

2026 FSBA Club Black Jar Competition



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That winning honey can then represent that beekeeping club in the 2026 FSBA Annual Conference Honey Show. The club's winning honey can be presented to the Honey Show with the special club Black Jar entry Form. (See the web for complete 2026 honey show rules for submission rules) However, only 1 entry per club is accepted for the Club Black Jar Competition!

Winning honey earns 2 tickets for next year's conference, 1 for the winner and 1 for the club to raffle off.

AND OF COURSE BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR THE YEAR!

2026 FSBA Club Black Jar Rules



Florida State Beekeeper Association Club Black Jar Competition

ARRIVAL TIME: Thursday, October 22nd, from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM; and Friday, October 23rd, from 7:30 AM until 10:00 AM.

No entries will be accepted after this deadline.

LOCATION: Honey Judging Room at the Mission Inn Resort, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737.

RELEASE TIME: All entries will remain in the show area for public viewing after the judging. All entries will remain on display until 1:00 PM, Saturday, October 24th, 2026. The black jars will not be returned

Only honey produced in Florida, by honeybees kept in Florida, will be accepted in this category.

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A quick and simple way to run a local club honey tasting is to get a bottle of honey from all the people wanting to participate. Wrap the bottles in a paper lunch baggie to hide the label. Put a number on each entry, line them up, and put a small solo cup with the same number in front of each one. Give all the attendees of the meeting a penny and let them do the honey tasting with coffee stirrers or small spoons. Each person puts their penny in their favorite honey solo cup. The solo cup with the most pennies wins and can be submitted for the best in club competition! (Instead of pennies, you can use poker or bingo chips too, with a different value for different colored chips to avoid having ties).

An entry consists of not less than two ounces, nor more than four ounces, of pure, unadulterated honey. Only one entry per Florida Bee Club. Entries are to be submitted in a black or colored jar that entirely obscures the contents of the jar. The required jar will be provided by the Show Secretary at the sign-in table. The Club exhibitor/representative will transfer the entry into the jar. The Club Exhibitor shall complete the Club Black Jar entry form and shall place one ID label, provided by the honey show Secretary, on the exhibit. The label should be affixed at the front, bottom of the jar, approximately ½ inch from the bottom of the jar, and return the exhibit to the Show Secretary.

Judges evaluate entries for flavor only.

The 2026 winning club entry will receive 2 tickets for the 2027 conference, 1 for the producer of the honey and 1 to be raffled off by the club, and off course BRAGGING RIGHTS!!

In 2025 Citrus County Beekeepers won, and their club was just established in May 2025!!

***Club Black Jar entries are not eligible for Best in Show. ***
In the Club Black Jar category, only the First-Place prize will be awarded.