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Chairman's Welcome



As the shearing season fast approaches, I would like to congratulate everyone that has qualified for this year's Golden Shears World Championships.

After a long absence, the BISCA AGM was held in November 2022, it was great to see so many of the attendees in person.

I would like to start off by thanking all those behind the scenes at local shows, your dedication and support has helped get shearing back on track. One of whom is Willie Homer, shearing's biggest supporter and one of our long-standing members who was awarded The Shearers Personality Award for 2022. This achievement will go in some way to share our appreciation of Willie and everything he does for our society.

There were several British and World Records attempted in the last 12 months, on behalf of BISCA I congratulate everyone that took part in them. I would also like to introduce Martyn David as the new Secretary for the Records Committee, he will be the first point of contact for those wishing to attempt records in 2023.

As the shearing season fast approaches, I would like to congratulate everyone that has qualified for this year's Golden Shears World Championships.

I would also like to thank Richard Schofield and Emma Jagger for all their work in the administration of our society, and Andrew Hogley, CEO of British Wool for all the support given to BISCA.

My tenure as Chairman comes to an end in November 2023, it has been a pleasure to serve as Chairman and I look forward to handing the baton to my Vice Chairman Andy Barratt.

Gareth Kelly
BISCA Chairman

Richard's Comments



It was good to see shearing get back to shows and some standalone shearing competitions, with shows working hard to put on these events.

British Wool is looking forward to another year of training and working with the shearing industry. I would just like to thank all the venues, instructors, and staff at British Wool for their dedication to delivering shearing training in 2022; A lot of this work goes unseen but is vital to the success of courses here in the UK and overseas.

We are proud to offer training in disciplines such as Machine & Blade shearing, in all abilities from beginners up to advanced, as well as wool handling courses. Courses can be booked through our website www.britishwool.org.uk/book-online. We are also able to accommodate private groups both in the UK and abroad at a venue of your choice.

British Wool has been working towards a new Platinum seal, to go one step further than Gold. We wish to support and enhance your progression as shearers' to be able to shear 40 to 50 sheep per hour, to become responsible for others in the workplace and to be able to deliver direction to other shearers. As well as have an influence on the industry and fellow shearers with technical ability, the use of gear and grinding.

This year, our courses for seals Silver and above will be presented in partnership with Highfield.

As a recognised Land Based qualification this should support you in obtaining working visas to shear abroad.

It is a great privilege to support shearers in reaching high standards of ability. British Wool are also proud to have sponsored four British and World Records this year and offer our congratulations to all those who undertook record attempts in 2022.

I wish to express massive appreciation to the event organisers and volunteers who make events possible.

British Wool training and BISCA are helping with the World Championships at the Royal Highland, Edinburgh. Working with the World Shearing Committee and assisting with warm-up days, judges' updates, and meetings prior to the commencement of the competition.

This will be the shearing event of the year! I wish to extend congratulations to those who have qualified to compete. I hope that all goes well for the organisers, volunteers and all the countries participating.

Richard Schofield
Shearing Manager

Welcome To Newsclip



More consumers and manufacturers than ever are hearing the positive messages of buying British wool products.

With a social media following of more than 100,000 people, alongside a range of new and ongoing projects. Farmer-led British Wool has made great strides in generating more demand for this 'incredible natural resource'.

Over the past year, we've seen an increased number of end brands as part of the British Wool Licensee Scheme. Some of which include clothing manufacturer Fred Perry, premium mattress manufacturer Harrison Spinks and bedding specialists the Woolroom. We have also seen the creation of a traceability scheme as well as widespread promotions during Wool Week.

British Wool's work involves driving sustainable demand, making sure that consumers are aware of the benefits of buying British, while also strengthening links with processors and manufacturers.

Sustainability is becoming more important to consumers who are increasingly looking for products that are high quality with strong environmental and welfare credentials. We know that British wool ticks all those boxes. The growth of the licensing scheme and the success of our online shop indicates that these key messages are reaching consumers.

Wool Month is a promotional initiative as part of the Campaign for Wool, that takes place every autumn with the aim of raising consumer awareness of the benefits and sustainability of wool products.

A series of events took place last autumn, including the hosting of press briefings, the launch of new products and retail activity to spread the wool message to consumers. Two of British Wool's largest licensees Woolroom and Harris Tweed targeted the mainstream press and saw celebrity endorsement too.

British Wool also used Wool Month to launch it's 'What on Earth are you wearing?' campaign.

The idea came from consumer research commissioned by British Wool, which explored the buying habits of consumers. The campaign highlighted the perils of fast fashion and how British wool garments can be one of the solutions to this highly publicised issue.

Finally, I wish you all a successful shearing season and the very best of luck to those of you who are competing at the shows. British Wool also looks forward to supporting the World Shearing & Wool Handling Championships in Edinburgh during June and wishes all the competing nations the best of luck in what will be an excellent opportunity to showcase our sector on the global stage.

I look forward to catching up with some of you at the shows over the coming months.

Gareth Jones
Head of Member Communications

Shearing Profile

Lloyd Rees



“I participated in many British Wool courses over the years and without the knowledge passed on from some of the top instructors I wouldn’t be writing about my record today.”

On the 19th of August 2022, at Blaenbwch Farm, I shored 902 lambs in 9 hours to break the 9-hour British lamb shearing record.

My inspiration for attempting the record came from many different places from working for Jeff Dorset where I was surrounded by stories of shearers smashing records and shed tallies, to the more recent lamb shearing records of Gareth Daniels and Ian Jones, Ivan Scott, and Stuart Connor.

I was part of a 4-stand record in 2019 where Aled Jones, Hugh Prothero, George Gilbert and I shored 2654 lambs in 9-hours to set a new British record. This was a great day and set the ball in motion for the Solo attempt.

When I decided to take on the British record, I set myself the challenge of being the first person to shear 900 in an official day. Having shored 907 in a shed tally in 2019 I knew it was possible. On the day, the months of training and sacrifice paid off. I had a good start to the day shearing 203 in 2 hours setting myself up for a great day. The second run I shored 174 (175 but the judges took one off the tally that wasn’t shorn to the standard, the

only one all day). The 3rd run was where things got a bit tense as I needed another 175 but shored 171. This left a big afternoon needing 176 for both runs. Thankfully things went well, and I shored 177 in both the 4th and 5th runs.

Without the help of so many people, shearing records don’t happen. There are far too many thank yous to list here so I’ll take this opportunity to thank some of the main ones that made the day possible. Rob and Tracey Powell and the boys for being the hosts. Ian Jones (Jonesy) for managing the record. Rhydwyn Price for the endless time he spent with me perfecting my gear and pattern. Tom Perry for being my second and pushing me as far as I could go. My mother and father for all that they did in the build up to the record from dipping lambs to feeding the work force. Finally, my fiancé Kelly, from the endless hours she put into nailing my nutrition and keeping me motivated when I needed a push in the right direction, down to saving the day by packing replacement batteries for my weighing scales on the day.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Lister shearing for their continued support. As farmers we often talk of how we should support British, and I believe the same should apply when it comes to shearing equipment.

Following on from the record I now want to concentrate more on show shearing again and look forward to competing this year. I would like to wish all competitors the best of luck at the World Championships in Scotland this year. Especially the Welsh team.

I will finish by saying a huge thank you to British Wool who sponsored the record. I participated in many British Wool courses over the years and without the knowledge passed on from some of the top instructors I wouldn’t be writing about my record today.



60 seconds with Jimmy Wright



FACT FILE

Birthday: 15th May 1988

Hometown: Doune, Stirlingshire

Farming Background: I left school at 16 to work alongside my dad on a hill farm in Crainlarich. We were there for 10 years before moving to Doune. We have been at Doune for 16 years where we run 3500 sheep and 60 cows. We also have a hill farm at Gleneagles which has 1,300 sheep

Competition Achievements:

Juniors at the Highland Show. Blades at the Highland Show, Lochernhead Shears, and the Black Isle Show. Blades team event at the Great Yorkshire Show

What motivated you to become a Machine Shearer?

When I was 14 years old, sitting at the Highland Show, watching the World Championship Finals.

At what age did you start Machine Shearing?
16 years old.

What/who has been your inspiration?

My Brother, who was a shearer, when I first started shearing. From then on, I got the bug.

3 most important skills for Blade Shearing?

Having your gear maintained and running well. Keeping healthy and eat well. Being able to listen and learn, no matter what stage you are at.

Best piece of advice you've been given?

Don't be flat-footed and keep moving.

What Countries has Machine

Shearing taken you to?

England and Wales.

What is your biggest highlight?

Representing Scotland with the blades in Wales.

What is your worst moment?

Narrowly missing out on making the Scottish team with the blades for the World Championships at the Highland Show this coming year.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Keep enjoying what I'm doing. Working on our home farm.

Why do you like competing at shows?

Having the banter with other competitors and the Judges. It's all a bit of fun at the end of the day.

Ambitions for the future?

Representing Scotland at a World Championship.

What do you do for fun/relax?

Spend time with my wife, Kayleigh and our kids, Aidah and Logan.

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British Wool courses are recognised across the world and tailored to individual levels of ability – from an absolute beginner (Blue Seal) to advanced stage (Gold Seal), and now including our newly developed (Platinum Seal). Course content is designed to achieve a number of individual objectives - from shearing your flock more efficiently and effectively, to building foundations for career entry opportunities, to supporting entry at global competitions of the highest standards.

Shearing training

Courses are available throughout the UK, led by a team of registered and highly experienced instructors, generally delivered over a 2 day period during the season. British Wool also delivers bespoke training courses for gangs at your

premises, focusing on improving specific skills within your team. For all courses, you will need to bring a hand-piece in good running order and sufficient clean combs and cutters. Appropriate clean clothing must be worn.

Blade shearing

Learn how to prepare and maintain your blades for optimum efficiency and shear your sheep in line with best practice industry techniques.

Wool handling

Learn how to handle, prepare and pack your clip to the highest standards, achieving the best possible price for your wool. This course can be completed in one day.

You can book your course online at <https://www.britishwool.org.uk/book-online> or contact your regional coordinator for more information:

England, Scotland & Wales

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Contact: Richard Schofield • T: 07966 291618 • E: richardschofield@britishwool.org.uk
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Northern Ireland

Contact: Jayne Harkness-Bones • T: 02894 462131 • E: jayneharkness-bones@ulsterwool.com

Masters List

Master Shearers

Tom Wilson

John Ivor Davies

Robert Bull

Alan Derryman

Steve Lloyd

John Grant

Wyn Jones

Hywel A Jones

Gavin Mutch

Tom Kennedy

Gareth Daniel

George Bayne

John TL Davies

Arwyn Jones

Colin MacGregor

William Jones

Nicky Beynon

Doug Lambie

Kieron McCullough

Hamish Mitchel

Ivan Scott

Richard Jones

Adam Berry

Master Blade Shearers

Dan Kelleher

George Mudge

Gareth Owen

Elfed Jackson

Patrick Moran

Pat Corrigan Snr

Master Wool Handler

Bronwyn Tango

Hilary Bond

Aled W Jones





The Worshipful Company of Woolmen

We look forward again to the Worshipful Company of Woolmen Junior Circuit which always proves to be one of the spectacles of the year with ten qualifiers competing in the finals at the Royal Welsh for the coveted title of Worshipful Company of Woolmen Junior Circuit Champion. We ask you to get behind the Junior competitors by encouraging and guiding them to take part in the Junior competitions.

