

# HONEY JUDGING GUIDELINES AND SCORE RESULTS

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## KEY CRITERIA:

1. CONTAINER - 10 POINTS
2. BRIGHTNESS – 10 POINTS
3. FREEDOM FROM CRYSTALS (use smoothness for Xlz'd category) – 15 POINTS
4. ACCURACY OF FILLING – 10 POINTS
5. FLAVOUR/AROMA – 20 POINTS
6. HONEY DENSITY (VISCOSITY) – 15 POINTS
7. CLEANLINESS AND FREEDOM FROM FOAM OR AIR BUBBLES – 20 POINTS

### Please note:

**Container** is judged on suitability of container, container imperfections, and lid/container cleanliness.

**Density** of liquid honey will be judged either by timed bubble test or refractometer..

Crystals, foam, air, bubbles, and **cleanliness** is partly comparison-based. 20 points is usually not awarded.

**Brightness** preferred - as opposed to a dull appearance which might indicate wax or crystalline impurities.

**Flavour** is based on sour, fermented, or caramelization (overheating/burnt flavour) and **not** on nectar source.

**Accuracy of filling** requires headroom of 1.25 to 2.5 cm (½ to 1 inch). For glass, no visible honey-to-cap gap.

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTAINER \_\_\_\_\_ /10 POINTS

BRIGHTNESS \_\_\_\_\_ / 10 POINTS

CRYSTALIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ / 15 POINTS

FILLING \_\_\_\_\_ / 10 POINTS

FLAVOUR/AROMA \_\_\_\_\_ / 20 POINTS

VISCOSITY \_\_\_\_\_ / 15 POINTS

CLEANLINESS \_\_\_\_\_ / 20 POINTS

TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_ / 100 TOTAL

## FILL POINTS

### Pfund Colour Scale

**NOTE:** Division between dark and light honey will be determined by judges.

CREAM – PEARL – BLOSSOM – BEIGE – LIGHT CHARTREUSE – STRAW – BANANA		
0 MM	WATER WHITE	8 MM
BUTTER – MAIZE – CITRUS – GREEN		
8 MM	EXTRA WHITE	17 MM
YELLOW – MARIGOLD – BUTTERSCOTCH – SUNFLOWER – DAFFODIL – BRASS		
17 MM	WHITE	34 MM
APRICOT – CORAL – SALMON – PEACH – DUSTY – PUMPKIN – ORANGE		
34 MM	EXTRA LIGHT AMBER	50 MM
MANGO – CLEMENTINE – FLAME – BURNT ORANGE – AUBURN – BRICK		
50 MM	LIGHT AMBER	85 MM
BLOOD – MAROON – CLARET – PLUM – MAHOGANY – RAWHIDE – CAROL – HENNA		
85 MM	AMBER	114 MM
CLOVE – COCOA – EARTH – MINERAL – HAZELNUT		
114 MM	DARK AMBER	140 MM

