



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 (Unflavored 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 (Flavored 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. 	