For eligibility details please read below:

1. The competition is for Junior Shearers to be run at five Agricultural Shows: Royal Ulster, Royal Highland, Great Yorkshire, Royal Welsh and the Royal Bath & West.
2. The Shows are asked not to run a separate competition but for it to be part of their own Junior Competition.
3. The Final to be run at the Royal Welsh, the last Show of the season.
4. For competitors to be eligible for the prizes they must be:
 - a) Under 26 years of age on the 1st May 2023 (Young Farmers Qualification).
 - b) As at the same date hold a British Wool qualification of a Blue or Bronze Seal and not reached Silver Seal. This can be checked with Wool Board Office Records.
 - c) A native of the show concerned e.g. a Scotsman at the Royal Highland, with the exception of the Great Yorkshire where the competitor can come from anywhere in the UK. Overseas competitors including Southern Ireland are not eligible.
 - d) Only to have shorn in the UK.

5. At each of the five shows, two prizes to be given based on their marks – a first prize of £50 cash and a Bronze medal plus a voucher to attend a further British Wool Course and a second prize of £25 and a voucher.
6. Only the two prize winners from each Show to compete in the Final. 10 competitors in total to be run as two heats of five and one final of five.
7. Five sheep to be shorn in the Final – the sheep to be at least 12 months old and fully fleeced.
8. Judging rules to be the same as for normal Junior Competitions.

Prizes for the final to be as follows:

1 st	£350 & Gold Medal
2 nd	£250 & Silver Medal
3 rd	£200 & Bronze Medal
4 th	£175
5 th	£125

The remaining five competitors to be given £100 each.

2022 Final Results:

1 st	Mathew Chambers
2 nd	Harry Owen
3 rd	Harvey Samuel
4 th	Rhys Morris
5 th	Jack France



The Worshipful Company of Woolmen

Agricultural Shows 2023. Draft summary of planned Woolmen programme:

Balmoral Show, Northern Ireland 11th - 14th May

Our Master Mr Mark Johnson will be at the show in the afternoon of the 15th May and all day on the 16th leaving on the 17th May.

Prize and medals to be awarded (times approximate).

Wednesday:
10.00 Robert Carmac Award
Young Farmers Award

Bath and West Show, Shepton Mallet 2nd - 4th June

Our Master Alderman Vincent Keaveny will be at the show on the 4th June.

Intermediate shearing - Bronze Medal
1st £100 2nd £75 3rd £50
4th £30 5th £25 6th £20 - Best Pen £45

Junior shearing - Bronze medal
1st £50 plus BWMB training Voucher
2nd £25 plus BWMB Voucher

Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh 23rd - 26th June

Thursday:
No shearing

Friday:
Young Farmers - Bronze Medal
Robert Carmac Award - no financial prize

Junior - Bronze medal
1st £50 plus BWMB Voucher
2nd £25 plus BWMB Voucher

Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate 12th - 14th July

Master Alderman Vincent Keaney will attend on the 13th July. Past Master Andrew Dawson plans to attend supported by liverymen Robert Allan, Margaret Miller, Elizabeth Peacock.

Tuesday:
Juniors - Bronze Medal - Open
1st £125 2nd £80 3rd £65
4th £50 5th £35 6th £20

Qualifying Junior Winner local for Welsh show
1st £50 plus BWMB Voucher
2nd £25 plus BWMB Voucher

Intermediate - Bronze Medal
1st £180 2nd £90 3rd £75
4th £60 5th £45 6th £30

Wednesday:
Ladies Open shearing - Bronze Medal
1st £180 2nd £90 3rd £75
4th £60 5th £45 6th £30

A combined Woolmen/Staple lunch for 20-22 is being considered for the Wednesday.

Royal Welsh Show, Llanellwedd 18th - 21st July

Monday:
Woolhandling Class 15 - Novices
Total prize money £285

Young Farmers Welsh County Team
2 Bronze medals

Junior Welsh shearing - Bronze Medal
1st £50 plus BW Voucher
2nd £25 plus BW Voucher

Tuesday:
Junior WCOW FINAL
1st £350 + WCOW Silver Medal
2nd £250 + WCOW Bronze Medal
3rd £200 4th £175 5th £125
Remaining 5 competitors £100 each.

BISCA, AGM Resume, merchandise & Disciplinary note

The AGM of the British Isles Shearing Competitions Association held at British Wool, Wool House, Sidings Close, Canal Road, Bradford BD2 1AZ Thursday 17th November 2022.

There are currently 36 affiliated shows, at the AGM requests were received from Cneifio Gelert shears, Castledermot Shears and Verein Deutscher Schafschere e.V to become affiliated to BISCA, all new applications will receive their affiliation free for the first year. At the recent AGM it was agreed that the affiliation would increase to £60 per day.

Gareth Kelly continues his term as Chairman, Andy Barratt as Vice-Chairman, Richard Schofield and Emma Jagger will continue roles as the Competitions & Publications Secretary, and Secretary & Treasurer respectively. All other committees were re-elected, please refer to the relevant Minutes for full details of these.

Current Officers:

Gareth Kelly – Chairman
Andy Barratt – Vice Chairman
Richard Schofield –
Competition/Publication Secretary
Emma Jagger – Secretary/Treasurer

The next BISCA AGM will be held on
Thursday 16th November 2023.

Executive Committee:

Gareth Kelly (Chair), Andy Barratt (Vice Chairman), Alan Derryman, Martyn David, Brendan Kelly, Clive Hamer, Richard Schofield, David O'Neill, Colin MacGregor, Tom Dunne, George Graham, Willie Craig, Klaus Kiefer, Julie Resneau, Andy Rankin.

Disciplinary Note:

Any conduct that is detrimental to the ethics of BISCA by either competitor or official shall be notified to the Disciplinary Committee in writing. The Disciplinary Committee has the right to suspend, for a period, or remove any misstruant from their respective list. **The decision of the Committee shall be FINAL.** Contact Emma Jagger by letter to British Wool, Wool House, Sidings Close, Canal Road, Bradford, BD2 1AZ or email emmajagger@britishwool.org.uk.

BISCA Judges Garments to Purchase

BISCA Shirts
80% cotton with pocket and button down collar. Ladies and gents styles.

BISCA V-Neck Sweater
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BISCA V-Neck Slipover
Navy or grey.

BISCA Fleece
Navy or grey.

BISCA Ties

Please contact Emma Jagger for
cost and more details.

Judges Refresher Course 2023

All Judges are reminded that THEY MUST attend a refresher course on an annual basis.

Please contact your Area Judge to indicate which course/venue is convenient for you.

The refresher course programme for 2023 will cover Machine, Blade Shearing and Woolhandling.

Refresher Course Programme

England North England

Richard Schofield T: 07966 291618
richardschofield@britishwool.org.uk
Judges Woolhandling and Shearing updates.
6th May 2023, Moorleys Farm, Gayton, Staffordshire, ST18 0HW.
7th May 2023, 10am, Ladyswood Farm, Roundthorn, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 8SJ.

South England

Alan Derryman T: 07976 624611
Andy Barratt T: 07977 129646
29th April, Brighton.
14th May, Heathfield.

Northern Ireland

Gareth Kelly T: 07711 664100
1st May 2023, 253 Longland Road, Claudy, Co Londonderry.

Republic Of Ireland

George Graham T: 00353 872569072
Tom Dunne T: 00353 868386482
Billy Donnellan T: 00353 85036216

Scotland

Andy Rankin T: 07789 904638
Date & venue TBC
Colin Mcgregor T: 01567 830236/07850 188885
Date & venue TBC
George Donald T: 07704 517163
Date & venue TBC

Registered Judges

Election of Area Judges

Area Judges now have defined areas. This shows each judge and the Area Judge in charge of their area. Each Area Judge serves a term of three years. At the end of the term Judges from within the set area will have the opportunity to re-nominate the area Judge concerned or another Judge of their choice. In the event of two or more nominations a vote will take place, covering the specific Nation. All nomination papers and voting papers will be sent out from the BISCA Secretary.

England

† Wool Handling Judge
◇ Referee

Area Judge - South West England

†◇ Derryman A Home Farm, Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon 01395 597836

Judges

Alford S	East Week, South Zeal, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 2QB	07944 056702
◇ Atkinson I K	Fairways Farm, Dorstone, Hereford	07969 376644
Branfield J	Thorndon Villa, East Worlington, Crediton EX17 4SY	07971 163792
Churchouse M	Bluehays, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton EX17 4JQ	07989 450307
Cole G	Coomhill Farm, Sampford Spiney, Tavistock, Devon, PL20 6LE	07980 783455
Cole R	Ashridge House, Grenofen, Tavistock, Devon PL20 9EW	07889 822076
Crabb J	3 Penpont View, Five Lanes, Cornwall, PL15 7RY	077159 66600
Dallyn P	Bulleigh Park, Ippledon, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 5UQ	01803 872254
Davidson G	14 Belmond Park, Pensilva, Liskeard, PL14 5QT	07899 952456
Goodfellow E	Higher Silkhay Farm, Netherbury, Bridport, Dorset	01308 488275
Hawkey J	Gwynorth, Convena Hill, Wadebridge, PL27 6DH	07547 377908
Hocking P	Tredown Farm, Bradstone, Tavistock, Devon	01566 772389
Jasper N	Little Oaks, Dunterton, Tavistock, PL19 0QS	07966 302661
Kingdom M	East Hurstscott Farm, Swimbridge, Barnstaple, Devon	01271 830415
Labruyere D	The Mowhay, Middle Hampt, Callington, Cornwall	01579 370897
◇ Lloyd S	Llanyoyne, Newchurch, Kington, HR5 3QN	01544 370616
◇ Marshall A	School Lane Farm, Chilsworthy, Holsworthy, Devon	01409 253389
Pitts A	Gulliver Side, Exminster, Exeter EX6 8AY	07855 841320
Rottenbury R	Wonham Farm, Blackdog, Crediton, Devon	01884 861302
Ruby C	East Quethiock farm, Quethiock, Liskeard	07977 512811
Sandercock M	Plusha Cross, Launceston, Cornwall	01566 782926
Sandercock S	Plusha Cross, Launceston, Cornwall	01566 782926
Smith M	Trefranck Farm, St Clether, Launceston, Cornwall	07789 290331
Steer C	Oak Tree Farm, Modbury, Ivybridge, PL21 0SB	07887 208122
†◇ Stevens G	Courtney Farm Cottage, Washfield, Tiverton, EX16 9RE	07768 763468
◇ Truscott D	Newton Barton, Rosecraddoc, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5JU	01579 343788
†◇ Webber P	4 Valley View, Farway, Colyton, Devon EX24 6EE	01404 871308

Registered Judges

Area Judge - South East England

†◇ **Barratt A** School Cottage, Tisbury Road, Fovant, Salisbury, SP3 5JY **07977 129646**

