



Irish National Honey Show

July Friday 24th - Saturday 25th 2026



Venue

**Sacred Heart
Secondary School
Tullamore R35 K061**



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1. An Exhibit may not be entered in more than one class.
2. A judge may not be an exhibitor in any class in which he acts as a judge.
3. Staging of exhibits will be by exhibitors while under the supervision of stewards.
4. The Federation or Show Committee shall not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
5. The winner of a cup, except for a winner from outside Ireland and the UK, may retain it until the commencement of the Summer Course of the succeeding year, on which date it must be returned in good order and condition to the Hon. Secretary of the National Honey Show.
6. The decision of the judges shall be final.
7. The judge reserves the right not to award all or any of the prizes in any class.
8. An exhibitor shall not be entitled to more than one prize in any one class, or in Supreme Honey awards.
9. Gift exhibits and prizewinning exhibits in classes 14, 20 and 21 become the property of the Show Committee and will be disposed of at their discretion during the show.
10. A label or other distinguishing mark may not be placed on any exhibit, except in Classes 8 and 9 where labels, which conform to E.U. regulations must be affixed to the exhibits.
11. Exhibit labels shall be affixed on
 - (a) Jars, bottles, or vase between 12mm and 15mm from the bottom
 - (b) Frames, sections, cakes of beeswax, models and cut comb one should be placed on the exhibit and the duplicate on the covering or display plate.
 - (c) Small blocks of wax shall have a label attached to the side of each block and the duplicate on the covering or display plate
 - (d) candles the label is to be affixed near each base and the duplicate on the holder
 - (e) display glass one label place to the base of the display
 - (f) photograph on top right-hand corner of mount 12mm. approx. from top right-hand corner.
12. The decision of the Show Committee on any matter relating to the show (except judging) shall be final.

13. Entries must be made on the form provided and posted or emailed to reach the Show Secretary by Saturday 12.00 noon 18th July. Late entries will be accepted up to 11.00am Friday 25th July with a late fee of €1.
14. Entries can be placed by the exhibitor under the observation of the stewards on benches on Thursday 16.30 – 18.00 and Friday 9.00-11.00. Once an exhibitor has completed the display the person may not reenter the Honey Show.
15. All Honey and Wax exhibited must be the genuine produce of the exhibitor's own bees.
16. Honey Colour: the Judge will use BD standard grading glasses. These will be available from the show secretary. Honey that is found to be the wrong colour for the class it is entered in will be disqualified.
17. Wax may be exhibited polished or unpolished at the discretion of the exhibitor. Candles must be displayed in secure non-flammable candle holders
18. An exhibit may not be removed until the show closes. Removal of exhibits will take place on Saturday between 5pm– 6 pm. A steward must accompany you during the process.
19. Sections must be enclosed in yellow cardboard section cases.
20. Mead must be shown in clear, colourless punted wine bottle without lettering, fluting or ornamentation of any kind. Bottles must be corked with flanged stoppers, which must be removable without the use of a corkscrew.
21. Extracted honey must be exhibited in plain, clear straight glass jars with either plain gold lacquered or Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations CLG lids.
22. Photographic Class: All exhibits must have been taken but not necessarily processed by the entrant. The subject should be connected to honeybees or beekeeping. Each exhibit must be on a suitable cardboard mount. No frames. The maximum size of the photograph is A4 (297mm x 210mm) including the mount.

23. Essay Class: Choose a practical beekeeping topic. Max word count 2000. Must be submitted by the Friday 17th July 6pm by email or post.
24. Class 35 is open to those under 16 years of age who have processed the honey themselves from their own bees.

EXHIBITS

will be accepted on
Thursday 23rd July from 4.30pm -6pm
Friday 24th July 2026 from 9am-11am

JUDGING

will commence on Friday 24th July 12 midday

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Mr. Lorcan Bourke, Bord Bia, will present the prizes at
4pm on Saturday 25th July

JUDGES FOR 2026 (TO BE CONFIRMED)

John Donoghue
Paul Boyle
Redmond Williams
Eleanor Attridge
Jim Fletcher

Judges' Referee: Redmond Williams

HONEY SHOW SECRETARY

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SCHEDULE OF OPEN CLASSES

Prize €15 1st /€10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 1 – International Class: Twenty four jars of either light, medium, dark, granulated, creamed or ling heather honey. The exhibit may consist of one, two, three or four kinds, in equal numbers and in the same jar size.

Taylor Cup

Class 2 – Three 340g or 454g jars of light coloured honey

Atkins Cup

Class 3 – Three 340g or 454g jars of medium coloured honey

Tom Kehoe Trophy

Class 4 – Three 340g or 454g jars of dark coloured honey

The Galtee Skep Trophy

Class 5 – Three 340g or 454g jars of chunk honey

Paxton Cup

Class 6 – Three 340g or 454g jars of creamed or soft set honey

G.V. Poulton Memorial Trophy

Class 7 – Three 340g or 454g jars of ling heather honey

Sean McGrane Memorial Trophy

Class 8 – Twelve jars of any of 227g, 340g or 454g of light, medium, dark, granulated, creamed or ling heather honey, all the same, to be shown in jars as offered for sale.

