



Judging Criteria & Rubric

The following rubrics will be used in judging each Division/Class.

Liquid Honey

Liquid honey is the way honey comes from the hive. Liquid honey yields a wonderful golden liquid. Fresh honey will be liquid since it was just extracted from the hives.

DENSITY	30 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Honey variety will be considered.	
FLAVOR	30 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unwanted flavors: fermented, scorched, smoky, or burnt.	
ABSENCE OF IMPURITIES	25 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Free from dirt, lint, and wax.Note: More than 50% crystallization will result in disqualification.	
CONTAINER APPEARANCE	10 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No cracks, dents, or imperfections in the glass and lid.Jar is clean on the outside.	
ACCURACY OF VOLUME	5 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Headspace and uniformity. Liquid honey is judged at 8 ounces; weight tolerance applies to comb honey only	



Creamed Unflavored/Flavored Honey

Has a mild flavor, spreads like butter at ordinary room temperature, and doesn't drip. Creamed honey is really crystallized honey or granulated honey. Well-made honey possesses a creamy texture because the crystallization process has been precisely controlled.

FLAVOR (<i>Unflavored</i> Cream Honey)	30 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flavor not adversely affected by processing.Unwanted flavors: fermented, scorched, smoky, or burnt.	
OR	
FLAVOR (<i>Flavored</i> Cream Honey)	30 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flavor appropriate to declared ingredients; honey flavor still detectable.Flavor not adversely affected by processing.Unwanted flavors: fermented, scorched, smoky, or burnt.	
AND	
CRYSTALLIZATION	35 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Smooth texture and fine crystals.Crystal sizes are consistent.	
SPREADABLE	20 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Easy to spread	
ABSENCE OF IMPURITIES	10 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Free from dirt, lint, and wax.	
CONTAINER APPEARANCE	10 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No cracks, dents, or imperfections in glass and lid.Jar is clean on the outside.	
ACCURACY OF VOLUME	5 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">8-12 ounces.Headspace and uniformity.	

**Cut Comb Honey**

Comb honey is intended for consumption, which still contains pieces of the hexagonal-shaped beeswax cells of the honeycomb.

NEATNESS OF CUT	20 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cut is parallel and uniform.• No crushed honeycombs.	
UNIFORMITY OF APPEARANCE	25 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation straight (no wave) and level.• Caps and other features are uniform.	
ABSENCE OF UNCAPPED	15 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All cells should have caps.	
CAP APPEARANCE	15 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White and clean caps.• No travel stains or watery/wet caps.	
CONTAINER APPEARANCE	10 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No cracks, dents, or imperfections in glass and lid.• Jar is clean on the outside.	
FREE OF GRANULATION AND POLLEN	10 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Granulation can be disqualified.• No excessive pollen present.	
ACCURACY OF WEIGHT	5 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8-12 ounces.• Uniform weight of each section	



Pure Beeswax Products

TEXTURE	30 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balanced between waxy and greasy.	
SCENT OR FLAVOR	20 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate for item.	
APPEARANCE	20 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniformity of fill and color, pleasing to the eye.	
PACKAGING	20 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Packaging is judged where applicable.• Ease of opening, ingredients listed, attractiveness.	
CLEANLINESS	10 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No foreign matter visible on the package or product.	



Hand-Crafted Soap

QUALITY	20 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hardness, free from white lye powder pockets, water cavities, and greasy areas	
COLOR	20 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attractive color combinations, uniformity across bars	
APPEARANCE	20 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistency of shapes, pleasing to the eye. NOTE: No soda ash except as part of the intended appearance.	
PACKAGING	20 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ease of opening, ingredients listed, attractiveness.	
SCENT OR AROMA	10 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate for the item.	
CLEANLINESS	10 Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No foreign matter visible on the package or product.• Jars and labels are clean.	