



WASBA

Washington State Beekeepers Association

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To whom it may concern, this document contains the requirements, rules, and points for the WASBA large and small clubs of the year competition.

A. The following section contains the requirements to compete for WASBA's large and small clubs of the year.

1. Club requirements.

- a. All clubs participating must be current members of WASBA.
- b. Clubs will only receive points for events conducted after becoming a member of WASBA.

2. Club size.

- a. Applicants for the large club of the year must be current members of WASBA, having more than 75 members.
- b. Applicants for the small club of the year must be current members of WASBA, not having more than 75 members.

3. A club must participate in three of the five events listed below to be eligible to compete for club of the year.

- a. Host a booth at a WASBA event.
- b. Donate an auction item for the annual conference as a club.
- c. Submit and have published an article in the WASBA Newsletter.
- d. Have two or more club members serve on a WASBA committee.
- e. Have a Club Outreach Liaison whose primary duty is to work with WASBA's Outreach Liaison.

B. Below is a list of events and points a club can obtain for the large and small clubs of the year.

1. For an event to count, it must be submitted to WASBA 30 days prior to and placed on the calendar.

2. Club Participation

- a. 3 points – for each club meeting (one meeting per month, maximum 36).
- b. 2 points - for each workshop (any club-related training, social time outside of the normal meeting time).

- c. 5 points – Clubs that offer their members mentors.
- 3. Club community involvement (Approved and supported by the club)
 - a. 10 points – Education booth at the annual Bee Fun and Knowledge fest.
 - b. 10 points for hosting a community pollinator awareness event.
 - c. 10 points per continual community event (i.e., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, FFA, etc.).
 - d. 3 points for presentation at a school or youth event.
 - e. 2 points for presentation for an organization other than a bee club. (i.e., master gardeners, flower, fuchsia, farm, etc.)
- 4. County Fair participation (more than one club can receive points at the same fair)
 - a. 20 points – 2 pts per member up to 20 points
 - b. 10 points – If the club hosts a WASBA honey contest at their county fair (WASBA will provide the standards).
- 5. Clubs that trained and provided certification in the WASBA educational program.
 - a. 2 points - for 20% of members trained.
 - b. 5 points - for 50 % of members trained.
 - c. 8 points - for 80% of members trained.
- 6. Club Apiary - maintain a club apiary.
 - a. 10 points - for maintaining a club apiary.
 - b. 5 points - for letting another club train in your apiary.
- 7. Club participation at the annual conference based on numbers from the previous annual conference.
 - a. 2 points - for 20% of members attending the conference.
 - b. 5 points - for 50 % of members attending the conference.
 - c. 8 points - for 80% or more of the members attending the conference.
- 8. Clubs that participate with WASBA in the Sustainability in Prisons Program.
 - a. Offer WASBA education courses.
 - b. Assist with the apiary.
- 9. WASBA Cookbook – Recipes containing honey. Do not submit recipes copied from commercially published sources. It is recommended that recipes be original or originate from family members.
 - a. 2 points - for every receipt submitted by club members (include the club member's name so credit can be given if published).
 - b. No more than ten recipes per club for a maximum of 20 points.
- 10. WASBA Newsletter Article
 - a. 5 points - for an article written about something the club is doing.

- C. The Washington State Beekeepers Association is happy to support this competition.
1. The club of the year competition will go from September 1 of the previous year to August 31 of the current year. Applications must be submitted NLT 5 September of the current year.
 - a. Each club must use and follow the WASBA Club of the Year checklist, emailing all applicable information to contest@wasba.org in order to participate in the contest.
 2. The winning clubs will receive the following:
 - a. WASBA's large club of the year will receive a plaque and a cash prize of \$500.00.
 - b. WASBA's small club of the year will receive a plaque and a cash prize of \$250.00.
 - c. The winning clubs will be announced at the annual conference.
 3. For additional information or questions, please email us at contest@wasba.org.

Sincerely,

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