THE WORCESTERSHIRE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

HAGLEY & STOURBRIDGE, KIDDERMINSTER AND NORTH EAST WORCS. BRANCHES

JOINT HONEY SHOW RULES

- All classes are open to fully paid up members of the organising branches.
- All entries must be registered with the show secretary in good time before judging commences at 10.30 am or at the discretion of the show secretary.
- No entries may be removed from the show without the permission of the show secretary until after the presentation of prizes.
- All honey must be exhibited in British Standard one pound (454g) glass jars with screw lids. Lids may be plain lacquered metal or plastic.
- Exhibits must be numbered using labels provided by the show secretary. They should be fixed 12mm (half an inch) above the base of jars and bottles or on the top right hand corner of transparent covers of comb.
- No other mark of any kind is permitted on exhibits. This does not apply to class 27.
- All honey and wax must be the ***bona fide*** product of the exhibitor's own bees.
- Comb honey must be completely protected with a transparent cover on at least one face capable of being opened and the honey sampled at the discretion of the judge. All containers must be bee-proof.
- Mead must be shown in 75cl (27oz) shouldered, punted clear glass bottles of round section. It should be produced from honey and water only with the necessary ferment added. Bottles must be sealed with white flanged stoppers.
- The judge has the power to withhold prizes in any class through insufficient merit.
- No appeal against the judge's decision will be considered.
- Exhibitors may enter multiple exhibits in each class but may not take more than one prize/points in that class.
- All ordinary care will be taken with exhibits, but the organisers will not be held responsible for any loss or damage sustained by the exhibitor in any way.
- Exhibitors in classes 24 & 25 must supply labels for fixing to their entries for sale compliant with current trading legislation.
- Gift class honey (classes 24 & 25) will be sold for the benefit of the honey show. Unsold honey will be donated to charity at the discretion of the show secretary. It may be bought back by the exhibitor at the standard selling price. The show secretary should be notified of the intention to buy back gift honey when entries are made.
- Blocks of beeswax may be displayed in display cases, or in a cover at the discretion of the exhibitor but which must allow the judge to open and inspect the wax.
- Honey cakes must be made only using the ingredients specified on the entry form.
- The Novice Classes are open to any member not having won a FIRST prize in any class in a previous Joint Honey Show.
- For the calculation of trophy awards, points will be credited as follows: First 4pts, Second 3pts, Third 2pts, Very Highly Commended 1pt, Highly Commended nil, Commended nil. In the event of a tie, the exhibitor with most first prizes gains precedence. If still tied the trophy is shared.
- Trophies must be returned to the respective branch secretary/show secretary on request in time for the following show.