

National Honey Show, Guidance for Overseas Exhibitors.

The 2019 Honey Show is from 24-26th October.

All Exhibits need to be delivered to the exhibition hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd October.

So how do you enter?

1. Look at the schedule on the Honey Show web site: www.honeyshow.co.uk/schedule
2. The classes numbered 1-6 and 10-12 are open to exhibitors from anywhere in the World.
3. To comply with UK import regulations regarding honey, exhibitors from outside the EU are unlikely to be able to enter Classes 1 and 4 due to the volume of honey required for these classes.
4. All honey exhibits should be in colourless glass or plastic containers that are transparent, so that the judge can shine a light through the honey to assess the clarity. There should be no labels on the containers, except those provided by the Honey Show.
5. Summary of classes open to the World:-
 - a. Class 1 is for 24 jars of honey.
 - b. Class 2 is for 2 identical jars of clear honey.
 - c. Class 3 is for 3 identical jars of either clear or set honey.
 - d. Class 4 is for 12 jars of honey which are labelled for sale.
 - e. Class 5 is for 2 jars of clear honey. This class has no prize money or trophy awarded, but the judge's comments will be available for the exhibitor to view to help them improve for future shows.
 - f. Class 6 is for 2 jars of set honey. This class has no prize money or trophy awarded, but the judge's comments will be available for the exhibitor to view to help them improve for future shows.
 - g. Class 9 is for 3 identical jars of either clear or set honey.
 - h. Class 10 is for exhibitors from outside UK and Republic of Ireland. It is for 2 identical jars of clear honey in any size of clear colourless glass or plastic container up to the volume of 500g.
 - i. Class 11 is for 3 identical beeswax candles
 - j. Class 12 is for one container of honey from a project run by any charitable organisation working with beekeepers outside of the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

Classes 45-104 are also open to exhibitors from anywhere in the World, these include various classes for beeswax, mead, honey beer, design classes for decorative items and photography. Please refer to the schedule of classes for more information.

Once you have decided which classes to enter you should fill in the entry form via this link:

www.honeyshow.co.uk/entryform

There is no charge to enter Classes 1-12. Classes 45-104 cost £1 for each class you enter (or free if you are a member of the Honey Show).

If you plan to visit the Show yourself, it is a good idea to become a member of the National Honey Show. This costs £20 and gives you free entry to the show on all three days as well as the entire lecture programme.

Once you have filled in your entry form and received an acknowledgement from the Entries Secretary, if you require a letter of invitation to enter the UK, please indicate on the entry form and you will be sent the appropriate contact details.

National Honey Show Labels.

Once your entry has been received and processed, you will be sent entry labels for your exhibits, along with a sheet telling you which classes you have entered.

We recommend that these labels are collected from the Show desk on Wednesday 23rd October and someone will advise you where to place the labels.

The “guidance for exhibitors” section of the web site will tell you where to place the labels for each type of product, but for honey containers this is where they should be positioned between 10 and 15mm from the base of the jar



Arriving at the Show

Once you have arrived at the venue, you need to go to the front desk, where you will be given your paperwork for entering your exhibits. If you need help, please ask at the desk, otherwise make your way upstairs, where there will be tables available for you if you need to prepare your exhibits, clean the jars or stick on labels.

You then need to take your exhibits to the booking-in desk where they will be checked in (the numbers on the containers will be checked with the numbers on your entry sheet to make sure they are the same) and handed to a steward who will take them to the show area.

Judging

Judging takes place from 9:00-14:00 on Thursday 24th October. Nobody will be allowed into the judging area unless they are assisting the judges. After this, the show opens and you will be able to view the exhibits. Not all prize award notifications may be available at this time as it takes a few additional hours to process all of the paperwork.

What if you are unable to attend the Show yourself?

Someone else may bring the exhibits for you; they just need to follow the procedure above. Help will be available on Wednesday for anyone needing guidance.

It is possible to courier exhibits to the Overseas Development Officer, Mr Bernard Diaper. **No more than 2Kg of honey can be shipped into the UK by any one individual from outside the EU**, so please ensure the volume of honey shipped is below this and that the containers are securely packaged. You need to fill in the entry form and indicate that the exhibits will be sent by courier, the Entries Secretary will give you further details. Labels for your exhibits will be kept by the entries secretary and they will be entered for you.

Some Countries allow honey to be transported to the UK via the diplomatic service. You need to fill in the entry form and indicate that the exhibits will be sent to the embassy or consulate. Labels for your exhibits will be kept by the entries secretary and they will be entered for you. Someone from the Show will contact you to arrange collection from the Embassy.

Please note that Classes 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11 are Gift Classes. This means the exhibits become the property of the National Honey Show and may be sold at the Show.