

Ealing and District Bee Keepers Association

Apiary Rules.

1. The only persons who may keep bees at the Perivale Apiary site are current members of the Ealing and District Beekeepers Association who agree to these rules and having signed an undertaking to this effect have been allocated a hire site by the Apiary manager.
2. The maximum number of hives that may be kept on the site is 2 full colonies and 1 nucleus colony, unless by agreement with the Apiary Manager.
3. The only bees that may be moved onto the site are those examined and passed as healthy by the Apiarist or his nominee, or swarms that are seen to issue from the site and are returned forthwith. All bees and equipment kept at the site must be the property of the member.
4. Only medicines approved by the Veterinary Medicines Division may be used. All colonies must be medicated in line with the Apiary policy for the management of varroa or other pests and diseases(s). applied at appropriate times, together with any other Medication, treatment or manipulation necessary for pest or disease control, whether routine or exceptional is directed by the Apiary manager. Medication should be administered on the date specified by the Apiary manager, to ensure maximum effectiveness of treatment. The Apiary manager may medicate any colony that remains untreated for a week after the appointed date.
5. Any beekeeper suspecting any bees kept on the Apiary to be diseased, is to inform the Apiary manager as soon as possible.
6. All beekeepers are expected to follow the advice of the Regional or Seasonal Bee Inspectors.
7. The beekeeper is to ensure that his colony is examined regularly in the swarming season and is to take steps to prevent the issue of swarms, and all such other appropriate inspections, manipulations and treatments etc are effected at an appropriate time. Weekly inspections are recommended between the months of April and July, with an absolute minimum of once per two weeks.
8. Members will mark brood frames with the "queen colour" for the year that they were first used, and ensure that frames are not used for any more than 2 complete seasons.
9. Records are to be kept in an approved form and available in the roof of each colony so that this can be audited.
10. The Apiary manager or his nominee may examine any colony on the site at any time. He may treat or manipulate the colony if the condition is urgent; even if the owner cannot be called. Hives may be used for teaching or examination purposes. However it remains the beekeeper's responsibility to care for and look after his/her bees and to take any steps necessary to manage them effectively to protect their well being and the well being of other colonies on the apiary.
12. If any Beekeeper wishes to request that a colony is not inspected at a specific time e.g. during requeening, this should be recorded in the hive records kept within the roof.
13. Where stocks or equipment are abandoned, or the apiarist is dissatisfied with the management of any colony on the site, the matter is to be referred to the committee. The committee on consideration of the known facts may take whatever action they see fit, including the forfeiture of or destruction of the colony and equipment.
14. The security of individual hives and associated equipment is the responsibility of the beekeeper.

**I agree to keep my bees at the Association Apiary in line with the rules above and any amendments as agreed by EDBKA Committee.**

**Sign**

**Date**