Judges

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Cutting J Hickmans Granary, Salts Farm, East Guildford, TN31 7PA **01797 224423**
Hart P No 1 Wales Farm Lane, Plumpton, Nr Lewes, E Sussex, BN7 3AS **07717 054172**
Morris R Badgers, Butchers Lane, Three Oaks, Hastings, TN35 4NE **07850 873363**
Parish S Lees Cottage, Lees Hill, South Wamborough, Hook RG29 1RQ **07767 465646**
Pullin R 3 St Gabriels Close, Morecombe Lake, Bridport, DT6 6DP **07555 098028**

Area Judge - Northern England

†◇ **Schofield R** Brookside Cottage, Grunsagill, Tosside, Skipton **07966 291618**

Judges

Bell A Scarth Lees, Swainby, Northallerton, N Yorkshire **07966 809324**
◇ **Chomse C** High Lane House, Hexham, NE46 2LJ **07876 476142**
Coupland B 64 Brownlow Street, Clitheroe, Lancashire
Corbett D Dykehead Farm, Rochester, Newcastle NE19 1RD **07821 921625**
Dixon R Ash House, 59 The Green, Rawcliffe, Goole, DN14 8QF **07860 455712**
Fox M Crosbythwaite Farm Ulpha Broughton in Fur Cumbria LA20 6DY **07831 554059**
◇ **Fraser J** Fairfield, Drigg, Cumbria, CA19 1XS **07843 263283**
Froggatt J 3 Common Lane, Bednall, Stafford, ST17 0SA **07889 411443**
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◇ **Hindmarsh R** Blakehopeburnhaugh, Otterburn, Newcastle upon Tyne **01830 520316**
Lancaster I Cold Coats Farm, Pendilton Road, Wisewell, Clitheroe **07970 885706**
Martindale M 3 Fern Croft, Casterton, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria **07980 207239**
†◇ **Mason B** Horrocksford Farm, Clitheroe, Lancashire **07974 263375**
Murray S Stableyard Cottage, Sandhoe, Hexham, Northumberland **07724 331927**
◇ **Percy A** Springhill, Jervaulx, Masham, Ripon, HG6 6PL **07812 136434**
Potter N Burton Holme Farm, Bamby Moor, York, YO42 4EB **01759 303382**
Rangeley 99 Evesley mount, Shirburn in Elment, Leeds, LS25 6AR **07590 319589**
Read A Rowley Bank, Steal, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 0HG **01434 673552**

Northern Ireland

† **Wool Handling Judge**
◇ **Referee**

Area Judge - Northern Ireland

†◇ **Murphy J** 21 Shanes Castle Road, Co Antrim **07740 584076**
†◇ **Kelly G** 12 Lylehill Road East, Templepatrick Co Antrim **07711 664100**
†◇ **O'Neill D** 182 Duncastle Road, Donemena, Co Tyrone **028 71397965**

Judges

Bell R 31 Ballygowan Road, Kells, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT42 3PD **028 25891275**
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NB: Those marked with # also relates to Wool handling.

Tallies			Daily Tallies
Novice	2 wins	As an accumulation	
Novice Blades	2 wins	As an accumulation	
Novice Wool Handling	2 wins	As an accumulation	
Junior	2 wins	In 1 season	150/200
Intermediate Wool Handling	2 wins	As an accumulation	
Intermediate	4 wins	As an accumulation	250/275
Senior	6 wins	As an accumulation	350/375

The minimum qualification of entrants in shearing competitions shall be a 'Blue Seal'.

All shearers have the right to appeal in writing to BISCA. If a tally is reported to an Area Judge – the Area Judge is in a position to move person up a class. Shearers can request to put themselves up a class.

Only official BISCA Judges MUST be used by competitions.

All organisers, competitors and sheep suppliers will uphold all relevant bio-security protocol currently applicable at all times.

1. **Competitors:**
 - a. # Competitors enter and compete at their own risk.
 - b. # Competitors must be suitably dressed, including footwear. The Referee will administer this ruling. They must be suitably dressed for the presentation ceremony.
 - c. # The use of drugs, intravenous fluids or oxygen is banned in all competitions. Random drug tests may be taken, and if proved positive, the competitor will pay all costs and be disqualified.
 - d. # The Referee or Judge has the right to switch off the machine or disqualify any competitor whose work or conduct on the shearing board is detrimental to the image of competition shearing, or Woolhandling. Referee may stop a competitor during an event if clearly not competitive time wise. (See 6. (f) also).

- e. # Any inappropriate action by a competitor and/or official that brings a competition and/or BISCA into disrepute may result in disciplinary action by BISCA. Disciplinary action may include suspension from future events for up to 30 competition days.
 - f. # Competitors may judge (if a registered BISCA Judge) at a contest where they are competing, but only in classes below in which they are participating.
 - g. # Competitors in competitions must be suitably attired and this will include footwear (i.e jandals or open sandals and caps or hats are prohibited) Earphones and iPods must not be worn while competing. The Referee will administer this ruling.
2. **Competition Rules:**
- a. # A draw for Heats will be made prior to all competitions. Finalists shall draw for stands as they take the boards.
 - b. Competitors must provide their own hand-pieces, combs, cutters and blade shears. Sharpening equipment will be made available by the Host Committee in accordance with local regulations or law.
 - c. Competitors will each be allowed two loaded hand-pieces or two blade shears which are their responsibility and no time will be allowed for stoppage caused by their hand-piece, blade shears, or sheep escaping from the competitor on the shearing board. Should any stoppages occur through the fault of the machine or through another competitor's sheep escaping, a time allowance will be made or a re-run given, only at the Board Referee and Chief Referee's discretion. The organising Committee may allow competitors to use up to three hand-pieces in events with three or more breeds/wool types. **Blade holders should be provided by the organising committee. Blades should be placed in holders before a competitor starts shearing, between sheep and on finishing the last sheep.**
 - d. Where practical a draw for stands must be made after sheep are in the catching pens for finals. In the case of a left-handed machine shearer, that competitor's sheep will be moved to the left hand stand if one is available.
 - e. Competitors may enter their pen in the presence of a Judge, to sort and inspect their sheep. Plucking of wool before and/or after time (during if by pen assistant) will incur a penalty. (See 7. (I)).
 - f. Competitors may appeal to the Referee to have any sheep they consider sub-standard replaced before the heat, quarter, semi-final or final commences. The Referee's decision is final. Any sheep rejected by the Referee must be raddled/marked and withdrawn from the entire event.
 - g. Without assistance each competitor must:
 - (i) Start and stop their machine.
 - (ii) Collect their sheep from a standing position within the catching pen, except where a ruling has been made prior to the event for safety reasons. (e.g. Scottish Blackface, where sheep may be held in a sitting position.) With own pen man.
 - (iii) Put each sheep out of the porthole after shearing.
 - (iv) Switch their hand-piece off between sheep.

- h. An authorised holder is permitted in the catching pen. This person may not tip or lift the sheep for the competitor or switch the machine on or off. No unauthorised persons are permitted in the catching pen and no officials are allowed to assist a competitor in any way, except where safety is a concern. (See 2. (g) (ii) and 7. (c)).
- i. Competitors must wait on the board and may place hand/s on the closed door/s to await the word 'Go' from the Starter.
- j. # On completion of shearing their sheep, all competitors will remain on their stand until the last competitor has finished, unless:
 - (i) they need to seek urgent medical attention.
 - (ii) they have been granted permission to leave the board by the Referee prior to the commencement of such heat or final.



Competition	Heats	Semi-Finals	Finals
Junior	3	3	4/5
Intermediate	4	4	5/8
Senior	4	5	7/12
Open	5	8	15/20

- k. Competitors may not present their own sheep for the Pen Judges, but may be required to present sheep from the next heat. Failure to do so when required will result in a penalty of one whole point from the Pen Referee.
- l. Competitors points for any titles such as BISCA Shearer of the Year or any circuit event where points are accumulated will not be taken from societies not affiliated to BISCA.

- m. # Visiting overseas competitors must compete in the same grade that is stipulated by their own country, in the case of Woolhandling competitions this will be at the discretion of the Woolhandling Referee, they cannot compete in a lower grade.
 - n. # Competitors regardless of age cannot go back in class.
3. **Sheep:**
 - a. Sheep chosen must be carefully selected for evenness of type and size to provide a fair competition.
 - b. Preparation of competition sheep must be kept to a minimum with uniform standard to ensure the safety of pizzle, teats and vulva.
 4. **Timing:**
 - a. # A Competition will provide a separate timekeeper with a stopwatch or an approved self-timing device for each competitor. Back up stop watch timing is recommended for self-timing devices.
 - b. Each competitor's time will be taken from the Starter's 'Go' until:
 - (i) Machine shearers have completed their final sheep and switched off their hand-piece, or the 'Stop' button is pushed in the case of electronic timing.
 - (ii) Blade shearers have completed their final sheep and put their shears down or the 'Stop' button is pushed in the case of electronic timing.
 5. **Referees:**
 - a. A Chief Referee will be appointed for each competition who will be responsible for the administration and control of the competition strictly according to these International Rules, and any additional rules approved by World Council. The Chief Referee's ruling on any matter not covered by the above will be final.
 - b. # Any person may seek clarification on any point from the Referee. The Referee may rule on the matter raised or refer it to the Disputes Committee.
 - c. The Referee must be called and decide any whole point penalty as in 2. (k), 7. (k) and 9. (b).
 - d. Before the start of the competition the Chief Referee will announce whether 'socks' are to be taken off or left on, clarify where crutching starts and finishes, and signify any penalty to be applied accordingly. (See 9. (a) (iv)).
 - e. # Where the outside Referee is called upon in International Tests and BISCA Team selections, the final decision will be made in consultation with the Chief Referee.
 6. **Board Judges:**
 - a. The Board Judges will judge for:
 - (i) Second cutting of the wool
 - (ii) Breaking of fleece
 - (iii) Work before or after time
 - (iv) Skin attached to wool from merino sheep
 - (v) Other penalties as per rule 7
 - b. Board Judges must start on the same stand of a particular event.
 - c. Board Judges must rotate so that all competitors receive equal scrutiny.
 - d. Board Judge's rotation must continue until last sheep of last shearer is finished.
 - e. Board Judges using counters must, at completion of the last sheep of each heat or final, record every competitor's penalty strokes on card provided.
 - f. If a competitor receives an injury causing serious bleeding, the Board Judge will stop the competitor if he believes it is in the best interest of the competitor or the competition to do so.

7. Board Penalties:

- a. Second cuts – one credit card in size (85 x 55 x 10mm) equals five penalty strokes. One penalty stroke – (85 x 11 x 10mm).
- b. One penalty stroke for not breaking the neck wool on full wool fleeces.
- c. One whole penalty point per offence if pen handler lifts sheep to assist catch. (See 2. (h)).
- d. One penalty stroke per side for obvious belly wool or brisket frib not removed when shearing belly or for obvious fleece wool removed with belly.
- e. Merino skin pieces – one penalty stroke per 15mm diameter in size, or an equivalent accumulation of smaller errors.
- f. One penalty stroke for not throwing the belly wool clear.
- g. One penalty stroke for wool thrown interfering with another competitor.
- h. Three penalty strokes for first hind leg wool broken out deliberately by competitor on full wool sheep.
- i. Three penalty strokes if a shorn sheep on release breaks up fleece or carries fleece wool out porthole.
- j. Two whole points for allowing a shorn or partly shorn sheep to escape. The shearer must make a genuine effort to pen the sheep. Does not apply if sheep is properly penned and returns to shearing board.
- k. One whole point per offence for work before or after time by competitor or pen handler (and during by pen handler) for plucking, removing tassels etc. To be imposed by Board Referee in consultation with judge/s. (See 2. (e)).
- l. One whole penalty point per offence if seconds (pen handler) assists with switching machine on or off.
- m. Five whole points be imposed for rough handling of sheep per offence, Judge and Board Referee's decision in consultation.
- n. The Board Referee is to advise scorers of any whole point penalty under 7. (m).
- o. Five whole points to be awarded if a competitor leaves the board before the final person has finished shearing.

