Sussex Beekeepers' Association

Sussex Bee Festival 2027

Auction Conditions · Saturday 17 April 2027 · Uckfield College

These conditions apply to all sellers and buyers participating in the Sussex Bee Festival 2027 auction. By submitting a lot for auction, sellers confirm they have read and agree to these conditions in full.

General

1. The auction is open to all attendees of the Sussex Bee Festival 2027. Lot registration is open to Sussex BKA members and the general public.

2. All lots must be pre-registered via the online registration form. No items will be accepted for auction on the day without prior registration.

3. Sussex BKA reserves the right to refuse any lot at its discretion. Items of poor quality, incomplete condition or insufficient value will not be accepted. The decision of the auction organisers is final.

4. A closing date for lot registrations will be communicated in advance. Late submissions will not be accepted.

5. Sussex BKA acts solely as a facilitator to bring buyers and sellers together. The contract of sale is between the buyer and the seller. Sussex BKA accepts no liability for any transaction.

Electrical Items

6. All electrical items submitted for auction (other than battery-operated items and Safety Extra Low Voltage (SELV) items) must have been PAT tested prior to the auction and must display a valid PAT test certificate or sticker on the day. Items without evidence of PAT testing will not be accepted.

Live Bee Colonies & Nucleus Hives

7. Live bee colonies and nucleus hives are welcome in the auction. However, bees must **NOT** be brought to Uckfield College on the day of the event.

8. Sellers of live bees must bring to the event the bee inspector certificates and/or relevant paperwork for their colonies, for inspection by prospective buyers. The purchase of bee colonies will be based on the details contained in this documentation.

9. Collection of live bees will be arranged directly between buyer and seller, at a mutually convenient time after the event. Sussex BKA accepts no responsibility for the condition, health or welfare of bees after the point of sale.

On the Day

10. All lots (except live bee colonies and nucleus hives) must be delivered to the auction hall either on Friday 16 April 2027 between 16:00 and 17:30, or by no later than 09:30 on Saturday 17 April 2027.

Lots not delivered by this time may not be included in the auction.

11. Sellers must be present at the auction or make prior arrangements for their lots to be managed by a nominated representative.
12. Payment to sellers will be made within 14 days of the auction, less the auctioneer's commission. The commission rate will be communicated at the time of registration.
13. Unsold lots remain the responsibility of the seller and must be removed from the venue at the end of the event.
14. Buyers are responsible for the removal of purchased lots from the venue on the day. Sussex BKA accepts no responsibility for items left uncollected.
15. Sussex BKA accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any items submitted for auction.
16. Sellers may set a reserve price on any lot, stated at registration. The auctioneer may, at their discretion, accept a winning bid of up to 10% below the reserve.

Conduct

17. The auctioneer's decision is final in all matters relating to the conduct of the auction.
18. Sussex BKA reserves the right to withdraw any lot from the auction at any time without notice.