

Ontario Beekeepers' Association

Honey Competition Rules – 2025

Hosted at the OBA Fall AGM – November 28–29, 2025

1. Purpose

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association (OBA) Honey Competition celebrates excellence in Ontario honey production. The competition encourages high standards of quality, craftsmanship, and presentation among Ontario beekeepers.

2. Eligibility

Open to all Ontario-based beekeepers. OBA members pay a reduced entry fee; non-members may enter at the standard rate. - Entries must be 100% Ontario-produced and packaged honey.

3. Entry Fees

\$10 administrative fee per entrant. \$10 per entry for OBA members. \$15 per entry for non-members. Fees are non-refundable once entries are received.

4. Competition Classes

Class	Description
Liquid Honey – Golden	Ontario floral source, light to medium golden tone.
Liquid Honey – Amber	Ontario floral source, darker amber tone.
Liquid Honey – Dark	Ontario floral source, dark tone.
Creamed Honey	Smooth, spreadable texture, uniform crystallization.
Comb Honey	Neatly cut, sealed comb of high quality.
Black Bottle	Opaque jar – judged solely on taste and aroma.

5. Entry Requirements

All entries must be unlabeled and free of identifying marks. Each entry requires **three (3) matching 500g glass jars**. **Black Bottle Category:** requires **two (2) 500g opaque jars**, which may be taped on-site by volunteers. Participants may ship entries ahead of time or drop them off at the AGM. Entries must include the completed entry form and applicable fees.

6. Judging

Judging will take place during the OBA Fall AGM. Entries are evaluated by a panel of qualified judges using the official OBA Honey Competition Score Sheet. Scoring Criteria (100 points total): - Appearance – 20 (not applicable to Black Bottle) - Aroma – 15 - Texture – 15 (where applicable) - Flavour – 40 - Uniformity & Presentation – 10 (not applicable to Black Bottle)
Judging is blind, and decisions are final.

7. Awards

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded per class. - A ****Grand Champion**** will be selected from the highest-scoring entries overall. - The ****Black Bottle Category**** will feature both a ****Judged Winner**** and a ****People's Choice Award****, voted on by AGM attendees. - Winners will be recognized during the AGM and featured on OBA social media.

8. Minimum Entries Per Class

Each class must receive at least three (3) entries to proceed. If fewer than three are received, the class may be canceled. Judges reserve the right to withhold awards if entries do not meet quality standards.

9. Contact

Questions? Contact the OBA Honey Competition Coordinator at info@ontariobee.com. More information and entry forms are available on the OBA website.