



APICULTURE

NEW ZEALAND

Apiculture NZ National Honey Competition

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General Rules and Conditions of Entry

1. Exhibitor entries will be accepted from **all registered New Zealand beekeepers, packers and exporters**.
2. All award-winning honey will be available for tasting by the conference attendees on completion of judging. Winners will have their products displayed at the conference and published on the ApiNZ Conference App.
3. Exhibitors may only have one entry per class/subclass.
4. All honeys exhibited to be presented in anonymous (unlabelled) square clear PET Poly-jar with white plastic lids. Size 500gm (400ml). These jars are available from all major beekeeping suppliers in NZ. Jar uniformity is essential for fair and equitable judging free from light and density variations. Any honey presented in non-regulation jars will be disqualified. **NO stickers, NO markings, NO Writing.**
5. All honeys presented must be below a moisture content of 18.5% as tested by refractometer.
6. All honeys entered must be naturally produced by Apis Mellifera in accordance with the Codex Alimentarius Honey Standard. The Codex is available [here](#)
7. All honeys entered must be bona fide produce from beehives situated in New Zealand.
8. All entries should be accompanied by:
 - a. **completed entry form**
 - b. **entry fee** made payable to **A/C: 02-0733-0057338-00 - Apiculture New Zealand, Reference by your entry name, by Friday 24 June for entry payment.**
 - c. **signed MPI Harvest Declaration form (for beekeepers)** which is available on the Conference website - National Honey Competition - <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1021-Harvest-declaration-for-bee-products-intended-for-export> or obtainable from the Conference Registration desk. (Please note it is not necessary to provide a MPI Harvest Declaration form if you are only entering Class K Honey Beverages).
 - d. **Signed Packers declaration (packers only) confirming that Electronic Eligibility Declarations are held covering the packed honey submitted.** This can be submitted on a company letter head noting quantity and honey type. **ApiNZ reserves the right to request a PDF copy of the EDs.**
9. The judges are empowered to withhold awards should the quality of entries in any class not reach adequate standard. If no gold award given, no trophy will be presented in that class/subclass.

10. The judges' decision will be final, with no correspondence entered into.
11. **Monofloral Manuka Honey Category** – Certified Laboratory Analysis results **MUST** accompany entries for this honey category. These must include the MPI Chemical Marker test, MPI's DNA test and HMF test.
12. Awards will be given in each of the Classes with a Supreme Award recognising the highest scoring Exhibitor overall. The sum of the top three scores of an individual exhibitor in classes A-F being taken into account.
13. **Jar Honey** will be judged on general presentation, cleanliness, freedom of foreign matter, density/viscosity, clarity, colour, aroma, freedom of crystals (liquid classes) evenness and texture of granulation (naturally granulated and creamed classes) and finally, flavour.
14. **Comb Honey** will be judged on fullness and colour of capping's, uniform cell size, weeping or travel staining, general cleanliness, absence of granulation, wax moth damage, brood or pollen and lastly flavour. Both sides of the comb may be inspected.
15. **Honey Beverages – Mead, Beer, other** – Judges evaluate entries on the following: cleanliness, fill, colour, clarity, lack of sediment, aroma, flavour, body, balance, complexity, and finish.
16. **Product of the Hive** – Products must include a list of ingredients and state the percentage of bee products used in the product. For beekeepers that supply honey to a manufacturer of these products, they are encouraged to supply a letter that outlines the source and type of bee products used. Please note this information will remain confidential to the judges.
17. **People's Choice Award** – Will be judged by conference attendees and is purely based on taste.
18. **Please see Schedule of classes and entry criteria** for any additional information or assistance with classes.
19. **Pfund Colour** guidelines are used and entries may be moved to an appropriate category based on the following international guidelines:

Light	Water White to White (less than 34mm on the pfund scale)
Medium	Extra Light Amber to Amber (34 to 114mm on the pfund scale)
Dark	Amber (115mm plus on the pfund scale)
20. **Delivery by Postage** – Entry form(s) and honey must be sent **via Track and Trace courier** to the following address:
KIWI LABELS
Attn: Kevin Powell
6 Mary Muller Drive
Heathcote, Ōtautahi, Christchurch, 8022.

Please clearly mark the honey and entry parcel as follows:
Subject: ApiNZ Honey Competition.
- Delivery by postage is open from **Monday 13 June** and closes Thursday **23 June, 2022**
21. **Delivery in person** – Delivery of Entry form(s), honey and entry fee(s) open **8am-** close by **12pm on Monday 27 June, 2022** at the Christchurch Convention Centre Registration Desk.
22. All honey entries will remain with ApiNZ for promotional purposes.