

New Jersey Beekeepers Association Annual Honey Show Rules

Exhibitors must be current New Jersey Beekeepers Association (NJBA) members, with current dues paid. All entries must be the product of the entrant's apiary and must have been produced since the previous year's honey show. Entries in Classes 1 through 7 in the Honey division and entries in the Cosmetics division should have labels on all three entries in each class.

Entries may be delivered to a member of the NJBA Executive Board (these are state officers, branch presidents and secretaries) or any person attending the last Executive Board meeting prior to the State Honey Show, or delivered directly to the show prior to the judging. All entries **MUST** be accompanied by an [entry form](#) whether delivered directly to the show by the exhibitor, or consolidated at the Executive Board meeting. This is to insure that all entries are accounted for prior to judging.

Honey:

1. **Classes 1 through 4 (Extracted Honey):** Entries must be in glass Queenline type jars or Gamber Classic honey jars with plain metal or plastic lids. Honey color will be graded by the show chairman and judged on density, absence of crystals, cleanliness, flavor, fill and container appearance.
2. **Class 5 (Sections and Cut Comb):** Sections must be in window cartons, and Ross Rounds must have transparent plastic lid. Cut comb should be in clear plastic containers.
3. **Classes 6 (Creamed Honey) and Class 7 (Chunk Honey):** Must be in clear, one-pound glass jars. Creamed honey will be graded on fineness of crystals, uniformity and firmness, cleanliness and freedom from foam, flavor and fill. Chunk honey is graded on cut, cleanliness, uniformity, density and flavor of liquid.
4. **Class 8 (Frame of honey):** Must be displayed in bee proof cases, which have both sides made of transparent glass or plastic. The frame is judged on uniformity, absence of uncapped cells and watery cappings, cleanliness, freedom from granulation and pollen.

Mead:

All mead entries should have been produced by the exhibitor by the process of fermentation.

1. All entries in Classes 9, 10 and 11, should be exhibited in clear, non-frosted wine bottles, standard 750 ML or 25.4 FL OZ. Natural cork, plastic stoppers or screw-tops may be used.
2. Entries in Class 12, sparkling, should be in champagne-type bottles.

Beeswax:

1. It is suggested that entries be covered with clear plastic.
2. The optimum color for pure beeswax is light yellow.

Cosmetics:

1. Class 17 (Hand cream/lotion): All jars must be a minimum of 1.5 ounces. Entries will be judged on jar appearance, consistency and texture of product, and fragrance added.
2. Class 18 (Soap): Bars must be a minimum of 3 ounces. Soap will be judged on packaging, overall appearance and fragrance.
3. Class 19 (lip balm): Tins, plastic pots or tubes must be a minimum of .15 ounce. Lip balm will be judged with the same considerations as in Class 17.

Photography:

Prints should be 5" x 7" or larger, mounted on a mounting board that extends at least one inch beyond the print on each side. No frames are permitted. Photos must relate to beekeeping and can be close-ups, scenics (e.g. apiaries, hives) or a portrait (person who is obviously a beekeeper or performing a beekeeping procedure in an appropriate setting).

Exhibitors should refer to copies of individual class score sheets for details on judging criteria.

Drop off points: You may deliver your entries to any officer of the NJBA before the last Executive Board meeting prior to the State Honey Show, or possibly your branch president or secretary. Check with an officer from your branch for details on getting your entries to the show.

NJBA Annual Honey Show Classifications

Extracted Honey Division

Class 1: Light

Class 2: Light amber

Class 3: Amber

Class 4: Dark

Entries in each class should be in glass Queenline or Gamber Classic honey jars. Each class requires an entry of three jars, all three with labels.

Honey Comb/Spreads Division

Class 5: Sections

Three Box or Round sections or cut comb

Class 6: Creamed honey

Three cylindrical or square, glass, 16 oz. jars

Class 7: Chunk Honey

Three cylindrical or square, 16 oz. jars

Class 8: Frame of honey

One frame, wooden or plastic

Mead Division: For all classes: one clear, non-frosted wine bottle, cork or screw top, 750 ml

Class 9: Mead, dry

Class 10: Mead, sweet

Class 11: Mead made with fruit juices

Class 12: Mead, sparkling. Made with or without fruit juices

Beeswax Division

Class 13: Beeswax. Single block, one pound or slightly more, pure beeswax

Class 14: Novelty beeswax. A single or a coordinated set of any size, any shape pure beeswax item(s) with no wicks

Class 15: Taper Candles. One pair, poured or dipped tapered candles, pure beeswax

Class 16: Novelty candles. A single or coordinated set, any size, any shape, pure beeswax. They may be decorated and/or painted.

Cosmetics Division

Class 17: Hand cream/Lotion

Three jars of hand cream/lotion, containing beeswax

Class 18: Soap

Three bars of soap, containing beeswax

Class 19: Lip Balm

Three tins or tubes of lip balm, containing beeswax

Photography Division

Class 20: Photography

Photos must relate to beekeeping and can be close-ups, scenics (e.g. apiaries, hives) or a portrait (person who is obviously a beekeeper or performing a beekeeping procedure in an appropriate setting).

Best of Division

The Best of Division must be a First Place Winner in one of its division's classes. The judge will decide which one First Place Winner receives the Best of Division award.

Best Exhibitor Award

Best Exhibitor will be awarded to the person receiving the highest accumulation of points. Their name will be engraved on an annual plaque to be displayed during the annual New Jersey State Honey Show and the NJBA winter meeting.

Awards

<u>Place</u>	<u>Ribbon</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Blue	4
2 nd	Red	3
3 rd	Yellow	2

Honorable Mention – 1 Point

Best of Show Award

Best of Show will be awarded to the person who, in the opinion of the judge, has the single first place entry that represents the division and class entered better than any other first place entry. Their name will be engraved on an annual plaque to be displayed during the annual New Jersey State Honey Show and the NJBA winter meeting.

Application of Rules

With the exception of the NJBA membership requirement with current dues paid, these rules should be used for any competition held under the auspices of any of the eight branches of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, e.g., Warren County Farmers Fair, New Jersey State Fair, Hunterdon County 4-H Fair. If any modifications are made to the rules by a branch for a honey show it is sponsoring, the changes must be brought to the attention of the judge prior to the commencement of judging.

No changes can be made in the judging and scoring criteria at any point during the show.