8. The Pen Judges:

- a. Single judging system to be used for outside pen judging. If possible, number of Judges used should divide equally into number of sheep being shorn.
- b. The Pen Judges will judge shorn sheep for:
 - (i) Wool left on.
 - (ii) Cuts on sheep.
- c. The Pen Judge must call the Referee to decide penalty for 9. (b & c) then judge the rest of that sheep.

9. Pen Penalties:

- a.
 - (i) Wool left on sheep – one credit card in size (85 x 55 x 10mm) – five penalty strokes. One penalty stroke – (85 x 11 x 10mm).
 - (ii) Skin cuts – one penalty stroke per 10mm diameter in size, or an equivalent accumulation of smaller errors.
 - (iii) A cut into flesh or muscle (not serious enough to be a full penalty of five whole points) will incur a minimum of five penalty strokes plus the cut.
 - (iv) Up to two penalty strokes per individual sock left on or up to four penalty strokes if very woolly, as decided by committee and Chief Referee. (See 5. (d)).
- b. The Pen Referee must be consulted and a

competitor will be penalised by the addition of five whole points per offence added to their calculated pen score if they:

- (i) Cut a teat and impair the breeding ability of the Ewe.
 - (ii) Severely cut any sheep to the extent that it requires surgical attention. (Referee may require a minor cut to be stitched without imposing the above penalty).
- c. The Pen Referee must be consulted and a competitor will be penalised by the addition of ten whole points per offence added to their calculated pen score if they:
 - (i) Cut a hamstring.
 - (ii) Cut into or through the centre of a pizzle (a pizzle graze may not necessarily incur a full penalty).
 - d. If the Pen Referee deems this offence to be serious, a penalty of 10 whole points per offence will be given (added separately to the pen score). The Pen Referee will write any whole point penalties in a circle on the pen card and initial it. If the Pen Referee does not deem the offence to be serious, the Pen Judge will judge the cut as in 9 (a) (ii). then add to penalty for that sheep. Pen Referee may require a minor cut to be stitched without imposing the whole point penalty point.
10. **Shearing Points Calculation:**
Time Points.
1 point for each 20 seconds. Multiply minutes by 3. Divide seconds by 20. Board Points.
Divide each competitor's total board strokes by number of sheep shorn. Pen Points.
Divide total penalties by number of sheep shorn.

Add Time, Board and Pen Points together to decide competitor's score. Competitor with lowest score wins.

Scorers are to be alert for full point penalties on board and pen cards.

In the event of a tie, the competitor with the lowest score for board and pen will take precedence. If there is still a tie, the competitor with the lower pen score will take precedence. If there is still a tie, the competitor with the lower board score will take precedence.

Quality benchmark

A quality benchmark will not be used in both Machine and Blade shearing points calculations.

Additional Rules

All Junior and Intermediate Shearers should be encouraged to inspect their shorn sheep immediately after finishing their heat where expert advice can be given on both judges scoring and technical expertise.

Where competitors are allowed to shear up a class, only Juniors that have qualified through from the Junior heats should be allowed to shear in Intermediate.

Any conduct that is detrimental to the ethics of BISCA by either competitor or official shall be notified to the Disciplinary Committee.

The Disciplinary Committee has the right to suspend, for a period, or remove any mistruant from their respective list.

The decision of the Committee shall be FINAL.

Appeals have to be submitted in writing to the Referee 15 minutes after the occurrence with a lodgement fee of £20/€20 returnable if upheld.

Blade Shearing Rules

Blade Shearing

World International Rules apply, with the following amendments for all Blade Competitions.

The minimum number of sheep to be shorn in each stage of competition and the maximum number of sheep to be shorn in finals shall be as follows:

Competition	Heats	Semi-Finals	Finals
Novice	1	1	2
Intermediate	2	3	3-4
Open	3	4	5-7

- Competitors will be allowed to take two sets of blades onto the boards, which must be placed in the holder provided.
- Blades must be placed in the holder between each sheep (2 whole points per offence where this is not applied).
- As per machine or when Blades are placed in the holder after shearing their last sheep.
- Shorn sheep are judged on the basis of even finish of 0 to 15mm.
- If a competitor leaves the Board before the final competitor has finished shearing, 5 whole points will be awarded.



Wool Handling Rules

1. Aims and Objectives

To promote the knowledge and skill employed in good on farm handling of wool at shearing time in order to maximise the returns to the farmer and benefit the wool industry as a whole.

The wool-handling competition requires the Competitor to demonstrate knowledge of appropriate handling of different wools and oddments in a highly organised manner and speed of operation.

2. Introduction

Employing a good wool-handler is generally adequately recompensed by having the job "well done". This entails following British Wool's guidelines relating to the handling and presentation of the fleece and avoiding the listed penalties, which might otherwise apply. A correctly presented fleece is more accurately and speedily assessed at the grading depot and achieves a fuller potential value. A distinction between and within our various breeds enables the different wool types to be separately packed, thus avoiding cross-contamination taking place especially with grey fibres and floating kemp.

Wool-handlers are an integral part of a team and they require to have a knowledge of shearing sequence. By having a good technique the job will appear relatively easy but when attending two or more Shearers it demonstrates just how highly organised and skilled the wool-handler must be.

3. Competition Organiser Responsibilities

a. Chief Steward/Referee

- (i) The Chief Steward must be fully conversant with the procedure and running of the competition.
- (ii) The Chief Steward is responsible for the overall running of the competition.
- (iii) The Chief Steward is responsible to ensure all Stewards are conversant with their individual responsibilities.
- (iv) The Chief Stewards decision will be final.

b. Sheep Steward

- (i) The Sheep Steward is responsible that each batch of sheep for competition wool handling should be uniform in size and of similar wool type and clip weight. They should be full wooled (10 - 12 month's growth) dry, clean and healthy.
- (ii) Sheep should be closely inspected prior to being considered as suitable for a wool handling competition i.e. no broken necks/split backs.
- (iii) Sheep with wooled bellies are recommended as this will reduce the variability factor for both the Competitors and Judges.
- (iv) Tails should also be uniform.
- (v) Other than minimal crutching/dagging in the interests of good husbandry, welfare and uniformity they will have received minimal preparation for competition.
- (vi) More than one breed/type may be used in the competition as long as it is the same for each Competitor.
- (vii) Sheep should be suitably held prior to the competition so that Competitors can collectively inspect sheep before heats commence and any considered to be sub-standard sheep removed before the competition starts.

(viii) The pens should contain only the required number of sheep for that heat so that the Shearers are not able to select their sheep, nor have a shorter collection time when the pen is full which would disadvantage Competitors. Number of sheep required are recommended as follows:

- Novice Heats 3, Final 4 (with a final if possible).
- Intermediate: Heats 4, Final 4.
- Open: Heats 4-5, final 7-8.

c. Shearing Stewards

(i) Open/Senior classification Shearers who are fully conversant with the Woolhandling Rules and regulations will be used.

(ii) Replacement Shearers should be available, but not changed within heats/semis or final.

(iii) Two loaded hand-pieces must be taken onto the boards by each Shearer.

(iv) Draw for stands must be made

(v) Shearers will require 'seconds' for their pens, especially when chutes are not present and shorn sheep are returned to pens.

(vi) The Shearers must enter the pen to collect their sheep which will allow the Competitor time to clear the boards.

(vii) Each Competitor will attend two Shearers. Shearers on stands 1, 3 and 5 will wait with hand on pen door for 'GO'. The 'Competition Steward' (see rule d 3) will observe a synchronised pace is maintained during the shearing process. Shearers on stands 2, 4 and 6 will similarly commence on the second 'GO' when the Shearers on stands 1, 3 and 5 have stepped through after the undermine and starting the neck. They will also maintain an even pace of shearing throughout the competition and

finish together. Each team of Shearers will maintain a staggered pattern of shearing – Shearers must complete the crutch and undermine before their Co-Shearers finish their sheep.

(viii) Shearers may ascertain from the Competitor prior to 'GO' where to throw the belly wool.

(ix) The first flank wool must NOT be broken out nor stretched. The neck wool MUST be broken out (not slipped over the sheep's head).

(x) Blatant assistance by the Shearer will be penalised, e.g. waiting on the undermine, or delaying the next catch especially when a fleece is lying on the Board. Also the Timekeeper will start the clock as soon as the Shearer has completed the last blow if there is any delay in switching the machine off.

(xi) As soon as shearing is completed, Shearers will remove their hand-pieces and step inside the pen door to allow the Competitors to clear the Board.

d. Competition Stewards

Competition Stewards are responsible to steward the following areas:

(i) 'Runners' for table judging (fleece & oddment boxes).

(ii) Ensuring replacement boxes are available & appropriately labelled for each heat/semi or final.

(iii) 'Pen Stewards' to ensure sheep remain in the pen (no assistance to Shearer to catch sheep) and to supervise the 2 Shearers for their designated Competitor are in sync to the best of their ability. In conjunction with the timekeeper, a constant monitoring of the Shearers is necessary in order to maintain a synchronised and uniform pace throughout the competition (within and between heats).

Monitoring will ensure that Shearers complete the crutch and undermine before

their Co-Shearers finish their sheep.

(iv) To roll & remove fleeces once judged by the table Judges.

4. Facilities For Competition – The Stand

a. The normal stand or trailer may be used.

b. The stand may be either split-level or on the floor. In the latter there must be a clear distinction between board and floor i.e. white lines.

c. The floor must be clean and smooth to enable easy cleaning.

d. A slatted table will be available for each Competitor.

e. Each table should be the same size for each Competitor.

f. The number of containers – colour coded or numbered trays and bins available per Competitor for the fleeces and oddments will vary according to the number and type of sheep in the competition.

g. A duplicate set of containers should be available so that the next heat can proceed without delay.

5. The Judges

Approved "Board" and "Table" Judges are to be used.

a. Board Judges: The number required will be one more than the number of Competitors competing at any one time e.g. 3 Competitors require 4 Board Judges.

The Board Judges will rotate clockwise, judging each Competitor in turn and recording penalties on the **Board Score Sheets**.

A Judge has the right to disqualify (after being discussed with the Chief Steward/Referee) any Competitor whose work or conduct on the boards/floor area

is detrimental to the image of competition shearing and wool-handling.

b. A Table Judge will judge the rolled fleeces and oddments. **Depending on the number of available tables, the Judge may use two tables in order to speed up the operation.**

(i) The judged fleece is left open on one table for a Steward to clear away while judging continues on the other table.

(ii) More than one Table Judge can be utilised- i.e. one per table and rotate after each fleece has been judged

(iii) Wool sheets and frames are required for the wools after judging. Penalties are recorded on the **Table Score Sheet**.

c. Judging of oddments:

(i) When the Judges rota has been distributed, the Chief Judge will identify a Judge for oddment for the duration of the competition.

