active YCBC member shall have a single free entry for each competition. Visitors shall, in addition to their visitor's fee, also pay a fee per beer..

Cost Item	Entry Fee Per Beer	
	YCBC Members	Visitors
Visitor's fee	-	R 0
Beer 1	Free	R 0

- 5.6 The EC may also organise other ad hoc competitions and/or facilitate participation in external homebrew competitions – these will however NOT contribute toward YCBC League points (see 5.8).

## 5.7 General competition rules

- 5.7.1 Only bona fide homebrewers may participate in YCBC competitions.
- 5.7.2 Only bona fide homebrewed beers may be entered into YCBC homebrew competitions.
- 5.7.3 By participating in YCBC homebrew competitions, brewers agree to make their recipe available for publication on the YCBC website, should it be the winning beer.
- 5.7.4 Beers must be presented in unlabelled, standard, brown 440ml beer bottles with crown caps. Not adhering to this rule will automatically disqualify a beer from entry.
- 5.7.5 Generally, three bottles of each entered beer must be presented per competition.
- 5.7.6 The Brewing Steward must present all competition beers anonymously to facilitate blind judging.
- 5.7.7 YCBC competitions may be adjudicated by qualified BJCP judges OR independent, non-BJCP judges OR by participating club members in "people's choice" competitions OR a combination of any of these.
  - (i) Score sheets shall be based on the BJCP-system, with the judges' maximum possible score being 50 points.
  - (ii) Beerchamp will be used to score all competitions.
- 5.7.8 All YCBC members and visitors participating as judges have an obligation to ensure the integrity and fairness of competitions by -
  - (i) actively striving to be objective in their evaluations and scoring,
  - (ii) NOT intentionally benefit themselves or disadvantage others through their scoring,
  - (iii) NOT participate in block-scoring (discuss and align your scores with others).
- 5.8 The EC shall also organise and administer the annual "YCBC League", a year-long competition based on the results of all the individual YCBC Homebrew Competitions and aimed at crowning the "YCBC League Champion" every year.
  - 5.8.1 Only active YCBC members may participate in the YCBC League. League points cannot be scored retroactively.
  - 5.8.2 The YCBC League shall consist of the five (5) individual YCBC Homebrew Competitions per calendar year.
  - 5.8.3 YCBC League points shall be earned for each competition, based on the **actual score** of each participating homebrewer's **best performing beer**, rounded to two decimal points.
  - 5.8.4 No participation points shall be awarded.
- 5.9 Awards and prizes.
  - 5.9.1 The winner of each YCBC Homebrew Competition will be awarded the "YCBC Yellow Cap", which he/she can wear until the next competition.
  - 5.9.2 Depending on the availability of funds and/or sponsors, prizes will be awarded to the first three places in each competition.
  - 5.9.3 Similarly, prizes will be awarded to the top five places of the YCBC League. The winner's name will also be added to the YCBC League floating trophy that must be returned to the Club in November every year.

## 6. AMENDMENTS AND STATUS

- 6.1 The Bylaws of the YCBC may only be amended with the approval of the majority of EC members present at an EC meeting and proper notice shall be given to all members.
- 6.2 Any active member of the YCBC may propose a resolution to modify the Bylaws.

6.3 These amended Bylaws of the YCBC were ratified and adopted as the official bylaws of the YCBC at an EC meeting on 01 July 2025.

**SIGNED**

  
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**Mr G.B. Gildenhuys**  
President

01 July 2025

**Date**

  
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**Mr H. Toerien**  
Treasurer

01 July 2025

**Date**