



2024 Entry Timeline

Entry Deadline	Monday, June 17, by 6 p.m.
Entry Delivery	Tuesday, June 25, 7 - 9:30 a.m.
Fair Dates.....	July 19 - Aug. 18 (<i>closed Mondays and Tuesdays</i>)
Entry Pickup	Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
	Entries may be picked up by someone other than the exhibitor.

Quick Guide

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

Entry Fees.....	\$5 adult • \$5 youth (9-17) • <i>Fees are non-refundable</i>
Entry Limit.....	No Limit
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Contact.....	Culinary Arts Department • Melody Drake, Program Coordinator culinary@ocfair.com • Office (714) 708-1621 (to leave a message) OC Fair & Event Center • 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626



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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 Div 1074 and 370 class 02, must be from the exhibitor's own apiary.
7. All entries must have been collected between July 1, 2023 and June 17, 2024.
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 pickup on entry pickup day.**
 - Honey entries and containers not picked up on entry pickup 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 undertaken 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 the OC Fair.



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ELIGIBILITY

Adult Divisions:

NEW Open to California residents ages 18 and older.

Youth Divisions:

NEW Open to California youth ages 9-17 (by July 19, 2024).

ENTRY LIMIT

No entry limits.

ENTRY FEES

Adult Divisions\$5 per entry

Youth Divisions\$5 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 re-sold.





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HOW TO ENTER

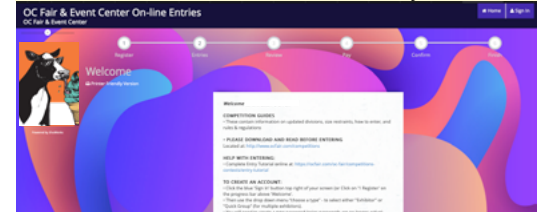
Online Entry Deadline: Friday, June 17, by 6 p.m.

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 made under the name of the individual whose exhibit it is.
- 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

The numbered steps along top of page are clickable and show the current section you are on



fairwire.com welcome page

Step 2. Entries

- Input your entry(s) 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 (Master Card, 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 and replace descriptions.
For any other changes, contact us; do not re-enter to make corrections as you will be charged.***

HELP WITH ENTERING

For additional help, review these detailed step-by-step guides:

- [Entry Tutorial](#)

Phone: During office hours at (714) 708-1718 **Email:** culinary@ocfair.com



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ENTRY DELIVERY

Hand Delivery: Tuesday, June 25, 7 - 9:30 a.m.

- Entries must be registered online prior to dropping off.
- Enter Gate 1 off Fair Drive, park in Lot B, walk through the Centennial Farm gate and enter the Silo Building.
- Claim checks for comment sheet pickup will be provided when exhibits are delivered.



Mail Delivery: Must arrive by June 25, before 9:30 a.m.

All mail-in entries must:

- Be registered online prior to shipping entry.
- Include a copy of your registration receipt with your entry.
- Be delivered on or before 9:30 a.m. on June 25.

Address packages to:

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

- Include a return address.

ENTRY PICKUP

Pickup Date: Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- An email alert will be sent prior to the pickup date with detailed information. Check your spam folder for emails.
- Claim check or photo ID is required for pickup.
- If you are unable to pick up your items, please arrange for someone to pick them up for you.
- Honey entries and containers not picked up on entry pickup day become property of OC Fair. Honey and wax will be recycled back to the bees.

Entry Pickup

- Anaheim Building.
- Enter through Gate 1 (Main Gate) and follow directional signs.



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 pickup day is Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 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. Nonetheless, it is the responsibility of exhibitors to enter work in the appropriate Class. Failure to enter the appropriate Class may result in disqualification.



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AWARDS

Includes ribbons and/or prize money (premiums)

Adult Divisions

Best of Show.....	\$100
Division Winner.....	\$50
First Place.....	\$25
Second Place.....	\$15
Third Place.....	\$10

Youth Divisions

Division Winner.....	\$50
Best of Class.....	\$25
First, Second, Third.....	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 pickup day is Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 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 thirty (30) business days after the close of the 2024 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 or email for competition results.***

AWARD CEREMONY

Sunday, Aug. 18, at noon

- Hosted on the OC Promenade Main Stage.
- Best of Show award recipients will be invited to attend and be recognized at the ceremony and will receive two (2) tickets to attend.
- 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 \$5 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.



Queenline glass jar

Class 01: Light

Class 02: Amber

Class 03: Dark

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.



Wide-mouth jar

Class 01:

Unflavored Creamed Honey

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 Div. 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 California youth ages 9-17

Entry Limit No entry limit

Entry Fee \$5 per entry

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

DIVISION 370

Youth Honey

- 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.