(ii) It is recommended a 'grid' consisting of 10x15cm sections should be available to assist with judging of oddments.

(iii) Penalties are recorded on the **Table Score Sheet**.

6. The Scorekeeper

The Score Sheets/Time, Board and Table (i.e. Fleece/Wool and oddments) are collated as follows:

a. Time: the time in seconds is divided by 10 seconds for each penalty point for the first minute and one penalty point per 5 seconds thereafter.

b. Board: Judges "Board" penalty points are totalled.

c. Table: Judges "Table" penalty points for rolled fleeces and the oddments is totalled.

d. Then Time, Board and Table penalty points are entered on a **Master Score Sheet** and totalled. The Competitor with the lowest aggregate score is the winner.

- e. In the event of a tie, the Competitor with the lowest penalties for “table work” will take precedence. If there is still a tie, the Competitor with the lowest penalties for “board work” will take precedence.
- f. The time of when results are made public must be detailed by the scorekeeper on the results sheet.
- g. Disputes must be lodged in writing to the Chief Steward within 15 minutes of results being posted accompanied with the appropriate fee (£20/€20).

NB Only Stewards and Judges are permitted into the score-room.

7. The Timekeeper

- a. On completion of shearing the time taken by each Competitor to finish is separately recorded on a **Time Score-Sheet**. The time “starts” (simultaneously) when the second Shearer per competitor pulls the machine switch chord “off” after their last sheep and “stops” when each wool-handler signals that they have finished by raising their broom/hand to clearly indicate this.
- b. The timekeeper will also be required to record the duration of any stoppage which may occur through no fault of the Competitor.
- c. The time allocated for each heat will be predetermined according to the type of sheep and the class of woolhandler. This should be monitored and kept the same throughout the heats.
- d. Should any stoppages occur through the fault of the machine or through a sheep escaping, a time allowance or a re-run will be given at the Chief Stewards discretion.

8. The Commentator

The commentator should not influence the outcome of the competition in any way through the following areas:

- a. Making Competitors aware of an error (i.e. missing a crutch/belly/cleaning of boards between sheep).
- b. Is not responsible for the synchronisation of Shearers- see 3 c) Competition Stewards.

9. Competitor Guidelines

- a. All Competitors compete at their own risk.
- b. Competitors must be suitably attired e.g. suitable footwear, sponsors logo on attire, etc.
- c. Competitors are responsible for supplying their own broom.
- d. Competitors have the option to consult with their Shearers their preferred order of sheep prior to commencing their heat/semi or final.
- e. Competitors have the option of having a ‘board buddie’ to assist with clean-up/set-up of containers prior to the commencement of their heat/semi or final.

10. Team events

Team events consist of 2 Competitors for 2 Shearers with 1 table. There will be 2 approved ‘Board’ Judges (one to watch the board, one to watch the table) and a Table Judge. All Judges to rotate as would normally.

1. Points Allocation for Objective Measurement.

Credit Card (CC) – 1 penalty point, applicable to judging on the board and clean up.

Paper size (A4) – 1 penalty point, applicable to judging fleece throw on the table.

Open Hand (OH)/Grid (10cms x 15 cms).

– 2 penalty points – applicable to fleece roll and oddments.

Fixed Penalty (FP), Discretionary Penalty (DP)

– will apply in various sections as indicated. Generally up to 5 points for each operational fault and 10 points for a product (wool) fault.

2. Board Judging Procedure.

Each wool handler will attend to two Shearers.

- a. Check ‘Boards’, ‘Floor’ & ‘Table’ are clean at start.
CC
- b. Competitors must keep one foot on the floor at all times.
FP-5
- c. The wool handler must not approach the Shearer until the 1st belly has been shorn.
FP-5
- d. The belly wool is thrown clear by the Shearer and not handed to the wool handler.
FP-5
 - (i) A sheep with ‘no belly wool (NBW)’ must be noted on the Board Scorecard.
- e. Removal of crutch wool before Shearer steps through. Oddments are placed straight away in bins.
 - (i) Remove all crutch wool before Shearer steps through. Place in oddments box.
CC
 - (ii) If a Competitor misses a whole crutch and makes no attempt.
FP-10 & C.C (for oddments left)
 - (iii) Return flank wool.
- f. Any short ‘Discoloured’ wool (Top knot/

Face), cleared as it’s being shorn to avoid contaminating other wools.

CC

- g. Preparation of fleece ‘pick up’ and placement on the table: The wool handler may prepare the ‘pick up’ of the fleece as the Shearer completes the last flank.

(i) The fleece must be thrown from brich to neck.

FP-10

(ii) The correct way up for the breed.

FP-10

(iii) A fleece which is not flat and fully exposed will be penalised (Folded over or tucked under).

A4

(iv) A fleece hanging over the table will be penalised.

A4

- h. (i) The shearing area must be clean before the next sheep is drawn out.

CC

(ii) Using locks or fleece to sweep the boards will incur penalty.

FP-5

(iii) Failing to remove fleece from boards before Shearer draws out next sheep.

FP-10

- i. Blatant assistance by the Shearer will be penalised, e.g. waiting on the undermine, or delaying the next catch especially when a fleece is lying on the boards. Also the Timekeeper may start the clock as soon as the Shearer has completed the last blow if there is any delay in switching machine off.

FP-5

- j. A waiting fleece may be placed on a clean floor area.

CC

k. The belly wool must either be placed into the same fleece with which it has been shorn, or into an oddment box Penalty for placing the belly wool into a different fleece.

FP-10

l. The Belly -

Wool must be placed in the britch end of fleece. The appropriate place for the belly wool is inside the fleece at the britch end of the fleece.

FP-10

m. The fleece is rolled britch to neck & secured with the neck wool.

(i) Rolled & secured to shoulder.

FP-5

(ii) Rolled & secured sideways or back to front.

FP-10

n. (i) When the rolled fleece is placed into the allocated container it is deemed to be finished and can be removed for 'Table Judging'.

FP-5

(ii) Fleeces of dissimilar type which are placed together in the same container will incur a penalty.

FP-10

o. (i) The table top is clear prior to the next throw.

CC

(ii) Wrapped fleeces remaining on the table when the next throw is made incur a penalty.

FP-10

p. All wools must be kept within the designated area. Wools thrown/swept into another Competitor's area/container must be removed immediately to avoid a penalty. Judge to remove these if necessary.

DP-5 to 10

q. On completion the work area is left clean.

CC

r. Should all the oddments bins be occupied, the Competitor is permitted to make a separate pile on the floor for such items as wet wool, black wool etc., and inform the Judge at the end of the heat. These items will then be brought to the Table Judge separately to the bins. However, should any bins be empty, the Competitor will be penalised for what is on the floor.

CC

s. Competitors to give a clear signal when they have finished by raising the broom/hand. They must not interfere with their wools after they have signalled that they have finished.

FP-5

t. Competitors must remain on their stand until all Competitors have finished in each heat/semi of final.

FP-5

3. Table Judging

(Rolled fleeces and oddments)

- On arrival at the judging table, the fleece must be tipped out of the container by the Judge.
- The Judges must have sufficient table space in order to open and inspect every fleece.
- The discretion of the Judge should be used with droppy and matted fleeces which may prove difficult to roll and tuck in.

d. When correctly rolled the fleece roll is cylindrical with a level top-line (like a swiss-roll and not like a rugby football) and the length approx. 150% of height.

4. The Fleece

a. The fleece is rolled in the approved manner and according to breed type. I.e. staple tips in (most breeds), or staple tips out e.g. Scottish Blackface, Herdwick or Rough Fell (See British Wool Leaflet).

FP-10

b. Compact and Neat.

DP - OH up to 20

Compactness and Shape. Penalty on breaks in fleece showing tips wrong way.

2 points per OH

c. Tuck-in and Secure.

DP up to 10

The fleece is secured at the mid-point.

d. (i) Presence of oddments in fleece- CC/Skin unit. Skin presence - one point/unit size of a little finger nail (12mm).

- Locks.
- Urine stain.
- Dags.
- Skin.
- Black wool in white fleece.
- Extraneous matter such as straw, bracken, seeds etc.

Skirting of the fleece is not required.

Do-not penalise full staple length wool within fleece.

Presence of oddments in fleece.

1 point per CC

(ii) Belly wool is clean & dry.

FP 10

5. Oddments Penalties

OH/Grid (10cm x 15 cm) to a maximum of 20 points.

There should be a clear distinction between the following:

- Dags.
- Urine stain - tail and pizzle.
- Locks - fragments of fleece brushed up, second cuts, clean crutch wool.
- Extraneous matter.
- Clean & Dry belly wool. **FP-10 points**
- Good fleece wool. **2 points per OH**

Should all the above bins be occupied, the Competitor is permitted to make a separate pile on the floor for such items as wet wool, black wool, etc. and inform the Judge at the end of that heat. These items will be brought to the Table Judge separately to the bins. The Judge will empty each bin in turn. Identify contents.

Separate out what should not be in the bin.

OH penalties up to a total of 20 for all oddments- use a 'grid' if available.

Shearing Record

Martyn David

After the disruption of covid over the last two years, we were able to get show shearing and shearing records back on the road.

What a busy summer we've had with four British records attempts, with a little bit of history made by Lloyd Rees being the first shearer to break through 900 lambs in 9 hours.

The record season started in Staffordshire on one of the hottest days of the summer where Nick Greaves and Llyr Jones broke the 2 stand 9hr lamb British record with a total of 1717 lambs breaking Gareth Daniel and Ian Jones tally of 1,457, with Nick setting a new British individual record of 881 lambs.

The following week in Builth Wells, Lloyd Rees set a new 9hr lamb British Solo record shearing 903. A tremendous achievement the first Shearer to pass 900 lambs in a record in the UK or around the world.

A week later Marie Louise Usher Smith was the first female Shearer to attempt a World record from the UK. Marie set a new 8 hr strong wool World and British Ewe record of 370 Ewes in the famous record venue at Matt and Pips Trefranke Farm, Cornwall, where many records have been set over the years.

The fourth record was a new 2 Stand 8hr strong wool ewe Blade record set by Andy Wear and Elfed Jackson at Fernhill Farm, Somerset, with both of them breaking the 60 year old age barrier they sheared a total of 330 ewes with Elfed setting a new individual British blade record of 170 Ewes.

This year saw us lose two stalwarts of the records committee in the UK, with both Colin MacGregor and Arwyn Jones stepping down. May I, on behalf of everyone involved in shearing and records in the UK, thank you both for all the work you have done for the industry over the years. Along with the late Walter Hoy, you were the three people who created the foundation to form the present records committee; and to Arwyn for all the work you did over the years to get the UK recognised and affiliated to the World Sheep Shearing Records Society and becoming the first Referee from the UK on the committee. Thank you.

Just five years later the UK now has four referees on the world records panel. We extend our congratulations to Andy Rankin and Mark Fox who were presented with their WSSRS Referee badges at a record attempt in New Zealand just before Christmas. Andy went on to be the convener at the 2 Stand record attempt 10 days later. Well done both.

Congratulations to everyone who attempted a successful record in 2022. Thanks also go to all who provided hospitality and corporation at all the attempts last summer.

