



## *Lorain County Beekeepers Association*

### *2021 Fair Rules and Guidelines*

Rules and Guidelines for Fair Committee and LCBA Membership while representing this Association at Lorain County Fair. RULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### **Amended by votes of Executive & Fair Committee (1-4-2020)**

The purpose for these changes is to have guidelines in place to better aide future fair committees and to prepare themselves and be informed for future fair activities.

LCBA board must approve these changes, additions, etc. because they have the potential to affect all LCBA membership and its future.

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

1. Must be a LCBA member with dues paid prior to March 1 of the year in which fair will take place, attend 4 meetings in a calendar year beginning January 2021 in order to sell honey at the August fair. Exceptions will be made for new beekeepers.
2. A majority of fair committee must approve or disapprove all decisions; currently four is a majority and may change.
3. Fair committee to promote a voting block in order to elect Lorain County Fair Directors and LCBA fair committee to better represent LCBA at the Lorain County Fair.
4. All items sold must contain bee products in them, i.e., honey, wax, propolis, royal jelly.
5. All products that are being sold and are awarded a premium in the premium book must be entered in the open entry classes in apiary class AND be judged.
6. 20% of all sales of vendor (seller) will go to LCBA.
7. **Mandatory** that **Sellers** participate in the cleaning, preparation, set up & tear down of LCBA barn at Fair Grounds. This is separate from the hours needed for sales booth. Failure to participate in set up will automatically disqualify you from selling product for the current year. Failure to participate in tear down will possibly disqualify you from selling product the following year.
8. Applications or intents to sell products at Lorain County Fair will be circulated at the June members meeting with all forms due back at the July members meeting. If you turn in an intent to sell form you are committed to working the seller's booth, regardless if you have honey to sell or not.
9. If selling any products, wax, cosmetics or honey products, you must commit yourself to the designated allotment of time, which averages **a total of 8-12 hours** depending on number of volunteers. If you cannot fulfill your time slot, you must arrange with ANOTHER SELLER to fill your complete time slot.
10. Work schedules for sellers in sales booth (average 10-12 hours) must start to be circulated by July LCBA members meeting date in order to allow all LCBA membership to actively participate in fair activities. However, in the event time remains on work schedules all remaining hours must be evenly divided by LCBA vendors no later than August LCBA meeting or the last meeting before fair. Work scheduled hours calculated by the total number of available sellers' slots divided by the number of sellers with the resulting number being rounded up to the next whole number.

11. Inventory sheets must be circulated at the July LCBA meeting with the honey vendor hour sign-up sheet available at 6:30 pm for first come first serve sign up times. A lottery draw for vendor space will be at the August fair clean up meeting. The space you draw will be your space for the entire week. The fair committee will only move you to another space in the case of flooding from the gutters.
12. Inventory sheets must be completed and submitted with product by 4 pm on Sunday, August 23. The doors to the building will close at 4 pm and the product that is inventoried in will be the final product for the week.
  - All honey being sold for week must be checked in Sunday prior to fair along with 10 pounds of display honey for the booth. Only exception is first year sellers.
  - All honey and other products being sold will be check for quality. The quality check list will be available at the July meeting. All decisions made by the quality check-in team will be final.
  - Once inventory checked in, quantities cannot be changed unless approved by fair committee member.
  - Additions to inventory can be added during fair week only if weight limit has been increased.

The current maximum weight of honey per vendor (liquid, cut comb, section, creamed honey, honey in any form, etc...) is 100 pounds and is subject to change at fair committee discretion.

13. Color grading with pre-filled glass should be checked against Pfund scale before use each year
14. All items being sold must be labeled. Implementation of guidelines to regulate labeling of all products to conform to State and County regulations.
  - All products being sold must be priced. Price must be prominently placed on top of top of cap or lid, or next to the label for other products.
15. **Taster bottles for liquid honey will be provided by LCBA and be a standard size for all.**
  - A LIMIT OF FOUR TASTER BOTTLES / VARIETIES PER SELLER
  - Taster Bottle Labels must be the same labels, including font size, as your jars/bottles being sold. No other labels will be permitted on taster bottles. If it is not on your containers being sold, it cannot be on taster bottle
  - Vendors (seller) can only have on display one taster per product. For example: One taster for clover honey, one taster for buckwheat honey, etc., and the same applies for all products being sold. If more than one taster is found to be the same honey, it will be removed from the counter
  - Creamed honey sample jars can be no larger than 12 oz.
  - No cut comb samplers.

16. Honey sales booth countertop is to be used at fair committee discretion for LCBA use only.
17. There is no selling of your own product or your sales booth partner's product except for wax, candles, jelly, lip balm and hand lotion 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 as in previous years so each apiary has their honey covered the same amount of time.
18. **There will be no hawking or barking of any product at any time, nor the selling of products outside of bee barn, per Lorain County Fair Rules.**

If LCBA Rules and Guidelines are not followed, selling privileges may be suspended pending decision of the Fair Committee.