

## Honey Show Rules

These rules apply to the Melplash Show which takes place annually in August.

The next show is on Thursday 22nd August 2024.

Visit the show website to view a copy of the schedule.

Remember that entries can be made online – saving time and money!

Visit [www.melplashshow.co.uk](http://www.melplashshow.co.uk)

### **ENTRIES**

Entries should be made on the form provided by the Secretary of the Melplash Agricultural Society and reach the Show Office by the closing date on the entry form or enter online via [www.melplashshow.co.uk](http://www.melplashshow.co.uk)

No late entries accepted.

No exhibit may be entered in more than one class.

Exhibitors are permitted to make more than one entry in a class but shall not take more than one award in that class.

Joint owners of an apiary are to be regarded as one exhibitor therefore may not make separate entries except for classes 477,478,479,480,481,482,483,484,485,486,487,495 & 496.

Classes may be amalgamated or cancelled at the discretion of the Show Committee.

The Show Committee have the power to refuse any entry.

Members of more than one Association may only enter under one.

### **LABELS**

The labels, as supplied by the Melplash Show Secretary, must not be altered in any way.

Except where otherwise stated, no label, trademark or other distinguishing mark may be placed on an exhibit.

Labels shall be affixed to jars with a rubber band through the label and fixed around the top of the jars.

Exhibits in commercial classes should bear a lot number and conform to current food labelling regulations.

### **EXTRACTED HONEY**

Extracted honey must be exhibited in clear 454g (1lb) squat glass jars with lacquered metal or white/gold plastic commercial screw or twist off lids, all British Standard pattern and matching.

Colour will be judged in accordance with B.B.K.A. grading filters complying with BS1656, available from WDKBA Secretary.

## **STAGING AND COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS**

Exhibitors may stage exhibits the evening before the show or before 0815a.m. on the day. Judging will commence at 0830am.

Exhibits shall not be removed before the time stated in the schedule.

Competitors are responsible for the delivery and collection of their own exhibits personally or by a named third party.

Every article must be the bone-fide property of the exhibitor.

All honey and wax must be from the exhibitor's own bees except for the candles, wax models, and cookery classes.

No exhibit may be tasted or interfered with in any way by any person without permission of the Steward. The Show Committee will take normal care of the exhibits during the Show but will not be responsible in any circumstances for loss or damage sustained by exhibitors in any way whatsoever.

## **AWARDS**

In the event of a tie for a cup or prize on a points basis, the award shall be jointly awarded.

For cups and special prizes points will be awarded as follows: -

First: 6; Second: 5; Third: 4; V.H.C.: 3; H.C: 2; C: 1;

The cups and prizes will be awarded to the members who gain most points in the classes indicated in the schedule.

## **SALES OF HONEY – HIVE PRODUCTS**

Only exhibitors will be permitted to supply honey (limited to only 6lbs of honey this year per exhibitor) and hive products for sale on show day with the understanding that honey and hive products from the West Dorset BKA are sold first and that the labelling complies with the regulations.

A sales booking in form must be completed and given to the nominated Booking in Secretary on show day.

In the event of a dispute the Show Committee decision is final.

## **SECTIONS**

Sections must be enclosed in white section cases or in plain commercial containers with windows.

The section must be easily removable from its container.

Round sections to be displayed with clear covers on both sides.

## **WAX**

Wax exhibits must fall within the weights specified in the schedule.

See above staging and collection of exhibits – 5

When more than one piece is to be displayed, they must be matching in all respects.

**MEAD**

Mead must be exhibited in clear colourless glass 75cl bottles of the new sauterne type (of round section with rounded not fluted shoulders) without lettering or ornament of any kind.

The bottles must have cork stoppers with white plastic flanges.

**CAKES AND CONFECTIONARY**

Must be made by the exhibitor.

All cakes/confectionary to be exhibited on a white paper plate in clear plastic or covered with cling film.

See above staging and collection of exhibits – 5.

**CUT COMB HONEY**

Cut comb honey must be displayed in standard white or clear commercial 227g/8oz containers with transparent snap-on lids.

**FRAME OF HONEY SUITABLE FOR EXTRACTION**

Must be shown in a 'bee-tight' case being glazed on both sides and must be capable of easy withdrawal.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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