It is requested that for those wishing to undertake a record in 2023, applications be made prior to the 31st of March. This ensures an even distribution of sponsorship from British Wool.

With the amount of interest that has been shown over the last couple of months, I am sure we will be in for another busy summer with records.

See you over the summer!

Martyn David
BISCA Records Secretary

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Competitors Diary 2023

The following pages list all the shearing competitions we have been notified of for 2023. Please check with all societies to make sure that the competition is being held.

Reminder to all Competition Secretaries

To all competition secretaries and particularly to those present at competitor check in, please ensure that all competitors give their Classification Number or if a non-classified shearer gives their full name and address with postcode.

At the end of your competitions please ensure you forward your results as soon as possible to: emmajagger@britishwool.org.uk so these can be placed on the British Wool Website.

Reminder to all shearers

Please quote your classification number when entering competitions, particularly important where late entries are taken.

Many thanks to all concerned.

Richard Schofield

Competitions Secretary

Donard Shears

Venue: Farm of Charles Fenton,
Kelshamore, Donard, Co Wicklow
Margaret & Mike Walshe, Rustyduff,
Donard, Co Wicklow

Margaret: 00353 876 949 025

Entries: Sandra Cleary: 00353 866 067 647

Email: sancleary@hotmail.com

9.00am (Check-in at 8:00am)

Junior, Under 21s, Intermediate
(proof of age required for Under 21s)

11.00am (Check-in at 10:00am)

Wicklow, Senior, Open, Blade

North Somerset Show

Mr Tim Ledbury, 'Our Offices' 4, Yeowood
Farm, Iwood Lane, Wrington BS40 5NU
Tel: 01934 837283 Email: tim@nsas.org.uk

Schedules with full details available to
download and entries may be made on line at
www.nsas.org.uk

10.05.23

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society

EC 14.04.23

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society, Balmoral
Park, Halftown Road, Lisburn, Co Antrim. BT27
5RD Tel: 02890 665225. Entries can be made
online at www.balmoralshow.co.uk

9.30am

YFCU / Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd Novice &
Advanced Sheep Shearing Championship

Followed by
YFCU/ Wool Handling competition.

11.00am

Royal Ulster International Sheep Shearing
Championship – Junior Heats,
Semi Finals & Final

11.05.23

9.30am

Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship
– Intermediate Heats
National Shearing Championship – Heats
National Wool Handling – Heats

12.30pm

Wool Handling – Final
Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship
– Intermediate Semi Finals
National Shearing Championship – Semi Final
Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship
– Intermediate Finals

2.30pm

National Shearing Championship – Final

3.30pm

Shearing, Spinning and Grading Demonstration

12.05.23

9.30am

Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship
– Senior Heats
Open Blade Shearing Championships - Heats

11.00am

National Blade Shearing Final

2.00pm

Open Blade Shearing
Championship Semi Finals
Royal Ulster International Shearing
Senior Semi Finals

3.00pm

Ladies Shearing Competition

3.30pm

Open Blade Shearing Championship – Final
 Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship
 – Senior Finals

13.05.23**9.00am**

Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship
 – Open Heats

10.30am

Wool Handling International Novice & Open

11.30am

Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship
 – Open Semi Finals & Open Wool Handling Final

1.00pm

Wool Handling Development Test – 3 way –
 Scotland/England/NI (1 open, 1 novice)

2.00pm

Novice & Open Wool Handling Final

2.30pm

Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship
 – Open Finals

14.05.23

Southern Shears UK

E.C. 30.04.23

**Copford Farm, Dem Lane, Waldron,
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Enter online at southernshears.weebly.com**Enter early to guarantee a shear.****No entries accepted on the day****Facebook: [SouthernShearsUK](https://www.facebook.com/SouthernShearsUK)****Enquires to: Phil Hart Tel: 07717 054 172****Email: phil.hart369@icloud.com****Entry fee £5. U16s free.****Check-in at 8.00am - Novice/YFC/Junior/****Intermediate/Women Competitors****Check-in 10.00 am - Novice Blades/Open****Blades Competitors****Check-in 12 noon - Senior/Open Competitors****All PRESENTATIONS will take place at
the end of the day****8.30am**

Novice Class followed by all other classes as in
 order below.

Novice Heats

Sponsored by Ernest Doe Power

1st £25 2nd £15 3rd £10 4th £8. E.F. £13

Junior Heats

Sponsored by British Wool Marketing Board

1st £25 2nd £20 3rd £15 4th £8. E.F. £13

Women Heats

Sponsored by Lee House Farm

1st £40 2nd £30 3rd £20 4th £15. E.F. £13

Intermediate Heats

Sponsored by NFU South East

1st £40 2nd £30 3rd £20 4th £10. E.F. £13

Followed by

Novice, Junior, Women & Intermediate
 Semi-Finals

Followed by

Novice, Junior, Women & Intermediate Finals

Novice Blades

Sponsored by Blade Shear Gear UK

Prizes: Vouchers from Blade Shear Gear UK. E.F.
 £13

Open Blades

Sponsored by George Mudge & Co.

1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £25, 4th £15. E.F. £13

Senior

Sponsored by Channons Country Store

1st £55, 2nd £35 3rd £25 4th £15. E.F. £16

Open

Sponsored by Robins of Herstmonceux
 and E H Treecare Ltd

1st £150 2nd £70 3rd £40 4th £30. E.F. £16

Followed by

Semi Finals for Senior & Open

Followed by

Finals for Seniors & Open
 Presentation of all certificates

Followed by

Cleanest Pen – Open Final
 The Alan Kensett Cup & £50
 Sponsored by Alan Kensett

**Southern Shears UK are pleased to host the
 National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs
 – South East Area Round of their Shearing
 Competition at our Shearing Competition as
 set out above. All enquiries to Mary Masters
mary.m@btconnect.com 07484 156 103**

**South East Area of NSA are holding a
 competition for the Next Generation of Sheep
 Farmers. All enquiries to Daisy Boyce
daisy.delstrother@yahoo.com**

18-20.05.23

Devon County Show

EC 13.08.23

**Miss Vicky Palmer, Devon County Show,
 Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter EX5 1DJ
 Tel: 01392 353708**

Email: competitions@dcshow.org**Website: www.devoncountyshow.co.uk**

**For more details please contact show
 secretary or visit their website.**

21.05.23

Royal Welsh Smallholding & Countryside Festival

E.C. 28.04.23

**Mrs Tracy Powell, RWAS Ltd, Llanelwedd,
 Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3SY
 Tel: (01982) 554420. E-mail: tracy@rwas.co.uk
 ENTER ONLINE at: www.rwas.wales**

**A blade shearing and woolhandling
 competition will be held at the Smallholding
 & Countryside Festival on Sunday 21 May
 2023 at the Royal Welsh Showground,
 Builth Wells, LD2 3SY.**

Strictly no late entries will be accepted.

Competitors must report in person, **1 hour
 before the commencement of their
 competition.** Failure to do this may result in
 the competitor concerned NOT being allowed
 to compete. The draw will be undertaken on a
 first entered, last heat system. Please refer to the
 Royal Welsh Smallholding & Countryside Festival
 Woolhandling Schedule for further details.

9.00am

Novice Woolhandling Competition
 1st £75 2nd £65 3rd £55 4th £40
 5th £30 6th £20. E.F. £10

9.45am

Intermediate Woolhandling Competition
 1st £90 2nd £75 3rd £65 4th £50
 5th £40 6th £30. E.F. £10

10.15am

Open Woolhandling Competition
 1st £120 2nd £100 3rd £85 4th £65
 5th £50 6th £30. E.F. £15

11.00am

Open Commercial Blade Shearing Competition
 1st £120 2nd £100 3rd £85 4th £65
 5th £50 6th £30. E.F. £15

12.00pm

Novice Commercial Blade Shearing Competition
1st £55 2nd £45 3rd £40. E.F. £10

1.30pm

Intermediate Commercial Blade Shearing Competition
1st £60 2nd £55 3rd £45. E.F. £10

27.05.23

Northumberland County Show

No shearing competition this year, however, there will be a demonstration of shearing with local shearers and commentary.

27.05.23

Lesmahagow

E.C. 13.05.23

Dye Clark – 07958 047964

Late entries 50% surcharge

8.00am

Blades
1st £60 2nd £40 3rd £20. E.F. £15

8.30am

Junior
1st £60 2nd £40 3rd £20. E.F. £15

9.00am

Intermediate
1st £70 2nd £50 3rd £30. E.F. £15

10.00am

Senior
1st £100 2nd £70 3rd £50. E.F. £16

12.00pm

Open
1st £125 2nd £100 3rd £70. E.F. £17

31.05.23

Staffordshire County Show

E.C. 07.05.23

All enquiries to the Sheep Shearing Secretary:
Mrs Angela Cope, Grange Cottage, 265 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke on Trent, Staffs. ST3 7EA Tel: 07866 766047 Office: 01782 326050 Email: info@nccconstruction.co

Competition Venue: Annex 1, Bingley Hall, Staffordshire County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD

Enter online with EntryMaster @ www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk/staffordshire-county-show/schedules-and-entry-forms

Staffordshire County Show is now a qualifying show on English, Welsh and Scottish circuits Please see Circuit information in Newsclip/website for further details.

8.30am

Intermediate Blade Shearing
Competitors to be present for the draw at 8.00am
1st £40 2nd £30 3rd £25
4th £15 5th £10 6th £5. E.F. £10

Followed by

Open Blade Shearing
Competitors to be present for the draw at 8.30am
1st £75 2nd £50 3rd £30
4th £20 5th £10 6th £5. E.F. £12

Followed by

Junior Shears
Competitors to be present for the draw at 9.30am
1st £100 2nd £60 3rd £40
4th £20 5th £10 6th £5. E.F. £10.

Followed by

The highest scoring SFYFC member
1st £15, 2nd £10
Best Pen Marks – Box of Combs (given by Homer Shearing) (excl. Final)

Followed by

RBA Wealth Management Intermediate Shears
Competitors to be present for the draw at 10.00am
1st £120 2nd £100 3rd £80
4th £40 5th £15 6th £10. E.F. £12

Best Pen Marks – Box of Combs (given by Homer Shearing) (excl. Final)

Followed by

Blade Development Team Test:
England/Wales/Scotland
To take place during the day (time TBC)
Invitation only

02.06.23**8.30am**

Intermediate Wool Handling
Competitors to be present for the draw at 8.00am
1st £50 2nd £30 3rd £20
4th £15 5th £10 6th £5. E.F. £10

Followed by

Open Wool Handling
Competitors to be present for the draw at 8.30am
1st £60 2nd £40 3rd £30
4th £20 5th £15 6th £10. E.F. £15

Followed by

Senior Shears
Competitors to be present for the draw at 9.30am
1st £175 2nd £125 3rd £100
4th £50 5th £40 6th £30. E.F. £18

Best Pen marks – Box of Combs (given by Homer Shearing) (excl. Final)

Followed by

Open Shears
Competitors to be present for the draw at 10.00am
1st £275 2nd £200 3rd £120
4th £75 5th £50 6th £40. E.F. £20

Best Pen marks – Box of Combs (given by Homer Shearing) – (excl. Final)

Followed by

Machine Shearing Development Test:
England/Wales/Scotland
To take place during the day (time TBC)
Invitation only

Competitors please note:

- COMPETITIONS COMMENCE AT 8.30am SHARP each day.
- Please book-in, in person, at the 'Booking In' desk in Annex 1/Sheep Shearing Area
- Check-in each day at 8.00am. (for Intermediate Blade and Novice Woolhandling)
- Please refer to schedule for all other check-in times
- Free showground admission STRICTLY for ONLY prepaid entries prior to 07.05.23
- Late entries (received after 07.05.23) only accepted if there are sufficient sheep available, however no showground admission ticket will be given.

