

HBKA Honey Show 2026 Rules

1. Entries

Exhibitors are permitted to make more than one entry in a class but shall not take more than one award in that class.

- (a) Joint owners are to be regarded as one exhibitor. The produce of a colony or colonies jointly owned may not be exhibited by more than one of the joint owners.
- (b) The preparation of all entries (except where otherwise stated) must be by the exhibitor.
- (c) Classes may be amalgamated or cancelled at the discretion of the judges.

2. Delivery and collection of exhibits

- (a) Exhibitors are responsible for the delivery and collection of their own exhibits, either personally or by a third party.
- (b) Exhibits shall not be removed before the time stated in the schedule.

3. Disqualifications

- (a) An exhibit found to be adulterated shall be disqualified
- (b) All honey and wax must be natural produce of the bees owned by the exhibitor. This does not apply to the candles, biscuit, cake and sweet classes.

4. Labels

When you give your entry form to the show secretary, you will be given a label which will have your individual entry number code, to affix to your exhibit.

Labels shall be fixed as follows.

- (a) To jars and bottles, leaving approximately 2 cm between the label and the base of the vessel. Please note: entries should not have any other labelling present.
- (b) To wax on the upper side of the wax displayed, and a duplicate in its bag.
- (c) To comb honey frames: at the top right-hand corner of the front vertical frame of the case, and a duplicate on the comb within.
- (d) Onto a white paper plate on which food items are displayed, and onto the clear plastic display bag.

5. Extracted Honey

- (a) Extracted honey must be exhibited in clear identical jars as per the entry form specification.
- (b) Colour of the honey will be judged in accordance with BBKA regarding filters complying with B.S.1656

- (c) Jars must contain the weight as specified in the schedule. (entry form)

6. **Wax**

- (a) Wax must be shown in clear plastic bags.
- (b) Wax may be polished or unpolished.
- (c) At the judges' discretion, wax blocks may be broken.

7. **Mead**

- (a) Mead must be exhibited in clear colourless glass bottles with a 75cl capacity and rounded, NOT fluted shoulders.
- (b) The bottle must be stoppered by a cork with a white or cream coloured plastic flange and be easily removable by hand, not tied down or requiring mechanical aids to remove it. No foil or other wrapping around the stopper is allowed.
- (c) The bottle must contain a minimum of 75cl of the mead specified.
- (d) The exhibit must be made by the exhibitor (or by a member of the exhibitor's immediate family).

8. **Cakes, biscuits and fudge**

- (a) The above must be made by the exhibitor (or by a member of the exhibitor's immediate family).
- (b) All food items to be exhibited in clear plastic bags and placed on a white paper plate.
- (c) Exhibitors must conform to any schedule requirements which specify the recipe and size of the baking tin to be used.
- (d) Food items may be cut or broken by the judges for tasting.

(9) **Awards**

- (a) In the event of a tie for a cup awarded on a points basis, the award shall be made to the exhibitor who has secured the most first prizes; or, failing this, first and second prizes. If there is still a tie, the final award will be determined by the judges.

10. **Powers of the show executive**

The show executive may withhold prizes for classes of insufficient merit or entries. They may also dispose of any exhibit which is not removed by the exhibitor or their representative. Finally, they will decide any question regarding the interpretation of the foregoing rules and the show schedule.