



Royal County Honey Show Schedule

Sunday 1st September 2024 in conjunction with Royal Meath Show

Entry Fee €3 per entry (Max €21 per entry form – 7 entries or more)

Entries can be: emailed to (royalcountybeekeepers@gmail.com)

Posted to Geraldine McCann, Mooretown, Ratoath, Co. Meath A85 CF95,

Text to 0879130333

Entry fees can be paid on the day of the show – please note early start of judging.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

MOBILE:

EMAIL:

Class	Description	Number of entries	Exhibit number	Fee
1	Two sections of honey			
2	Two containers of cut comb			
3	One Frame of comb honey (suitable for extraction)			
4	Two Jars of light honey			
5	Two Jars of medium honey			
6	Two Jars of dark honey			
7	Two Jars of chunk honey			
8	Two Jars of granulated honey			
9	Two Jars of creamed honey			
10	Two Jars of ling heather honey			
11	Six jars of any type of honey, all the same, to be shown as offered for sale. (see notes)			
12	Novice Class One Jar of any honey or one section of honey.(Previous first prize winners ineligible)			
13	Two Jars of light honey. <u>Members of RCBKA only</u> , previous first prize winners ineligible.			
14	Two Jars of medium honey. <u>Members of RCBKA only</u> , previous first prize winners ineligible.			
15	Two sections of honey. <u>Members of RCBKA only</u> , previous first prize winners ineligible.			
16	One jar of any type of honey. <u>Members of RCBKA keeping bees since 2020</u> , previous winners ineligible)			
17	Best Tasting Honey. Any size jar/container (will be judged on taste only)			
18	1 bottle mead			
19	Six 1 oz. blocks of beeswax			
20	3 moulded beeswax candles			
21	3 non moulded beeswax candles			
22	Miscellaneous: An interesting or instructive exhibit or new invention relating to bees (not previously exhibited).			
23	Honey Cake. Any recipe that includes honey			
24	Fruit Honey Cake. Any recipe that includes honey			
25	Toffee, Caramel or Sweetmeats (any recipe that includes honey)			
26	6 Small biscuits (any recipe that includes honey)			
27	Photograph Black and White or Colour in Bee Related 6*8 mounted on A4 background			
28	Children's Bee Related Poster Exhibit – under 10yo, 10-12yo, 12-14yo, over 14yo.		No fee	
29	Irish Native Honey Bee (<i>Apis Mellifera Mellifera</i>) observation hive display (see notes)			
30	Display class. A collection of bee products e.g. honey, mead, beeswax. Exhibitors may include anything which will add to the effectiveness of the display.			

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits must be brought to Honey Show Tent at the Trim Show on Sunday 1st September 2024 between 9am and 1030am. Judging will commence at 1100am.
2. Staging of exhibits will be by stewards only except in Display Class.
3. An exhibit shall not be entered in more than one class.
4. An exhibitor shall not be entitled to more than one prize in any one class.
5. The decision of the Judge(s) shall be final.
6. SUPREME HONEY in Classes 4 – 11.
7. The use of the Permanent Glass Colour Standards is used to class the Honey. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure his/her honey is in the correct class. Honey entered in the wrong class will be disqualified.
8. The Judge(s) reserve the right not to award all or any of the prizes in any class.
9. The decision of the show committee on any matter relating to the show (except Judging) shall be final.
10. A label or any other distinguishing mark may not be placed on any exhibit, except Class 11. S Number provided by the show Secretary, shall be placed approx. 12.5mm from the bottom of jars and with sections and beeswax, one number stuck to the exhibit, and one to the container.
11. Wax may be exhibited polished or unpolished - at the discretion of the exhibitor.
12. Entries shall be made on the form provided.
13. Prizes will be presented at 3pm (subject to change)
14. Extracted honey must be exhibited in plain 340g(3/4lb) or 454g(1lb) jars with plain gold lacquered screw top or twist off lids. FIBKA lids permitted. Rule 14 does not apply to Class 11.
13. All honey and wax exhibited must be the bonafide produce of the exhibitors own bees.
14. The winner of a Perpetual Cup, Tray or Trophy may retain it until the date of the Show of the succeeding year, on which date he/she will return it cleaned, polished and in good order and condition, to the Secretary of The Royal County Beekeepers Association Honey Show Committee. All Cups etc. shall remain the property of The Royal County Beekeepers Association. Should any cup or trophy become damaged or lost during the time in which it is in the possession of the winner, such winner shall pay the show committee the cost to repair or replace.
15. Class 18 - Mead to be exhibited in a clear plain glass punted bottle 70 to 100cl with easily removable flanged stopper. Over 18s only.
16. Entries cannot be removed until after the prize-giving ceremony.

Notes

Class 11 - All jars must be labelled with the exhibitors own labels in accordance with EU Regulations. One jar only must have a tamper proof label.

Class 23 - Honey Cake - 6.5 to 8in round tin.

Class 24 - Honey Fruit Cake - 6.5 to 8in round tin.

Class 16 - Competitors can only be keeping bees since 2020. (Competitors who have previously won a honey jar first prize are ineligible. If you have won a prize for a cake you are still eligible, but not if competitors have won a prize for any jar of honey previously.)

Class 27 – Photos must be 6*8 inch on a white background. Anything else will be eliminated.

Class 29 – All entries to Class 29 must be confirmed with Geraldine McCann on or before 25th August 2024. Any entries to Class 29 will not be accepted after this date.

- Bees need to be black with very little or no evidence of stripes present on the bees.
- Queen needs to be marked and clipped.
- The observed brood frame should not be more than three years old.
- The observed brood frame should have: Queen, workers, drones, sealed and unsealed brood present in it.
- There should be little evidence of disease, the frame should have a nice brood pattern and the bees should be steady on the comb.