02.06.23**Royal Bath & West****E.C. 23.05.2023****Naomi Guiver, Bath & West Showground,
Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 6QN****Tel: 01749 822203****Email: naomi.guiver@bathandwest.co.uk**Schedules with full details available to download and entries may be made online at www.bathandwest.co.uk

Times are approximate and, depending on entries, may change

9.00am

British Wool Golden Shears Junior (Incl. The Worshipful Company of Woolmen Junior Competition)

1st £60 + Lister Handpiece
2nd £60 3rd £50 4th £30
5th £20 6th £15. E.F. £15**10.00am**

Femhill Farm Novice Blade

1st £35 2nd £20 3rd £15
4th £10 5th £10 6th £10. E.F. £15**Followed by**

Intermediate Blade Shearing

1st £60 2nd £50 3rd £40
4th £30 5th £15 6th £15. E.F. £17**11:00am**

Worshipful Company of Woolmen Golden Shears Intermediate

1st £75 + Lister Handpiece,
2nd £75 3rd £50 4th £30
5th £25 6th £20. E.F. £17**11:30am**

Golden Shears Open Blade

1st £80 2nd £65 3rd £50
4th £40 5th £30 6th £20 E.F. £17**3.00pm**

Blade Shearing Test

1st £100 2nd £80 3rd £60
4th £50 5th £40 6th £30. Invitation Only**03.06.23****8.30am**

Open Wool Handling

1st £80 2nd £65 3rd £50
4th £40 5th £30 6th £20 E.F. £17**Followed by**

Novice Wool Handling

1st £35 2nd £20 3rd £15
4th £10 5th £10 6th £10. E.F. £17**10.00am**

Royal Bath & West English National

The English National heats will be run within the

Lister Golden Shears Open

Heats – the top 12 English Shearers will go

forward to the Semi-Final

1st £275 2nd £150 3rd £95
4th £70 5th £60 6th £50. E.F. £23**10.00am**

Lister Golden Shears Open

1st £250 + Lister Handpiece
2nd £250 3rd £150 4th £100
5th £75 6th £60. E.F. £23**10.30am**

Golden Shears Senior

1st £150 + Lister Handpiece
2nd £150 3rd £100 4th £75
5th £60 6th £50. E.F. £23**08.06.23****Royal Cornwall****E.C. 01.06.23****Catherine Jasper, Trefrida Farm, Jacobstow,
Bude, Cornwall, EX23 0NZ****Tel: 01840 230282 or 07828729144****Email rcs.shearingsecretary@gmail.com****Robert Truscott Memorial Trophy – Winner of
the Junior Championship****10.30am**

Royal Cornwall Show Young

Farmers' Championship
1st £100 2nd £75 3rd £50
4th £40 5th £30. E.F. £8**Followed by**

Royal Cornwall Show Junior Championship

1st £100 2nd £75 3rd £50
4th £40 5th £30. E.F. £8**Followed by**

Royal Cornwall Show

Intermediate Championship

1st £150 2nd £120 3rd £90
4th £70 5th £50. E.F. £10**09.06.23****9.30am**

Lyster Cornwall Show Senior Championship

1st £200, 2nd £150, 3rd £100
4th £75, 5th £60 E.F. £12**Followed by**

Royal Cornwall Show Open Championship

1st £350 2nd £250 3rd £175
4th £125 5th £100. E.F. £15

Trophies: Robert Truscott Memorial Trophy –

Winner of the Junior Championship

John Bone Memorial Trophy - Cleanest Local

Shearer in the Senior Championship

(Cornwall & Devon)

Arthur Rundle Memorial Trophy – Best pen over
the whole show**10.06.23****Angus Show****Show Secretary: Kate Smeaton****Email: theangusshow@aol.co.uk****Email for entry form, entries will also
be taken on the day.****Venue: Brechin Castle Show Field,
Haughmuir, Brechin DD9 6RL****Entry Fee: £20 YF & Junior/Intermediate****£25 Senior/Open****Prize Money: TBC****Catherine Jasper, Trefrida Farm,
Jacobstow, Bude, Cornwall, EX23 0NZ****Tel: 01840 230282 or 07828729144****Email rcs.shearingsecretary@gmail.com****12.30pm**

Young Farmers

1.00pm

Junior/Intermediate

1.45pm

Senior/Open to follow

10.06.23**Cneifio Llysfasi Shears****Joe Mault Tel: 01978 267931****Email: joe.mault@cambria.ac.uk****Venue: Llysfasi, Llanfair DC, Ruthin,****Denbighshire, LL15 2LB****Facebook: "Cneifio Llysfasi Shearing"**

Novice Blade Shearing Competition

1st £40 2nd £30 3rd £25
4th £15 5th £10 6th £5. E.F. £5

Novice Wool Handling Championship

1st £30 2nd £15 3rd £10. E.F. £4

Open Wool Handling Championship

1st £50 2nd £25 3rd £15. E.F. £5

British Wool Junior Competition

1st £100 2nd £70 3rd £50
4th £25 5th £15 6th £10. E.F. £10

Clwyd YFC Intermediate Competition

1st £150 2nd £90 3rd £75
4th £50 5th £30 6th £10. E.F. £12

NFU Cymru Senior Competition

1st £200 2nd £135 3rd £100
4th £75 5th £40 6th £15. E.F. £14

Open Blade Competition

1st £100 2nd £65 3rd £30
4th £20 5th £15 6th £10. E.F. £10

Heiniger Open Competition

1st £375 2nd £225 3rd £150
4th £100 5th £50 6th £25. E.F. £16

16.06.23

Royal Three Counties Show

E.C. 31.05.23

Sophie Vick, Three Counties Agricultural Society, Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6NW
Tel: 01684 584907 Fax: 01684 584910
E-mail: sophie.vick@threecounties.co.uk

Entry is allowed on the day, depending on availability and numbers.

All Shearers are expected to tip up out the back. Shearers are to only shear in their designated class.

Special prizes are generously given by Lister Shearing Equipment Limited and Shearing Singlets are kindly donated by R T Anthony.

2.00pm

YFC Competition

Junior Competition

1st £120 2nd £80 3rd £60
4th £20 5th £10 6th £5. E.F. £8

17.06.23

7.30am

Open Blade Competition

1st £80 2nd £65 3rd £50
4th £40 5th £30 6th £20. E.F. £10

9.30am

Intermediate Competition

1st £200 2nd £150 3rd £100
4th £60 5th £50 6th £30. E.F. £10

1.30pm

Senior Competition

1st £300 2nd £200 3rd £175
4th £150 5th £120 6th £100. E.F. £14

18.06.23

7.30am

Open Wool Handling

1st £100 2nd £75 3rd £40
4th £20 5th £10 6th £10. E.F. £10

10.00am

Open Competition

1st £500 2nd £400 3rd £300
4th £200 5th £150 6th £100. E.F. £18

12.00pm

Intermediate Blade Competition

1st £80 2nd £65 3rd £50
4th £40 5th £30 6th £20. E.F. £10

Followed by

Open Blade Competition

1st £80 2nd £65 3rd £50
4th £40 5th £30 6th £20. E.F. £10

17.06.23

Ballymena Shears

E.C. 9.06.23

Ballymena Livestock Market

Contact Ian Montgomery 07740 086137

Paul Smyth 07715 005770

Check-in at 9.30am

10.00am

Heats

Junior E.F. £10

Intermediate E.F. £12

Senior E.F. £15

Open E.F. £20

Late entries sheep numbers permitting, with a £10 late fee surcharge onto existing entry fee.

22.06.23

Royal Highland

E.C. 03.06.23

Entries by paper or online at www.royalhighlandshow.org. Competitions to be held under British Isles Shearing Competition Arrangement

To be held at the MacRobert Theatre, Royal Highland Showground.

Chief Steward: Mr D B Lang

D. Chief Stewards: Mr R Newlands, Mr G Gray

Referee: Mr A Rankin. Judges: TBC

7.30am

John Wight & Sons Junior Competition

Semi final at 9.00am. Final at 10.30am

1st £100 2nd £65 3rd £35

4th £25 5th £15 6th £10. E.F. £11

Sponsored by The Worshipful Company of Woolmen

8.30am

Young Farmers

Semi final as necessary. Final at 10.45am

9.30am

Intermediate Competition

Semi final at 12.30pm. Final at 1.45pm

1st £225 2nd £150 3rd £100

4th £65 5th £45 6th £15. E.F. £15

Sponsored by The Worshipful Company of Woolmen

11.00am

John Wight & Sons Senior Competition

Semi final at 12.30pm. Final at 2.00pm

1st £300 2nd £200 3rd £125

4th £95 5th £60 6th £30. E.F. £17

3.30pm

Novice Wool Handling*

Semi final as necessary. Final at 5.00pm

1st £30 2nd £20 3rd £10. E.F. £11

Sponsored by The Worshipful Company of Woolmen

4.30pm

Novice Blade Shearing

1st £100 2nd £65 3rd £35

4th £25 5th £15 6th £10. E.F. £13

23.06.23**7.30am**

Open Wool Handling Competition

Semi final at 11.00am. Final at 1.00pm

1st £100 2nd £65 3rd £35

4th £25 5th £15 6th £10. E.F. £15

Sponsored by The Worshipful Company of Woolmen

10.00am

Blade Shearing Competition

Final at 2.00pm

1st £100 2nd £65 3rd £35

4th £25 5th £15 6th £10. E.F. £13

12.00pm

Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd

National Machine Competition

Semi final at 1.30pm. Final at 4.00pm

1st £350 2nd £200 3rd £130

4th £100 5th £75 6th £35. E.F. £17

Open only to competitors of Scottish nationality resident in Scotland

12.00pm

Highland Shears Open Competition

Semi final at 2.45pm. Final at 5.00pm

1st £400 2nd £260 3rd £200

4th £150 5th £120 6th £70. E.F. £21

The British Wool Marketing Board offer generous prize money for the best pen in the Junior and Intermediate classes. The winning pen in the Junior grade will be awarded £75 and the winning pen in the Intermediate grade will be awarded £125.

Late Entrants

Wool Handling: A limited number of late entrants will be permitted at the discretion of the chief steward. The late entrant will be required to pay full entry fee plus a surcharge of 50%.

Shearing: Should numbers allow, late entries on the day may be permitted at the discretion of the chief steward, late entrants will be required to pay full entry fee plus a surcharge of 50%. Junior late entrants are exempt from the surcharge.

Special Prizes

The Coopers Perpetual Challenge Cup & The Carmichael Motor Group Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Best individual shearer in the Intermediate Competition.

Barclays' Bank Challenge Cup

Best individual shearer in the Senior Competition.

The MacTaggart Silver Salver

Best individual shearer in the National Machine Competition. Presented by Mr John MacTaggart, Muirhouses, Duntocher.

