





2025 Entry Timeline

Entry deadline.....Monday, June 16, by 6 p.m.

Entry deliveryMonday, June 30, 9- 11 a.m.

Fair dates......July 18 - Aug. 17 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

Entry pick up......Thursday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Entries may be picked up by someone other than the exhibitor.

BY ENTERING YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE TERMS AND RULES PRESENTED IN THIS GUIDEBOOK

Entry fees.....\$10 adult • \$6 youth (9-17) • Fees are non-refundable.

Entry limit.....No limit

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RULES & GUIDELINES

- 1. Local and state rules govern this competition.
- 2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and abiding by the guidelines stated herein.
- 3. Exhibitors are responsible for entering items in the correct class.
- 4. If assistance is needed to determine the division and/or class, please contact the Culinary Department at 714-708-1621 to leave a message or email culinary@ocfair.com

5. Entry fees are non-refundable.

There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, the exhibitor is accepting the no-refund policy.

- 6. All hive products, except for Division 1074 and Division 370 class 02, must be from the exhibitor's own apiary.
- 7. All entries must have been collected between July 1, 2024 and June 16, 2025.
- 8. Honey must be 100 percent pure honey. Do not flavor or alter the honey.
- 9. Honey must only be gravity strained/filtered and not heated above 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 10. Liquid or creamed honey must be eight (8) ounces by weight. Comb honey must be 8-12 ounces by weight. Purified beeswax must be submitted in a half-pound block.

11. Do not label honey before the competition.

- A label will be added when the entry is checked in.
- Exhibitor is encouraged to include a custom product label to be attached by Fair staff after judging.

12. Packaging requirements:

- ·Liquid honey must be packaged in a clear eight (8) ounce Queenline glass jar.
- · Creamed honey must be packaged in a clear eight (8) ounce wide-mouth jar.
- •Cut comb honey must be packaged in a clear eight (8) or 12-ounce glass or plastic comb container.
- 13. Containers of great or sentimental value should not be used.

14. All honey entries will be available for pick up on entry pick up day.

- Honey entries and containers not picked up on entry pick up day become property of the OC Fair. Honey and wax will be recycled back to the bees.
- 15. **Hold harmless.** Although reasonable efforts will be taken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, neither the State of California nor OC Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of OC Fair.





ELIGIBILITY

Adult divisions:

Open to California residents ages 18 and older.

Youth divisions:

Open to Southern California youth ages 9-17 (by July 18).

ENTRY LIMIT

No entry limits.

ENTRY FEES

Adult divisions\$10 per entry Youth divisions......\$6 per entry

- Entry fees are payable online with a credit card (Visa, Mastercard or American Express).
- •Entry fees are non-refundable.

OC FAIR EXHIBITOR TICKET

Exhibitors will receive one (1) OC Fair admission ticket at the time of entry delivery.

- •One (1) ticket per exhibitor, not per entry.
- •Ticket is good any day during the OC Fair and does not require a reservation.
- Tickets are provided to participants to view the results of their efforts.
- •Tickets must not be sold.







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clickable and show the current section you are on

HOW TO ENTER

Online entry deadline: Monday, June 16, by 6 p.m.

Click on the link to go to the entry homepage ocfair.fairwire.com

Step 1. Register

- · Last year's accounts are no longer valid. All exhibitors must create a new account.
- Entries must be submitted under the name of the individual who will be exhibiting.
- ·Do not use business or fictitious names.
- There are no team entries.
- Enter the information carefully and proofread the name, to ensure accuracy on exhibit display labels.
- Email will be used to send important information. Check your spam folders and whitelist emails coming from @ocfair.com

Step 2. Entries

•Input your entry (or entries) in the proper department, division and class along with other required information.

Step 3. Cart review

- Review your entries, you can add, edit, delete or save your entries.
- ·When satisfied, click the "CHECK OUT" button

Step 4. Payment

- Enter your credit card information (Mastercard, Visa or American Express.)
- · An email notification and confirmation will be sent immediately after the online payment is received.
- Check your spam folder If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment.

