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## **56 TEXAS CRAFT BREWERIES MEDAL IN 5TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE BEER COMPETITION**

*Winners of the Texas Craft Brewers Cup Revealed at Brewers Gathering in Austin*

AUSTIN, Texas (February 21, 2026) –The Texas Craft Brewers Guild awarded 90 medals to 56 small and independent breweries from across the Lone Star State in the nonprofit trade association’s fifth annual statewide craft beer competition.

The best Texas craft beers in 30 medal categories covering 150+ different beer styles were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals during an awards ceremony at the Texas Craft Brewers Guild’s Annual Meeting in Austin on Saturday, February 21. Judging took place February 6-8 with 56 judges evaluating 930 anonymized entries from 142 breweries hailing from all different corners of the state. The [Texas Craft Brewers Cup](#) judging pool was composed of experienced brewing industry professionals and select members of the homebrewing community with extensive Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) judging experience.

“As we celebrate this year’s Texas Craft Brewers Cup medalists, we’re really celebrating something bigger—the shared commitment to quality that defines Texas craft beer,” said Caroline Wallace, Executive Director of the Texas Craft Brewers Guild. “Our breweries push each other to be better every single day. This competition is judged by their peers, which makes this recognition especially meaningful. It’s a testament to the craftsmanship, innovation, and collaborative spirit that runs through the Texas brewing community.”

The Texas Craft Brewers Guild is also the organization behind the annual [Texas Craft Brewers Festival](#) in Austin, and the [Texas Brewery Passport app](#) which helps beer enthusiasts find and visit

Guild member breweries across the state. The Texas Craft Brewers Cup is another way the Guild spotlights excellence—inviting Texans to discover new favorites, revisit familiar taprooms, and support the independent breweries that help make our state’s beer culture one of the strongest in the country.

## Texas Craft Brewers Cup Statistics

- 5th annual competition
- 930 total anonymized beers judged
- 150+ beer styles
- 142 competing Texas craft breweries
- 30 medal categories
- 90 total medals awarded
- 56 medal winning breweries
- 2 Brewery of the Year winners (awarded based on cumulative medal points)
- 56 judges
- 20 amazing volunteers

## Brewery of the Year Awards

*Based on cumulative medal points (3 points for Gold, 2 points for Silver, 1 point for Bronze) across the competition with participating breweries split into two similarly competitive groups based on size.*

**Under 620 bbl Group:** Bird Creek Brewing Company (Temple, TX)

**620+ bbl Group:** Altstadt Brewing (Fredericksburg, TX)

Please visit [Texascraftbrewersguild.org/cup](https://texascraftbrewersguild.org/cup) for the full list of winning beers across all 30 medal categories. Photos for media use are available in the [Texas Craft Brewers Cup 2026 Media Kit](#).

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## ABOUT THE TEXAS CRAFT BREWERS GUILD:

As a member-driven organization, the Texas Craft Brewers Guild fights for the advancement of independent beer brewed in the Lone Star state. Together, we promote, propel, and protect our collective interests while enlisting our fellow Texans to raise a glass and join us. The Guild’s Board of Directors hail from craft breweries in numerous regions of the state, as well as different brewery types and sizes to represent the Guild’s ~300 brewery members throughout the state, including operating breweries, as well as those that are in the advanced planning stages. The Guild also welcomes allied trade, retail, education, and nonprofit members who support the craft brewing industry as well as Texas cities committed to craft beer tourism and economic development through the Brew City, Texas program. To learn more about the Texas Craft Brewers Guild visit [texascraftbrewersguild.org](https://texascraftbrewersguild.org).