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Lorain County Beekeepers Association 2026 Fair Rules and Guidelines

Rules and guidelines for LCBA Executive Board while representing LCBA at Lorain County Fair. Rules subject to change. *Amended by votes of Executive & Fair Committee (4/27/2026)*

Purpose of these rules is to have guidelines in place to better aid future fair committees. LCBA board must approve any changes and additions since they have the potential to affect all LCBA memberships and its future. A majority of the LCBA executive board must approve all decisions, four is a majority vote.

It is your responsibility to read these rules and guidelines and familiarize yourself with them.

To participate in the upcoming year fair seller's booth, you must:

- Be a LCBA member with dues paid prior to March 1 of the current year.
- Attend 4 members meetings in the calendar year beginning in January through July. The only exception will be made for new beekeepers in the Beginners Class.
- **All products being sold and awarded a premium in the premium book must be entered in Lorain County Fair open fair entry class and be judged, if there is a class available. Deadline for open entry is set by the Lorain County Fair. (Reference the Lorain County Fair Premium book for dead line date)**
- All items sold must contain bee products – honey, wax, pollen, propolis or royal jelly.
- 20% of all sales per vendor will be returned to LCBA.
- Sellers cannot sell any items LCBA will be selling for the club, example honey sticks and suckers.

Sellers Commitment:

- Intent to sell forms for the fair seller's booth will be available at the May members meeting and **MUST be turned in at the July members meeting**. If you turn in an intent to sell form, you are committed to working the seller's booth, regardless of having honey to sell.
- It is mandatory that all sellers participate in the cleaning, preparation, set up and tear down of the sellers' sales booth. Failure to participate in set up will automatically disqualify you from selling products in the current year. Failure to participate in tear down will disqualify you from selling product the following year.
- All sellers will be required to work a designated allotment of time in the seller's booth. This will be determined by the number of apiaries selling for the year. The sign-up sheet will be circulated at the July sellers meeting.

Mandatory Sellers Meeting

- The mandatory sellers meeting will be the week following the July members meeting (At Lorain County Fairgrounds Bee Barn) The date and time will be set at the July members meeting, and all sellers from your apiary that plan on working in the booth **MUST** be present. Sellers must be 18 years old to work in the booth.
- Shelf space numbers will be drawn at the Mandatory Sellers Meeting in July.
- All flavors and scents of items being sold must be turned in by the end of July for the flavor board. If not turned in by the deadline, they will not be listed on the flavor board.
- Inventory sheets with current years selling prices will be available at the August members meeting, after prices have been set by other county fairs. Inventory sheets must be completed prior to checking in to set up. Once inventory is checked in, items cannot be added, swapped or subtracted.

Products

- 8 taster bottles per seller will be distributed at the August fair cleaning meeting. Taster bottles must have 2 apiary labels on the bottle (front and back) and be covered with packing tape to protect the label throughout the week. No other labels permitted on bottles or the top. Shelf number will be provided for bottle tops by LCBA.
- Sample jars for creamed honey, jams & jellies must have their labels on the side of the jar. There is no label on the top only your shelf number.
- Creamed honey & jelly samples are to be 8oz or 12oz jars.
- There are no cut comb samples.
- All items being sold must be labeled according to State and County labeling guidelines. If labels are not correct, item will not be allowed to be sold.
- Vendors can only have on display 2 taster bottles per product. If you are only selling clover honey, only 2 bottles on the sample table 1 at A & 1 at B taster stations. If you are selling clover, wildflower, basswood and black locust honey, you may have 2 samples for each flavor, or 4 bottles at taster station A and 4 bottles at taster station B.
- All items being sold must have a price label on the top of the cap or lid NOTHING ELSE. Apiary labels and flavors must be on front of the products. Prices should be next to the label for soap, cut comb, candy and other products. No magic marker writing on any products. Lip balm is exempt from a price tag.
- The current maximum weight of honey (liquid, chunk, creamed, cut comb, sectioned) in any form is 100 pounds per vendor and can only change at executive board discretion

Check in:

- Inventory sheets must be completed prior to checking in. If you decide to price your product at a different price than LCBA guidelines, you must move that product to the miscellaneous portion of the inventory sheet with the new price. (Can not be lower than what the set price is) Once products checked in you cannot add to inventory.
- Your product will be checked for quality, labeling, crystallization cleanliness at fair check in and daily throughout the fair week by the fair chair and the executive of the day. Any product deemed unsellable (sludging creamed honey, etc.) will have a colored dot placed on the lid and placed under the counter. This product cannot be put back on the shelf, replaced or taken home since it will need to be checked out on of your inventory sheet at the end of the fair.

General:

- The only addition to inventory will be determined by the executive board mid-week if honey weight is running low. All sellers will be notified of the additional weight of honey to bring in along with the date and time for it to be brought in.
- LCBA will provide business card holders and all vendors are encouraged to bring in business cards.
- All empty boxes from check in must be removed. Only boxes with stock items are allowed under the sellers stand. Boxes must be marked with seller's shelf space, apiary name and product in the box to help other sellers restock your shelf.
- The honey sales booth countertop is to be used at fair committee discretion for LCBA use only.

LCBA Booth Requirements:

- In addition to your products, all sellers must bring in 10 lbs. of display honey for the LCBA booth, only exception being first year beginner beekeeping class sellers. 25 lbs. of wax is also needed to be displayed in the seller's booth and everyone is encouraged to bring what they can.

THERE IS NO HAWKING/BARKING OF ANY PRODUCT AT ANY TIME, NOR THE SELLING OF PRODUCTS OUTSIDE OF THE LCBA BOOTH AND BEE BARN, PER LORAIN COUNTY FAIR RULES. If LCBA Rules and Guidelines are not followed, selling privileges CAN be suspended pending decision of the LCBA Executive Board

There is no selling of your own product or your sales booth partner'(s) product except for wax, candles, jelly, lip balm, hand lotion, soap and candy while you are working your scheduled hours. If caught in violation of this rule, your product will be pulled for the remainder of the fair and you may not be allowed to sell the following year. Your product and sample bottles will be covered while you are working your scheduled hours. Each apiary will need to have their product covered the same amount of time. Two members from the same apiary can work together but it will only count as 2 hours, not 4 hours, so their honey is covered the same amount of time as other sellers.

Any questions regarding fair sellers' participation will be an LCBA executive board decision after considering any special circumstances.