



Texas Beekeepers Association

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Mead Amateur Division Competition Rules

By entering the competition, you agree to be bound by the rules. Please read them carefully. Only one entry per each Mead Sub-Category.

This is our fourth year doing the judging in house and we want to be sure we have enough judges. We will take new entries on registration day, but PLEASE, PLEASE email us at soulhoney@pwhome.com no later than October 25th with a copy of your entry form so we can get an idea about how many entries to expect. Our judges can only review so many meads. It is important to have enough judges to get the best results.

1. Only home-produced amateur meads may be entered.
2. All meads are required to have Texas honey. The source(s) of the honey or beekeeper name must be declared in the entry description. Entries made with non-Texas honey, or entries without the source(s) of honey disclosed, will be disqualified. All entries become property of the Texas Beekeepers Association. Entries will NOT be returned to entrants under any circumstances.
3. Entry Fees: a \$5 entry fee applies per Subcategory.
4. Two 12oz or larger bottles are required for evaluation. If entering smaller bottles, three bottles are required to qualify for Best of Show in the Mead Category.
5. Bottles MUST be accompanied by the registration entry form titled "Texas Beekeepers Association Mead Competition Form" and declared BJCP style category. It is requested that you print the form from the registration website (<https://texasbeekeepers.org/tba-honey-show-2021/>) and affix a completed form to each bottle using rubber bands. (We recommend you put the form in a gallon zip lock bag to protect the document and then use rubber bands to attach it to each bottle.) PLEASE DO NOT USE TAPE TO AFFIX LABELS OR DOCUMENTATION!!
6. The competition is Saturday, November 6th, 2021. All entries will be accepted November 5th (Friday 10:00am to 6:00pm) and November 6th (Saturday 8:00am to 10:00am). Entries must be dropped off during the designated time unless other arrangements are made. Remember, entries dropped off the day of judging must be received by 10:00AM. If you need special accommodations or to make other arrangements, please call Robin Young at (940)765-2907.
7. Texas Beekeepers Association is not liable for lost or misplaced drop-off entries.
8. Entries will be judged against the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) style guidelines for the category entered. (See #10 for more information.) The competition chairman/secretary, head judge/judges, and stewards will not re-categorize your entry for you. If you enter your mead in the wrong category, it will be judged in the wrong category which will affect your score. If you are unsure what category to enter a mead into, contact the Honey Show Committee using the form on the competition registration website prior to registering your entry or email Robin Young at soulhoney@pwhome.com and she will get you the answers you need.
9. We are NOT accepting any bottles by mail. Be sure to have all your paperwork filled out and attached to each bottle. DO NOT SHIP VIA THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. SHIPPING OF ALCOHOL VIA THE USPS IS ILLEGAL. ANY ENTRIES SENT BY US MAIL WILL BE DESTROYED TO COMPLY WITH POSTAL REGULATIONS.
10. Helpful information: <https://www.bjcp.org/mead.php>
11. If You would like to volunteer for the Texas Honey Show send an email to soulhoney@pwhome.com

Entries may be shipped to:	Drop off location:
<p>We are not accepting shipped entries for Mead. If you want to send your entry with a friend or family member, be sure to have your documentation filled out and attached to each bottle. We will accept entries:</p> <p>November 5th (Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm)</p> <p>November 6th (Saturday 8:00am - 10:00am)</p>	<p>TBA Annual Convention (Nov 5th & 6th) Moody Gardens Galveston, TX.</p> <p>Questions: Call or Text Robin Young (940) 765-2907</p>

Categories	<i>Sub-Categories</i>
M1. Traditional Mead	<p><i>Honey, water, yeast</i></p> <p>M1A. Dry Mead</p> <p>M1B. Semi-Sweet Mead</p> <p>M1C. Sweet Mead</p>
M2. Fruit Mead	<p><i>Honey, fruit, water, yeast</i></p> <p>M2A. Cyser – apple and honey</p> <p>M2B. Pyment – grape and honey</p> <p>M2C. Berry Mead</p> <p>M2D. Stone Fruit Mead – fruit with a pit and honey M2E.</p> <p>Melomel – any other fruit combinations not in A-D</p>
M3. Spiced Mead	<p><i>Honey, spices, water, yeast</i></p> <p>M3A. Fruit and Spice Mead</p> <p>M3B. Spice, Herb or Vegetable Mead</p>
M4. <i>Specialty Mead</i>	<p><i>Honey, fruit and/or spices and/or grains, yeast</i></p> <p>M4A. Braggot and Honey Beer</p> <p>M4B. Historical Mead Recipes</p> <p>M4C. Experimental Mead</p>

Max Points: Judging Criteria for a maximum of 50 points

- 10 BOUQUET AND AROMA
- 6 APPEARANCE
- 24 FLAVORS
- 10 OVERALL IMPRESSION



Texas Beekeepers Association Mead Individual Submission Form

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Please fill out a form for each bottle of mead submitted, put the filled-out form in a zip-lock bag, and use rubber-bands to attach it to each bottle of mead before you get to registration. Be sure to include your \$5 entry fee per Subcategory you are entering. If paying by check, please make checks payable to: Texas Beekeepers Association.

Vintner(s) Information

Your Name _____ Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____
Phone (H) (_____) _____ Phone(cell) (_____) _____ Email Address _____

Entry Information

Name-of-Vintner (Mead Maker) _____
Category (No. M1-M4 found in Mead Rules) _____ Subcategory (A-E found in Mead Rules) _____
Category/ Subcategory (print full names) _____
Sweetness level (Dry, off dry, semi-sweet or sweet) _____
Honey Varietal _____
Location Produced (County in Texas) _____
Apiarist Who Produced/Harvested the Honey _____
Start Date (When did you make the must and pitch the yeast) _____

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Saturday, November 6th, 2021

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Number of colonies: _____

(Small-Scale fewer than 25 colonies, Sideliner 25 to 300 colonies, Commercial over 300 colonies.)

Subcategory	Entry QTY <small>*1 entry per subcategory</small>	\$5 Fee	Entry # <small>Office use ONLY</small>
M1. Traditional Mead - Honey, water, yeast			
M1A. Dry Mead	_____	\$ _____	_____
M1B. Semi-Sweet Mead M1C. Sweet Mead	_____	\$ _____	_____
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M2A. Cyser – Apple and Honey	_____	\$ _____	_____
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M4C. Experimental Mead	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	
	Total # Entries	Total Cost	

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