



## **NBKA Honey Show Rules 2023**

Please read through as some detail has changed from previous years



These show rules are in line with National Honey Show rules to help prepare members of the NBKA for entering shows further afield.

All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor unless stated and in all honey classes the exhibits must be honey produced by the exhibitors' own bees. No two persons may exhibit the product of the same apiary in any class, other than in a partnership.

No labels or markings shall be on the exhibits other than the labels provided by the show secretary.

Anyone may enter more than one entry in a class, unless stated, but shall not be awarded more than one award in any one class.

All extracted honey shall be presented in matching standard 1lb squat jars with matching standard metal caps, there should be no gap visible between the top of the honey and the lid closure. The exhibitors' label should be fixed 10-15mm from the base of the jar.

The use of grading glasses (available at the show) is recommended to ensure your honey is in the correct class for light, medium and dark honey.

Cut comb honey must be presented in commercial cut comb containers. The exhibitors' label should be fixed on the lid in the bottom right hand corner of the crystal comb container or on the lid and front right hand side of the traditional cut comb container.

Frames of honey should be presented in traditional presentation cases that allow both sides of the comb to be viewed and must also be bee proof. The exhibitors' labels should be fixed on the front top right hand corner of the frame case (on the wood) and one label on the top of the frame.

Cast Wax must be cast by the exhibitor and presented on a white paper plate (Supplied at the show). Plastic bags will also be available at the show. The exhibitors' label should be fixed on the base of the wax cakes in addition to a label being on the presentation plate or on the plate for the set of wax blocks.

\*\*Wax candles must be presented on a suitable stand, candles may be lit for judging. The exhibitors' label should be fixed 25mm from the base of the candle or on the base for patterned candles.

\*\*(This rule is for future shows)

Mead must be presented in 750ml plain clear glass, punted, bottles with corks that are removeable without the need for a corkscrew and filled to approx 15mm from the base of the cork stopper. The exhibitors' label should be fixed approx. 25mm from the base of the bottle.

Photographs must be at least 150mm x 100mm (6x4 inches) and mounted on a card no more than 210mm x 297mm (8.3 x 11.7 inches) with the exhibitors' label on the card mount in the top right-hand corner.

Where a weight is stated i.e. cut comb and wax exhibits the weight tolerance is + - 10% of the stated weight.

Cakes and confectionary must be presented on a plate and contained within a plastic bag (bags and plates will be supplied at the show). The ingredients, handwritten or typed, for cakes, dainties, preserves and confectionary must be provided on a separate card/paper to accompany the exhibit. The honey used in these recipes does not have to be the honey from the exhibitors' own bees.

Labels for all entries will be issued on and at the day of the honey show.

All reasonable care will be taken of the exhibits but the show committee or any other person shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage sustained either to the exhibits, exhibitors, or their property.

No exhibit may be removed or interfered with by any person other than the show committee members or the judge during the show. Exhibits should not be touched or interfered with after the show until they are returned to the exhibitor.

The Judges' decision is final in all respects.

There are no entry fees payable for entry into the NBKA honey show and no monetary prizes, prizes are awarded by the judge in the form of an award card – 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> HC C which also are attributed with respective points, 5,4,3,2 and one. Points are accumulated for specific trophies.

Trophies are awarded as follows:

The Alan Lewis Memorial Trophy – The Best Heather Honey

Bartel Memorial Cup - The best granulated honey.

William Marshall Cup - Moist points awarded in the wax classes.

The Moorgreen Cup – The best Exhibit in show at the Annual Honey Show

Albert Scoffins - Most points over preserves, baking and dainty classes.

The Photography cup – the best Photograph.

Novice trophy - The best exhibit in the Beginners classes.

The NBKA Display Trophy - The best display.

Fred Richardson tankard - The best exhibit in the show ( at the Autumn Show)

The Herrod Hemsall Cup – The most points in the show.

It is the responsibility of the trophy winners to ensure the safe return of each trophy won prior to the following years show, in addition all trophies must be returned clean and polished.

Please enter and enjoy the show in the spirit intended and use it to grow yourself as a beekeeper and with a view to possibly gaining confidence and experience to visit and compete in other shows, there are lots about to enjoy and learn from.

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