Step 5. Confirmation

- •Sign by typing "YES" in the "Agreement to Terms" box.
- •DO NOT click the "SUBMIT" button multiple times as you will be charged.
- •On the resulting confirmation page, you can print a receipt and will see a blue "UPLOAD FILES" button.

You can log back into your account to see your entries.

For any changes, contact entries@ocfair.com; do not re-enter to make corrections as you will be charged.

HELP ENTERING

For additional help, review this detailed step-by-step guide:

· Entry tutorial

Email: entries@ocfair.com **Phone:** 714-708-1553 (during office hours)





ENTRY DELIVERY

Hand delivery: Monday, June 30, 9 - 11 a.m.

- Entries must be registered online prior to dropping off.
- Enter Gate 5 and follow the directional signs to the Anaheim Building (building 4 on the map). Note delivery location has changed from previous years.



Mail delivery: must arrive by June 30, before 11 a.m.

All mail-in entries must:

- Be registered online prior to shipping entry.
- Include a copy of your registration receipt with your entry.

Address packages to:

OC Fair & Event Center Attn: Entries Dept., Honey Competition 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

- ·Include a return address.
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ENTRY PICK UP

Pick up date: Thursday, August 21, 2025, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- ·Claim check or photo ID is required for pick up.
- If you are unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you.
- Unclaimed items become the property of OC Fair and will be discarded.
- •The OC Fair & Event Center is not responsible for exhibits left after this date.

Entry pick up

- Pick up at the building where the entry was displayed.
- Enter through Gate 1 (Main Gate) and follow directional signs to Centennial Farm, Silo Building.







JUDGING

Qualified judges are utilized to judge all culinary exhibits and special contests.

Adult divisions

Entries are placed using the American Judging System, where exhibits are ranked one against another.

- First, second, third place and honorable mention(s) may be awarded in each class if judges so determine.
- First place winners will compete for "Division Winner."
- Those chosen for Division Winner will compete for "Best of Show."

Youth divisions

Entries are placed using the Danish Judging System, where each entry is judged on how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares to other entries.

- Entries are judged first, second or third place awards.
- •There may be more than one first, second or third place award per class.
- · All first place awards will then compete, using the American Judging System, for "Best of Class."
- Those chosen for Best of Class will compete for "Division Winner."

Judging criteria

Read the **Culinary Arts judging criteria** for each division.

Comment sheets

- Comment sheets are notes from the judges on the entry's performance in the competition.
- Comment sheets for each entry will be made available at the information desk in Culinary Arts.
- They are available for pick up, with claim check or photo ID, any day of the Fair. Final pick up day is Thursday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. 6 p.m.

Disqualified entries

- If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.
- Judges reserve the right to remove or disqualify any entry in violation of the rules, in poor taste or not in accordance with the competition standards.

Disqualifications may include the following:

- Entries incorrectly entered/identified.
- · Entries in incorrect containers.
- Entries containing foreign objects such as hair or insects.
- •Entries in under-filled jar.
- •Entries with flavored and/or altered honey.

Reassignment of entry division or class

Judges and/or the program coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate division or class or combining divisions or classes to create an adequate judging pool. Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of exhibitors to enter work in the appropriate class. Failure to enter the appropriate class may result in disqualification.





AWARDS

Includes ribbons and/or prize money (premiums)

Adult Divisions		Youth Divisions	
Best of Show	\$100	Division Winner	\$50
Division Winner	\$50	Best of Class	\$25
First Place	\$25	First, Second, Third	Ribbon
Second Place	\$15		
Third Place	\$10		
Honorable Mention	Ribbon		

- Ribbons and comment sheets may be picked up any day of the OC Fair during open hours, with a claim check or photo ID. Final pick up day is Thursday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. 6 p.m.
- Premium checks will be made payable to either the owner or exhibitor as stated on the entry and mailed within 30 business days after the close of the 2025 OC Fair.
- Total premiums of \$600 or more to any individual will be paid only after a completed *Payee Data Record* form has been received.

