

Beekeepers Association of Southwest Florida (BASF)

2024 World Honey Bee Day Rules

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ARRIVAL/DROP-OFF TIME: Thursday, August 17, 2024, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Millennial Brewing Company, 1811 Royal Palm Ave, Fort Myers, FL

RELEASE TIME: All entries will remain in the show area for public viewing after the judging. It could take up to 5 hours for the judging. All entries will remain on display until 6:00 PM (or possibly later if judging takes longer than anticipated), Saturday, August 17th after which exhibitors may pick up their entries.

JUDGES: Kevin Lausman, Max Goodacre

SECRETARY: Angela Bartholomew, Heather Cherry

STEWARD: Bill Dueease, William Ferry

GENERAL RULES

1. The honey show is open to current members of the Beekeepers Association of Southwest Florida (BASF) and/or any registered beekeeper who is a current member of one of our state's recognized local beekeeper associations located in Florida including members of the Florida State Beekeepers Association (FSBA) who is present at this 2024 World Honey Bee Day event held by the BASF. Exhibits must be submitted either in person. (Not by third parties nor proxy). The honey show is also open to individuals serving as judges, stewards, or show secretaries; however, no individual serving as a judge, steward, or show secretary may participate in the judging of any exhibit(s) in any category in which they have submitted an exhibit for consideration.
2. Entries must be received between from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on August 17, 2024. **No entries will be accepted after this deadline.**
3. Each Exhibitor must sign an affidavit stating that each exhibit he or she submits was produced by the Exhibitor in conformity with the rules set forth herein.
4. Each Exhibitor may make only one exhibit per class. More than one individual from a family or household may submit exhibits across different categories; however, family members and individuals from common households may not submit multiple exhibits in the same category.
5. With the exception of Extracted Honey, in instances where the exhibit may qualify for consideration in multiple classes, the Exhibitor shall have the right to choose which class to enter their exhibit; the Exhibitor's selection will not be overturned by the Judge(s); and, said exhibit will be judged based on the criteria set forth in the class selected by the Exhibitor. The Judge shall have discretion to make the final determination as to proper color designation in regard to all exhibits of Extracted Honey.
6. Double Entries are strictly prohibited. A "Double Entry" is when an exhibitor has more than one exhibit placed in a single exhibition class. As used in this rule, the term "Double" is not limited to two, but also encompasses any number greater than one. The Show Secretary shall not knowingly accept any subsequent exhibit which would create a Double Entry. Whenever a Double Entry is created by the decision of a judge in

reclassifying an exhibit pursuant to the rules herein, the following procedure shall apply: Prior to the judging of any other exhibits in the affected class, the exhibits constituting the double entry shall be identified and examined by the head Judge; the head Judge shall make a determination as to which of the exhibits constituting the Double Entry is the best under the criteria listed for the affected class; the best exhibit of those comprising the Double Entry will be returned to the show bench, and the other(s) will be disqualified. Whenever a Double Entry results in the disqualification of one or more exhibits, and after the results are publicly announced or posted, it shall be the responsibility of the head judge to personally inform the affected exhibitor of the determination of the Double Entry and subsequent disqualification of the exhibit(s).

7. ALL honey must be produced by the exhibitor from honeybees owned and kept by the Exhibitor.
8. Any exhibit previously submitted for consideration in any prior honey show is not eligible for this competition.
9. In regard to the requirement of uniformity, items within or comprising any single exhibit should be alike and matching in every way: jars, containers, closures, contents, etc., should be identical across all individual items comprising any single exhibit.
10. Once exhibits have been accepted into the competition by the Show Secretary, they may not be altered in any way.
11. After submitting entries to the Show Secretary, exhibitors may not enter the area where the exhibits have been placed. The Secretary, Stewards or Judges are the only persons who may enter the honey judging area.
12. Judges will enter the honey show area after the close of exhibitor acceptance. This is to ensure as close to a blind judging as possible.
13. All exhibits submitted in classes containing the designation "Extracted Honey" are to be presented in one-pound, glass (no plastic), "Queen-line" or "Classic" style jar with metal lids (or plastic). Any exhibits submitted in any

other style of jar or container will be not be accepted by the show secretary.

