



Scottish National Honey Show 2025

Schedule and Rules

Venue: Kinross Community Centre, Kinross High School

Date: Saturday 11th October 2025

Staging of exhibits: From 1600 hours – 1900 hours on Friday 10th October 2025

and between 8am – 9am on Saturday 11th October 2025

Judging starts 9.30am on Saturday 11th October 2025

No entry fee, but no prizes other than certificates for the following:

First, Second, Third and, if appropriate, Very Highly Commended, Highly Commended and Commended.

There will also be certificates accompanying any trophies awarded.

Registration: Free entry by completing the entry form and returning it by email to

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Entries will be accepted after 4th October and on the days of the conference, but there will be a £5 penalty which will go to Bees for Development.

SCOTTISH OPEN NATIONAL HONEY SHOW RULES

1. Labels will be issued by the Honey Show Secretary prior to exhibits being staged. Nothing other than official class number labels may be placed on any part of an exhibit, except in **class 28**.
2. **Labels** shall be affixed on:-
 - (a) jars and bottles to allow between 10mm and 15mm between the edge of the label and bottom of the vessel.
 - (b) On square sections and shallow frames place labels at the right top corner of the vertical transparent face of the case with the duplicate on the top of the horizontal bar of the frame or section.
 - (c) Labels for cut comb shall be affixed one on the lid and the duplicate on the short side of the container.
 - (d) If a show case is used for wax, one label must be affixed on the glass and the duplicate on the surface of the wax to be shown uppermost.
 - (e) Small blocks of wax shall have a label attached to the display base and the side on one of the blocks.
 - (f) On candles the label is to be affixed near the base.
 - (g) For display classes only one label will be affixed to the base of the display.
 - (h) In **class 28** one label to be affixed to the jar on the right of the display.
3. **All jar honey classes, except class 29**, must be exhibited in plain, straight-sided, clear 454g squat jars (glass or plastic) with standard gold lacquered or white or gold plastic commercial screw tops or twist-offs, and matching, except where otherwise stated. **Classes 11 and 12** Sections to be enclosed in cases.
4. **Mead** must be shown in plain, clear glass bottles with a round punted bottom of 70 to 75cl capacity. Only a white flanged cork to be used. To be filled to within 25mm of the cork. Any name, fluting or ornamentation will be disqualified. Mead to contain no addition of other wines, ales or

spirits, or addition of fruit juices. If matured in wine or spirit casks, they must have been cleaned sufficiently to get rid of their own particular flavour.

5. **Class 28** will be judges on sales appeal and labelling regulations and honey quality and **class 29** on general presentation.
6. **Baking classes** All exhibits in **classes 32, 33 & 37** must be made following the recipes as shown after the show rules. Exhibitors not following these recipes will be disqualified. All exhibits in baking **classes 32-35** to be displayed on white paper plates and enclosed in a clear plastic bag. (Supplied by SBA)
7. **Judges Stewards** are allowed to enter their exhibits but must inform the judge if they have an entry in that class and must not make any comment during the judging of that class.
8. **The judges decision shall be final.**
9. The judges may, at their discretion, withhold or reduce any of the prizes should the standard of the exhibits not meet with their approval.
10. An exhibitor may have more than one exhibit in any one class, but shall not be given more than one award in any one class.
11. No exhibits can be removed from the staging before 1600 hours on the day of the show.
12. The SBA show committee, whilst taking every care, accepts no responsibility for any damage exhibits may sustain before, during or after the show.
13. **Any complaints must be reported to Show Officer (Enid Brown) by 1500 hours on the day of the show (1500 hours on Saturday, 11th October, 2025). It would be preferred if the complaint was in writing. This will allow for an investigation prior to the show ending. Any complaints after the day of the show cannot be investigated properly.**