Judging Results

- Entries will be on display in the OC Promenade with any awards received.
- Results will be posted online at ocfair.com/results by Opening Day of the OC Fair.
- Please do not call, email or message OC Fair via social media for competition results. We receive a high volume of inquires daily.

AWARD CEREMONY

Sunday, Aug. 17, at noon.

- Hosted on the OC Promenade Main Stage.
- Best of Show award recipients will be invited to attend, given two (2) tickets to attend and be recognized at the ceremony.
- Invitations will be sent to the email provided at entry registration.
- · All exhibitors and the general public are welcome to attend the ceremony.
- · Additional guests should purchase Fair admission tickets in advance.







Adult Divisions

Eligibility......Open to California residents, ages 18 and older.

Entry limit No entry limit Entry fee\$10 per entry

·Rules & guidelines on page 1 apply.

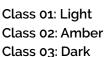
DIVISION 1070

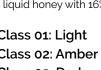
Liquid Honey

- From own apiary
- · Use a **CLEAR** Queenline 8-ounce glass jar.
- 100 percent pure honey, containing no more than 18.6 percent moisture.

Based on USDA recommended judging/ scoring system

- · Maximum acceptable moisture content for any liquid honey is 18.6%.
- · Liquid honey with moisture content above 18.6% will be disqualified.
- · No additional points will be awarded for liquid honey with 16% or less moisture content.





DIVISION 1071

Creamed Unflavored Honey

- From own apiary
- · Use a **CLEAR** wide-mouth 8-ounce jar.
- · Smoothly granulated spreadable honey.
- No starter powder or kits.



Unflavored creamed honey



Queenline glass jar

Clear

Wide-mouth jar

Clear

DIVISION 1072

Comb Honey

- From own apiary
- · Submit 8-12 ounces.
- · Square or circle comb container, present with caps and honey.



Comb honey in square container

Class 01: All colors

DIVISION 1073

Purified Beeswax

From own apiary

Class 01: Purified beeswax

Submit one 8-ounce block.



Beeswax block

Class 02: Candles

Submit 8-12 ounces. Free standing candles only



Beeswax candles

DIVISION 1074

Pure Beeswax Products

- · Must be produced with pure honey or beeswax.
- · Does not need to be from exhibitor's own apiary.

Class 01: Lip balm

e.g., lavender, spice, coconut, rose hip, chocolate mint, cinnamon

Class 02: Moisturizer

e.g., creams, lotions & bar, herbal or healing salve, make-up remover, body butter

Class 03: Hand-crafted soap

e.g., honey & beeswax, milk & honey, honey & vanilla

Class 04: Candles

e.g., hand-dipped tapers, hand-rolled, Mason jar candles. For free-standing candles with beeswax from own apiary see Division 1073, class 02

Class 05: Other, specify item

e.g., wrap, ornaments, cold-weather paw protectors, beard wax, wood polish, food-safe cutting board conditioner, snowboard/ ski/surfboard wax, pinecone fire starters





Youth Division

Eligibility Open to Southern California youth ages 9-17.

- •Rules & guidelines on page 1 apply.
- Entries must be made by the exhibitor with minimal or no adult assistance.

DIVISION 370

Youth Honey, Ages 9-17

- Must be produced with pure honey or beeswax from family's apiary, except for class 05.
- Multiple entries are permitted per class. Variety must be provided.

Class 01: Liquid honey

Use a clear Queenline 8-ounce glass jar.



Queenline glass jar

Class 02: Unflavored creamed honey

Use a clear wide-mouth 8-ounce glass jar. Smoothly granulated spreadable honey. No starter powder or kits.



Wide-mouth jar

Class 03: Comb honey

Packaged in a clear 8- or 12-ounce glass or plastic square or circle container.



Comb honey in square container

Class 04: Purified beeswax

Submit one 8-ounce block.



Beeswax block

Class 05: Any pure beeswax product, specify item

e.g., lip balm, moisturizer, hand-crafted soap, candles, wraps, ornaments, paw protectors.