

The 10 Commandments and participation requirements for beard competitions held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association of German Beard Clubs (AGBC).

1. Each contestant must pay the entry fee in advance of the competition. He must also appear before the pre-judges in order to determine whether he qualifies for his chosen category. The AGBC will select and brief the pre-judges.
2. Contestants in categories where styling aids are not permitted should not use any styling aids whatsoever between their appearance before the pre-judges and the conclusion of the competition, preferably until the awards ceremony has taken place. Violations of this rule will result in disqualification.
3. All contestants in each category will be presented to the seven-person panel of judges as a group. The judges will reveal the scores for each contestant openly. The judges will be fully briefed by the AGBC.
4. Each judge will award each contestant a score of from 5 to 10 points. Possible scores include 5, 5.5, 6, 6.5, etc.
5. Each judge may award the scores 10, 9.5, 9 and 8,5 to only one contestant in each category.
6. In calculating a contestants' total score, the highest and lowest scores from the individual judges will not be counted.
7. In case of a tie in one of the first three places, there will be a re-vote among the judges to break the tie.
8. Complaints about the judges' decisions are not acceptable and will result in disqualification. Only the President of the AGBC or his designated representative may protest the judges' decisions.
9. Each contestant will receive a certificate of participation. The top three contestants in each category will receive a trophy.
10. By participating in the competition, all contestants agree without limitation that they may be photographed and that their voices may be recorded and that all such photographs and recordings may be published.

Important notes:

1. Styling aids include, for example, mustache/hair wax, hair spray, hair lacquer, hair gel, styling foam, etc. – Hair dye is absolutely prohibited in the natural categories.
2. Natural beards shall be and shall look natural. The more natural the better.
3. In all categories, unnatural or garish hair color is categorically prohibited. Also face masks and heavy make-up are not permitted. Beards should appear natural and should not be overly styled. The beard also should be distinct from the head hair and not integrated with it.
4. In the freestyle categories, drawings have been intentionally omitted as individual artistry and creativity are encouraged.
5. The drawings in the other categories are illustrative only. Each contestant should wear his beard or moustache in the manner that best enhances the appearance of his own face.