14. Exhibits must be unmarked or identifiable in anyway, except as provided herein.
15. The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to each exhibit as provided in the rules for each exhibition class. The Exhibitor shall be responsible for placing the ID labels on each exhibit as directed for each exhibition class, unless otherwise specified herein.
16. Exhibits and other items not retrieved by the deadline posted for pick-up, shall be deemed abandoned, and shall be donated to the Honey Show Committee for future use or disposal. The sponsoring organization, nor the Honey Show Committee, is not responsible for any items left after the pick-up deadline.
17. The Presiding Judge may, based on the number of exhibits submitted, combine one or more classes into a single class, or divide a single class into one or more subclasses.

Prizes and Awards

It is the intention that ribbons will be given in all classes even if there is only one entry in the class. Entry into a class does not guarantee an award. In order to receive an award that entry must be worthy of placement. A Judge may, in his or her sole discretion, make or withhold the award of any given prize(s) or placement(s) in any class over which said Judge officiates. The decisions of the Judges are final.

Exhibitors found willfully cheating, or purposefully altering or disfiguring an entry for the purpose of influencing the validity of judging will be disqualified from the contest, as well as from any future honey shows sponsored by the BASF for a period of not less than three (3) years.

Ribbons, Prize Cards & Sweepstakes:

Ribbons will be awarded to First through Sixth place winners in each class. **In the Black Jar class, only a First Place prize will be awarded.*

THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CATEGORIES WILL BE ACCEPTED & JUDGED AT THE HONEY SHOW:

HONEY (Class H)

Light Extracted Honey
Amber Extracted Honey
Dark Extracted Honey
Black Jar

**RULES FOR CLASSES:
EXTRACTED HONEY, INCLUDING BLACK JAR**

Extracted Honey

Extracted honey is judged in three subclasses: (a) light, (b) medium or amber, and (c) dark. Exhibitors may submit one exhibit in each of these three subclasses. One exhibit of extracted honey is defined as three (3) identical one-pound jars, as specified in rule #13 under the General Rules of the Honey Show. Closures may be of metal or plastic. Tamper-proof seals are strictly prohibited; any exhibits

submitted with any tamper-proof seal(s) will be severely penalized. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness of the jar and lid; correct fill level; uniformity of the jars that comprise the exhibit; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; moisture content (only if needed); and aroma and flavor (for off aromas or flavors). *See Appendix hereafter for notes on correct jars and fill level.

Black Jar

An entry consists of not less than two ounces, nor more than four ounces, of pure, unadulterated honey. Entries are to be submitted in black or colored jar which entirely obscures the contents of the jar. The required jar **will be provided** by the Show Secretary at the sign-in table, and the Exhibitor will transfer their entry into the jar and return the exhibit to the Show Secretary. Judges evaluate entries for flavor only.

Appendix

**The correct "glass" jars for extracted honey entries (Classic 48mm lid, Queenline 58mm lid).*



***Notes on correct fill level:**

-The correct fill level on a "Queen-line" or "Classic" style honey jar is at the fill ring of the jar. The fill ring is the raised ridge or ring of glass immediately above the shoulder of the jar, and below the threads. It can be distinguished from the threads in two ways: a) the fill ring forms a complete circle, without ends; and b) the fill ring will be completely parallel with the bottom and top of the jar. There should be enough honey in the jar to clearly touch the fill ring, without going over.

-Liquid honey in a circular shape forms a concave surface sometimes referred to as a meniscus. For purposes of filling jars, the edge of the meniscus should clearly touch the fill ring, without going over.

-When the lid is properly closed on the jar, there should be no visible light beneath the bottom of the lid and the surface of the honey.

-A jar of honey being over-filled is preferable to one being under filled.