TROPHIES

1. **The William Allan Silver Trophy** – Awarded to the exhibitor with most points in all classes.
2. **Andrew Limond Memorial Silver Medal** – Presented by the Scottish Beekeepers Association. Awarded to the runner-up to the William Allan Silver Trophy
3. **James B. Ramsay Memorial Trophy** – Awarded to the winner of class 2 (medium honey) (even years) class 1 (light honey) (odd years)
4. **Moray Beekeepers Association Trophy** – Awarded to the winner of class 11 (Two sections excluding heather)
5. **W. W. Smith Memorial Trophy** – Awarded to the person with most points in Heather Honey classes 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16
6. **Barrie Trophy** – Awarded for person with most points in Wax classes 17 – 25
7. **Glasgow Beekeepers Association Silver Trophy** – Awarded to the winner of the 'Grand Prix'. Most outstanding exhibit in the Scottish National Honey Show
8. **East of Scotland Beekeepers Association Quaich** - Awarded to the person with most points in classes 11, 13 & 15 (Comb blossom classes)
9. **Edinburgh & Midlothian Beekeepers Association Trophy** – Awarded to the winner of class 29 (Display of exhibits)
10. **Ayrshire Honey Baking Perpetual Trophy** – Awarded to the person with most points in classes 30 – 38 (All mead and baking classes)
11. **The Brown Memorial Trophy** – Awarded to the best exhibit between classes 44 to 48 (School Bee Club or Junior Bee Club classes)
12. **Freuchie BKA Silver Medal** – Awarded to the winner of most points in classes 11 & 12 (sections)
13. **The Baldrigon BKA Honey Dipper** – Awarded to the winner of 9 jars labelled for sale. Class 28
14. **Highland Associations Trophy** – Awarded to winner of 6 jars of heather honey. Class 8
15. **The Songhurst Trophy** – Awarded to the junior (under 18) with most points overall

SCHEDULE

Extracted Honey

Class Number

1. Two 454g jars light coloured honey (liquid) (See trophy notes no. 3)
2. Two 454g jars medium coloured honey (liquid)
3. Two 454g jars dark honey (liquid). (Excluding Ling and Bell Heather)
4. Two 454g jars soft set honey
5. Two 454g jars naturally granulated honey
6. Two 454g jars Ling Heather honey
7. Two 454g jars Ling Heather Blend honey
8. Six 454g jars Ling Heather honey
9. Two 454g jars chunk honey
10. Two 454g jars Bell Heather honey (liquid)
11. Two sections honey, excluding Heather (See trophy note 4)
12. Two sections Ling Heather honey
13. Cut comb honey, excluding Heather. Two containers 200g – 300g net weight.
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15. One shallow frame of honey, excluding heather. To be shown in display case.
16. One shallow frame of Ling Heather honey. To be shown in display case.

Beeswax

17. One cake of beeswax, no pattern allowed (not less than 454g)
18. One cake of beeswax, patterned, (not less than 454g)
19. Beeswax suitable for retail trade. 454g approx. in 8 – 16 pieces and identical in all respects.
20. Display of beeswax in any shape. Not exceeding 50cm square and 50cm high, minimum of 6 pieces.
No colour allowed.
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Colour allowed.
22. One model or sculpture not moulded (candles excluded). Colour and wire may be used if required.
23. Three beeswax candles all made by moulding and identical in all respects. Candles to be displayed flat and will be mounted on stands during judging. The judge may light one. Stand supplied by SBA.
24. Three beeswax candles other than moulded and identical in all respects. Candles to be displayed flat and will be mounted on stands during judging. The judge may light one. Stand supplied by SBA.
25. One sheet of unwired foundation produced by exhibitor. Size to be B.S. deep or larger and mounted in a frame.

Photographic competition

26. Colour photo to be up to A4 in size, unmounted and with a beekeeping theme.
27. Close up or macro photo, up to A4 in size, unmounted and with a beekeeping theme.

