

LEEDS BKA

APIARY PROCEDURES, MANAGEMENT AND RULES

- Wear CLEAN bee suits and gloves. Nitrile gloves to be worn over any leather gloves
- ONLY Association hive tools, smokers etc. may be used at the apiary.
- ALWAYS follow good apiary hygiene practice:
 - Wash your hive tool and gloves between colonies in 20% washing soda (1kg to 5 litres water)
 - Ensure no old comb (e.g. burr and brace comb) is accessible to bees. Place all wax scraps (e.g. burr and brace comb) in the bins provided and remove from the apiary at the end of the session.
 - Seal up any dead hives and place any frames in a plastic sack to be removed from the apiary
 - Avoid squashing/killing bees during manipulations
 - Cover supers during inspections to avoid robbing
- Empty smokers into incinerator provided; must be extinguished before storage
- No bees or bee equipment may be brought to or removed from site without prior approval from the Colony Manager or deputy.
- Colony and apiary records must be updated by the person inspecting the colony. Advise Colony Manager of any concerns e.g. queenlessness, shortage of stores, signs of disease
- A functioning mobile phone must be available when the apiary is in use, all members are encouraged to carry one. If a person suffers anaphylactic shock the emergency medical services must be called immediately. You are discouraged from visiting the apiary alone.