

Welsh Honey Judge Program Requirements (2020)

Appendix B: Advice and Guidelines for Honey Show Stewards

Stewarding duties at any honey show must be performed with utmost care and attention. The steward should be available at all times during the show and be in complete contact with the honey show manager and secretary. The honey show manager will assign each steward to a judge for the show.

The main responsibility of a honey show steward is to facilitate and support his/her assigned judge throughout the show. This is accomplished through the following tasks:

1. Help the honey show manager set up the honey show.
2. Accept exhibitors' entrants and place them on the correct show bench for showing.
3. Ensure that each exhibit is placed in the correct class for judging.
4. Make sure the judge has a stable table with a chair, one tumbler half filled with warm water, and a small bowl with warm water in which the judge can clean his/her fingers after tasting honey.
5. Make the judge aware of double entries (i.e. exhibitors with multiple entries in one class) before he/she judges the class.
6. When the judge is judging honey for taste, make sure that his/her tasting rods are cleaned, wiped dry, and placed in the judge's clean tumbler.
7. If the judge is embarking on a class in which you personally have entered an exhibit, make sure that this is known to the judge. Ask the judge if he/she would like you to step back until the judging of that class is completed.
8. Ensure that all cake exhibits are covered and placed in the correct position on the show bench.
9. Make sure that the items needed for judging are available (e.g. food gloves, scales, and cling film if required).
10. As the judge calls out winning numbers, write them down on the judge's feedback sheet. Hand the sheet and prize cards to the judge for signing only.
11. Collect and return the judge's signed feedback sheet and prize cards to the class envelope. Return the envelope to the show secretary.
12. Make sure that winning exhibits, after being judged, are returned to the show bench and are displayed in the correct order with their prize cards.
13. When judging is completed, make sure that the show benches are clean and that all equipment is returned to the show secretary.

Additional advice for honey show stewards:

1. Study the rules and regulations before the show.
2. Arrive at the show in advance of the show and be aware of the classes in the show. This will enable you to show the judge where the products are being staged.
3. Have a show schedule available and be aware of which classes your assigned judge is responsible for in the show, particularly if there is more than one judge.
4. Always carry a pencil and a pen with you at all times.
5. When the judge is judging an exhibit, under no circumstance should the steward make any remark unless asked to by the judge.
6. Treat all remarks made by the judge and other stewards during judging as purely confidential.