All jars to be labelled with the exhibitor's own labels. Besides the quality of the honey the attractiveness of the exhibit will be taken into

consideration by the judge with stand required. *Rule 20 does not apply.*

Thorne Trophy

Class 9 – Twelve jars of any of 227g, 340g or 454g of light, medium, dark, granulated, creamed or ling heather honey, all the same, to be shown as offered for sale. All jars to be labelled with the exhibitors own labels. No Stand required. *Rule 20 does not apply.*

Mary Moynihan Memorial Trophy

SUPREME HONEY IN 1- 9 CLASSES

Prize €15 1st /€10 2nd / €5 3rd

First Prize: Irish Mist Trophy

Class 10 – Display Class. Honey; Beeswax or Mead (*or both*). In addition, decorative material, coloured beeswax and any size or shape jar which is saleable may be used. Quantity of honey to be staged at least 5kg. Size not to exceed 915mm x 1220mm.

Rule 20 does not apply.

Lawson Swinerton Cup

COMB HONEY

Prize €15 1st /€10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 11 – Two sections of floral honey

The Carroll Cup

Class 12 – One frame suitable for extraction

Tweedy Memorial Cup

Class 13 – Two containers of cut comb honey gross weight 200g – 255g
Cavan Inlay Perpetual Marquee Plaque

GIFT CLASS

Prize €15 1st / €10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 14 – One section or one 340g or 454g jar (*may be light, medium, dark, ling heather, granulated or creamed honey*), or one container of cut comb honey. Exhibits in this class will be disposed of at the discretion of the Show Committee. No entry fee.

Fr. Gahan Cup

COLLECTION OF BEE-PRODUCTS

Prize €15 1st / €10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 15 – Collection of bee-products consisting of one frame, two 340g or 454g jars of light honey; two 340g or 454g jars of medium honey; two 340g or 454g jars of crystallised honey. Exhibitors may make use of anything which they consider will add to the effectiveness of the display.

The Rowan Cup

NOVICE CLASS

Prize €15 1st / €10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 16 – One 227g, 340g or 454g jar: Competitors who have not won a prize for honey in a honey show over a hundred entries.

Jack Mullarchy Memorial Trophy

Class 17 –Three 227g, 340g or 454g jar: Competitors who have not won a prize for honey in a honey show over hundred entries.

Class 18 – One frame of comb honey, one section or one container of cut comb. Competitors who have not won a prize in comb honey classes in a honey show over a hundred entries

Class 19 - One decorative rolled candle, colouring permitted: Competitors who have not won a prize for rolled candles in a honey show over a hundred entries.

HONEY CAKES

Prize €15 1st /€10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 20 – Honey Fruit cake made to recipe of candidate’s choice and with the recipe set out for judging.

U.B.K.A. President Trophy

Class 21 - Plain Honey cake made to recipe of candidate’s choice and with the recipe set out for judging.

Eddie O’Sullivan Cup

TOFFEE, CARAMEL OR SWEETS

Prize €15 1st /€10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 22 – Toffee, Caramel, or Sweets. Honey must be included in the recipe.

Betty Showler Bon Bon Dish

BISCUITS OR COOKIES

Prize €15 1st /€10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 23 – 6 small biscuits or cookies not in paper cases. Honey must be included in the recipe.

Cavan Inlay Plaque

MEAD

Prize €15 1st / €10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 24 – One bottle of Dry Mead

Lawson Swinerton Cup

Class 25 – One bottle of Sweet Mead

Brother Behan Cup

BEESWAX

Prize €15 1st / €10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 26 – Three moulded beeswax candles

Karl Showler Silver Bowl

Class 27 – Three non-moulded beeswax candles.

Gerry Murphy Trophy

Class 28 – Beeswax Polish.

The Hughes Challenge Cup

Class 29– One beeswax model made by moulding (*colour dye permitted*).

D. J. Deasy Trophy

Class 30 – One cake of beeswax (*not less than 20mm thick and minimum weight 229g*)

Finbar Dineen Memorial Trophy

Prize money sponsored by Dineen family in memory of Dody Dineen

Class 31 – Five blocks of beeswax, matching in all respects, weighing between 135g and 140g in total

Br. Evangelist Cup

Class 32 – Two matching beeswax wraps. Each 30cm square. Made from beeswax only no additional oils/resin permitted. One piece of wrap will be used to wrap a food item which is supplied by the Show.

Class 32 – Photographic Class – Colour or Black & White Print

Class 34 – A display of honeybee friendly flowers to be staged in a suitable vase. A list of flowers staged to be displayed with the exhibit. Water will be provided to keep them fresh during the show

Class 35 – Under 16 1 jar of honey

MISCELLANEOUS

Prize €15 1st / €10 2nd / €5 3rd

Class 35 – Miscellaneous

An interesting or instructive exhibit or invention relating to beekeeping (not previously awarded a prize at the National Honey Show).

M. Moynihan Apiaries Cup

Class 37 – Essay Class Four Seasons Trophy Class

Prize money 1st €15 / 2nd €10 / 3rd €5

Best exhibit in Classes 21 to 22 inclusive	Dan Deasy Cup
Best comb in the show	Brother Evangelist Trophy
Best exhibit in the show	Mrs Poulton Cup
Best beeswax exhibit in the show	The Fisher Cup
Best beeswax exhibit in the show	Digges Trophy
Best beeswax exhibit in the show	Irish Mist Trophy