Displays

28. Nine 454g jars honey. Beekeeper's own labels. All jars and labels to conform to current statutory requirements for shop sales. The exhibitor may enter more than one kind of honey.
29. Display of exhibits. Minimum of four and maximum of nine from the following items must be shown – light, medium or dark honey, heather honey, decorative wax, section of flower of heather,

cut comb flower or heather, shallow frame flower or heather. Max dimension 60cm square. (See trophy note 9)

Products made with honey (see rule 6)

All products to be the work of the exhibitor. All baking to be displayed on a white paper plate and enclosed in a clear plastic bag (provided by SBA)

30. One bottle of Sweet Mead

31. One bottle of Dry Mead

32. Honey Date Loaf

100g chopped dates

200g soft butter

200g honey

3 eggs beaten

100g ground almonds

125g wholemeal flour

1.5 teaspoon baking powder

25g flaked almonds

Place the dates in a pan with 50ml water and cook for 2–3 minutes until they are soft. Leave to cool.

Cream butter and honey. Add the eggs gradually. Stir in the dates and any remaining cooking liquid, followed by the ground almonds, then fold in the flour and baking powder. Pour into a greased and lined 20cm tin, sprinkle with the flaked almonds and bake for 45 – 50 minutes at 180C, gas mark 4. Timing is for conventional ovens and is a guide only, as appliances vary.

33. Honey Snickerdoodle biscuits

200g self-raising flour

140g butter

113g caster sugar

2 large tablespoons honey

1 egg yolk

Cream sugar and butter. Mix in the honey and egg yolk. Sift in the flour and combine. Form the dough into small balls, roll these in sugar then flatten onto a baking sheet covered with silicone or greaseproof. Cook in a medium oven, gas 4/ 180C/350F for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. They spread when cooking.

34. Honey Tray Bake (6 pieces displayed on white paper plate). Recipe to be displayed

35. 6 small honey fairy cakes, gluten free. To be displayed on white paper plate. Recipe to be displayed.

36. Honey Chocolates to be displayed in a presentation box. Max. gross weight 300g. Recipe to be displayed.

37. Carrot, Ginger and Almond Chutney

1 lb carrots, grated

½ oz ground coriander

½ oz sea salt

Generous pinch of paprika

Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
9fl.oz cider vinegar
12 oz sugar
2 fl.oz clear honey
Generous 1oz flaked almonds
2oz fresh ginger, grated

Put the carrots, coriander, salt, paprika, lemon zest, ginger and juice and vinegar into a non-metallic bowl. Cover and leave in a cool place overnight.

Tip the contents of the bowl into a pan. Add 5fl oz water and bring to the boil, simmer for 20 minutes. Over a low heat, stir in the sugar and honey until both have dissolved, then return to the boil. Simmer for a further 20 – 25 minutes, stirring as necessary, until the mixture is thick and no free liquid is visible. Stir in the almonds and simmer the mixture for another 4 minutes.

Remove the chutney from the heat and ladle into sterilised jars. Cover with vinegar-proof lids and leave to mature.

38. One bottle of Honey vinegar, max 250ml capacity. Recipe/ingredients to be displayed.

Novice Section

For any exhibitor who has never been awarded a 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize at an open honey show. Candles to be displayed flat and will be mounted on stands during judging. The judge may light one. Stand supplied by SBA.

- 39. Two 454g jars of light or medium coloured honey (liquid)
- 40. Two 454g jars of soft set honey
- 41. Cut comb, either blossom or heather, two pieces, each between 200g and 300g.
- 42. Two moulded candles, identical in all respects.
- 43. Two rolled, decorated candles. No flammable decoration

Schools Bee Clubs or other Junior Bee Clubs (See trophy note 11)

Candles to be displayed flat and will be mounted on stands during judging. The judge may light one. Stand supplied by SBA.

- 44. Two 454g jars of light or medium coloured honey (liquid)
- 45. Two 454g jars of soft set honey
- 46. Display of work being done by the club. This to be in the form of a poster. Max size 60cm square.
- 47. Two moulded candles, identical in all respects.
- 48. Two rolled, decorated candles. No flammable decoration

Junior Section

Candles to be displayed flat and will be mounted on stands during judging. The judge may light one. Stand supplied by SBA

- 49. Two 454g jars of light or medium coloured honey (liquid)
- 50. Two 454g jars of soft set honey
- 51. Two moulded candles, identical in all respects.
- 52. Two rolled, decorated candles. No flammable decoration.