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The policy for the Illinois State Beekeepers Association is a General Liability policy that consists of two parts, Premise Liability and Products & Completed Operations.

General Liability is \$1 million protection for losses with a \$2 million aggregate. This simply means that the Illinois State Beekeepers Association is insured up to \$1 million in a given year for a single loss and a total of \$2 million in a year for all losses. Medical protection is \$5,000 per person in the event someone is injured at an ISBA sponsored event.

Premise liability covers premise exposures whenever and wherever the ISBA is conducting an exhibit. It covers the ISBA for accidental injury related to the association and for which the ISBA is negligent. Products & Completed Operations is liability protection where someone buys an ISBA product (i.e. honey) gets sick and makes a claim. Liability and medical coverages do not apply or extend to associations and their members as individuals. Coverage applies only to a third party claimant (not the insured or the insurer). This would be the person who incurs damage and/or injury and presents the ISBA with a medical bill or initiates a lawsuit.

All individual beekeepers are afforded coverage under this policy as long as they are members of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association and they are conducting an event or exhibit in conjunction with the ISBA. To engage coverage, just the fact that the ISBA was invited to do an exhibit for someone (a county fair or school for example), would cause coverage to be in effect. Many times, the party for whom the ISBA is doing an exhibit or event requires a certificate of insurance, but this is not always the case. However, for coverage to apply, it must be an activity sponsored by an association who is a member of the ISBA.

Individual members of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association are covered only if they are doing an exhibit in conjunction with the ISBA and/or are sponsored or approved by one of the sixteen association listed on the policy. Bee yards, hives, etc. owned by individual members of the ISBA would need to be insured by that individual on his/her own policy for liability claims, vandalism, injury or any other property losses, etc.

Product liability insurance applies to each member of the ISBA as long as it is in conjunction with an ISBA event. A roadside stand or market owned, operated or rented by an individual would not be covered under this policy.

Beekeepers who are making presentations in schools and at FFA, 4-H, Scouts, Community Group Meetings, etc. are covered under this policy as long as the event is in conjunction with the ISBA.

In short, as long as an activity is sponsored and/or affiliated with any of the associations who belong to the ISBA, coverage is afforded. Each and every claim presented to COUNTRY Insurance & Financial Services by the ISBA and those associations who belong to the ISBA would be given individual consideration. The claims department based on the facts of that particular claims situation would make a determination of coverage.