

NCSBA Master Beekeeper Program

Start time _____ Ending time _____

Master Beekeeper Field Exam form

Name: _____

1. Could the candidate properly assess the siting and condition of the bees hive? Examples include but are not limited to:

- Facing easterly/southeasterly
- Sun, shade, prevailing winds
- Avoidance of low-lying area
- Access to forage and water

Yes No

Points (10 maximum) _____

Comments: _____

2. Did the candidate show proper regard for the bees? Examples include but are not limited to:

- Deliberate movements
- Judicious use of smoke
- Appropriate removal of frames
- Care taken not to crush bees

Yes No

Points (10 maximum) _____

Comments: _____

3. Did the candidate perform the manipulation of the colony, from assessment prior to opening, through closing, in an efficient and effective manner? Examples include but are not limited to:

- Observation prior to opening
- Proper placement of equipment
- Confidence and authority during hive manipulations
- Protection of the queen
- Appropriate reassembly

Yes No

Points (25 maximum) _____

Comments: _____

4. Could the candidate correctly identify and explain items found in the colony? Examples include but are not limited to:

- Castes
- Assessment of the queen and brood pattern
- Brood: eggs, larvae, pupae, open, capped
- Queen cups and queen cells
- Nectar, honey, capped honey
- Pollen, propolis
- Pests, parasites, diseases

Yes No

Points (25 maximum) _____

Comments: _____

5. Could the candidate synthesize observations into a comprehensive assessment of the condition of the colony and its need (if any) and develop a plan for its management?

Yes No

Points (30 maximum) _____

Comments: _____

Summary statement:

Do you consider the candidate sufficiently knowledgeable, proficient and by temperament, capable of appropriately representing the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association Master Beekeeper Program as a Master Beekeeper to fellow beekeepers and to the public?

Yes No

If not, please specify your reasons: _____

Recommendations for improvement: _____

Examiner:

Date:

TOTAL POINTS: _____

80 points required to pass exam.

Examiner Guidelines:

Three Master Beekeepers, one must be a member of the MBP, will administer this exam. Candidate must be passed by two of the three examiners to have successfully completed this field exam. The exam will be conducted at an apiary of the MBP's choosing, specifically, not the candidates apiary. Candidate must wear appropriate PPE, gloves are optional. Candidate must supply their own tools including but not limited to a new or sterilized hive tool, smoker, and fuel. Smoker must remain lit during entirety of exam. Exam will be terminated if the smoker goes out. No re-light is permitted. This field exam shall be completed within 40 minutes. Examiners will dismiss candidate at the conclusion of the exam. Candidate will be notified of their results with-in one week.**

Required scoring deductions.

Dropping a frame of bees: (10) point deduction.

Damage or risk of damage to the queen: (20) point deduction.

For each minute beyond the allotted exam time: (3) point deduction.

****EXAM form:** Shall be retained by the MBP examiner. Comments will be shared with the candidate when notified of their results.