The Kirkwood Medal

Winner of the National Machine Competition. A hallmarked sterling silver medal will be presented by Alexander Kirkwood & Son, Medallists and Engravers, 13 Albany Street, Edinburgh. Medals will also be given to the Runner-up and the third placed competitor.

The Lawson Silver Salver

Best individual shearer in the Highland Shears Open Competition. Presented by Mr W. Lawson, St. Ninian's, Wigtown.

Important

All Entry Fees include a £2 levy to go to the Scottish Shearing Circuit Funds.

All entries will be in advance via the online portal.

Semi-Finals will only be held where justified by the number of entries. Entries will only be accepted on official Society entry forms. Newsclip entry forms will NOT be accepted.

For 2023 only, shearers will not be allowed to shear up a level.

*Please note: If insufficient entries are received for Novice Wool Handling we will only hold an Open competition.

The Worshipful Company of Woolmen Junior Competition

Participating Societies in order of dates of events:

The Royal Ulster, The Royal Bath and West, The Royal Highland, The Great Yorkshire, The Royal Welsh.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to qualify, competitors must be 26 years of age or under on 1st May 2023, hold a Blue or Bronze seal only (Wool Board Qualification) on 1st May 2023, and be classified as a Junior in the year concerned.

Qualifiers:

The two top competitors that meet the above criteria and are from the same nation as the Society itself in their Junior Competition, with the exception of the Great Yorkshire where the two top competitors from any U.K. Nation will qualify. In the event of a duplicate qualifier the next eligible competitor will qualify. Competitors from Southern Ireland are not eligible.

The top ten qualifiers (two from each Society) will take part in the finals at the Royal Welsh which will consist of two semi finals with the top five qualifying for the final.

The sheep in the final will be full woolled, i.e. will have a growth of ten months wool. Three sheep each to be shorn in the semi finals with five each in the final.

Prizes:

The first qualifier at each show will receive a cheque for £50 plus a voucher valued at £50 for further shearing training. The second will receive a similar voucher for further training.

In the finals 1st £350 2nd £250 3rd £200 4th £150 5th £100. Each of the 5 losing semi finalists to receive £50 each.

01.07.23

Locheamhead Shears - Scottish Blackface Shearing Competition

E.C. 18.06.23

Rhoda Keenan, 1 Keip Road, Strathyre,
Perthshire, FK18 8NG
Tel: 01877 384684/07866472628 Email:
rhoneenan1@hotmail.co.uk

7.30am

R McLarty & Son Hand Shearing
1st £135. E.F. £15

8.00am

Wool Handling Heats and Final
1st £130. E.F. £10

8.30am

AB Gaims Junior Heats
1st £200. E.F. £10

9.00am

Highway Shearing Intermediate Heats
1st £275. E.F. £15

9.30am

Reid & Robertson Senior Heats
1st £425. E.F. £20

10.00am

Heiniger Scottish Blackface
Open Championship
1st £1050. E.F. £25

Times may vary slightly. All semi-finals,
Open Plate and finals will follow on from heats.
Entries in one classification only.

01.07.23

Omagh Show

E.C. 24.06.23

3 Gillygooley Road, Omagh, Co Tyrone
Contact David O Neill 07751 147985
Check-in at 9.30am

10.00am

Heats
Junior E.F. £10
Intermediate E.F. £12
Senior E.F. £15
Open E.F. £20

Late entries sheep numbers permitting, with a £10
late fee surcharge onto existing entry fee

08.07.23

Cneifio Gelert Shears

Gareth Owen Tel: 01766 890319 for pre entries
or you can enter on the day.

Venue: Cwn Cloch, Beddgelert, LL55 4UY

For other information please email

llinos Owen: cysgodyrhebog@btconnect.com

1.00pm

Blade Shearing
Junior
Intermediate
Open

Total Prize fund of £440

11.07.23

Great Yorkshire

E.C. 14.06.23

Amanda Stoddart-West, Livestock & Entries
Secretary, Yorkshire Agricultural Society,
Regional Agricultural Centre, Harrogate,
North Yorkshire. HG2 8NZ Tel: 01423 546231

Young Farmer Heats
Junior Heats
Intermediate Heats
Young Farmer Final
Junior Semi-Final
Intermediate Semi-Final
Yorkshire/Lancashire/Cumbria Test
Junior Final
Intermediate Final

12.07.23

Senior Heats
Open Heats
Senior Semi-Final
Open Semi-Final
Senior Test
Open Test
Yorkshire Final
Senior Final
Open Final

13.07.23

Novice Blade
Open Blade
Wool Handling (novice)
Wool Handling (open)
Wool Handling Final
Ladies Heats
Veterans Heats
Yorkshire Ladies (final)
Ladies Final
Veterans Final

14.07.23

TBC

Entry fees: Open Class £17 / Senior Class £13
All other classes £12. If entering 2 of the £12
classes, the second class is half price (i.e. two
classes for £18)

For specific shearing enquiries please contact
Richard on 07730 654448

Late entries will not be accepted – please
enter before 14th June.

Further details on the England Circuit
Facebook page.

14.07.23

Martel (Lot)

Loic Leygonie, Tel 0033 (0)666 726122

loic.leygonie@live.fr

Venue: Martel, 120km South of Limoges

Tel 0033 (0)666 726122

Email: loic.leygonie@live.fr

Check-in at 8.00am

8.30am

Junior, Intermediate, Blade, Senior
& Open Heats

2.00pm

All semi-finals and Finals

16.07.23

Cothi Shears

E.C. 09.07.23

Follow our Facebook (Cneifio Cothi Shears) page for more information closer to the competition dates

Venue: Cilgawood Farm, Caio, SA19 8PG

Entry by text only on 07834346604. Entry will be on a first come first serve basis. More information will be available on our Facebook page.

Woolhandling and Blade Shearing Competitions

21.07.23

E.C. 14.07.23

Machine Shearing Competitions

Wool Handling classes

Novice, Intermediate and Open

Blade shearing classes

Novice and Open

Machine Shearing classes

Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Open.

22.07.23

ABP NISSA Circuit

E.C. 15.07.23

Shanes Castle Estate, Antrim
Contact John Murphy 07740 584076

Check-in at 9.30am

10.00 am

Heats

Junior Heats E.F. £10

Intermediate Heats E.F. £12

Senior Heats E.F. £15

Open Heats E.F. £20

Late entries sheep numbers permitting, with a £10 late fee surcharge onto existing entry fee

24.07.23

Royal Welsh Show

E.C. 23.06.23

Mrs Tracy Powell, RWAS Ltd, Llanelwedd,
Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3SY.

Tel: (01982) 554420. E-mail: tracy@rwas.co.uk
ENTER ONLINE at: www.rwas.wales

Strictly no late or replacement entries will be accepted. Competitors must report in person, 1 hour before the commencement of their competition. Failure to do this may result in the competitor concerned NOT being allowed to compete. All competitors will be required to use a worm drive. The draw will be undertaken on a first entered, last heat system.

Please refer to the 2023 RWAS Shearing & Woolhandling schedule for qualification details for the Welsh teams selected to represent Wales.

8.00am

Novice Woolhandling Competition
TPF £285. E.F. £15

9.30am

Intermediate Woolhandling Competition
TPF £350. E.F. £15

10.15am

Open Woolhandling Competition
TPF £450. E.F. £15

12.15pm

Traditional Blade Shearing – Ewes
TPF £290. E.F. £15

12.45pm

Traditional Blade Shearing – Lambs
TPF £290. E.F. £15

1.15pm

Open Commercial Blade Shearing – Ewes
TPF £450. E.F. £15

2.15pm

Novice Commercial Blade Shearing – Ewes
TPF £230. E.F. £15

2.45pm

Champion Blade Shearer of Wales
TPF £450. E.F. £10

The top 6 Welsh competitors entered in the Royal Welsh Open Commercial Blade Shearing competition will qualify for the Champion Blade Shearer of Wales Final. Competitors must enter this competition by the closing date.

4.45pm

Six Nations Blade Shearing Championship

25.07.23

8.45am

Junior Championship
TPF £335 plus Handpiece. E.F. £15

11.15am

Intermediate Championship
TPF £420 plus Handpiece. E.F. £15

4.00pm

Worshipful Company of Woolmen
Junior Competition
TPF £1,100

26.07.23

8.00am

Senior Championship
TPF £580 plus Handpiece. E.F. £17

9.15am

Open Championship
TPF £1,695. E.F. £20

10.45am

Champion Shearer of Wales
TPF £1,260 plus Handpiece. E.F. £15

The top 18 Welsh competitors entered in the Royal Welsh Open competition will qualify for the semi finals of the Champion Shearer of Wales competition. Competitors must enter this competition by the closing date. No Senior competitors will be allowed to compete.

27.07.23

10.00am

Ladies Shearing Competition
TPF £325. E.F. £15

10.30am

Veterans Shearing Competition 61 years of age and over, run under BISCA rules
TPF £325. E.F. £15

11.00am

Veterans Shearing Competition 50-60 years of age, run under BISCA rules
TPF £325. E.F. £15

28.07.23

Cneifio Corwen Shears

E.C. 27.07.23**Rhug Farm, Corwen, Denbighshire, LL21 0EH****Secretary: Lowri Evans Tel: 07787522074****Email: cneifio@corwen@outlook.com****Facebook: Cneifio Corwen Shears****Late entries 50% surcharge****9.30am**

Novice Wool Handling Championship

1st Shield + £50 2nd £30 3rd £20. E.F. £10

PW – Nisha Gordon

10.15am

Intermediate Wool Handling Championship

1st Shield + £75 2nd £50 3rd £30. E.F. £10

PW – Fftur Jones

11.00am

Open Wool Handling Championship

1st Shield donated by Ceririog Jones + £100

2nd £75 3rd £50. E.F. £10

PW – Gwenan Paewai

12.00pm

Shear Sharp NZ Novice Blade Shearing

Championship

1st Done up pair of blades + £20 2nd £20

3rd £15 4th £10 5th £5 6th £5. E.F. £10

PW – Elgan Hedd Jones

12.45pm

Masterject Open Blade Shearing Championship

1st Challenge Cup + £100 2nd £75 3rd £50

4th £40 5th £30. 6th £20. E.F. £10

PW – Allan Oldfield

2.00pmCorwen Shears / British Wool Junior
Championship

1st Ann Watson Challenge Cup + £125 2nd £75

3rd £50 4th £40 5th £30 6th £20. E.F. £12

Quality Prize for Cleanest Pen. £20

PW – Ellis Rees

3.00pm

Corwen Shears / Highway Shearing UK Ltd

Intermediate Championship

1st Dalgety Agriculture Ltd Challenge Cup + £175

2nd £125 3rd £100 4th £50

5th £40 6th £30. E.F. £15

Quality Prize for Cleanest Pen - £30

PW – Dyfan Jones

7.00pm

Speed Shear

Prizes TBC. E.F. £20

29.07.23**11.00am**

Corwen Shears/Heiniger Senior Championship

1st Young's Animal Health Challenge Cup + £225

2nd £125 3rd £100 4th £70

5th £60 6th £50. E.F. £18

Quality Prize for Cleanest Pen - £40

PW – Llyr Jones

12.00pm

Corwen Shears/Heiniger Open Championship

1st Fagan Brothers Challenge Cup + £750

2nd £300 3rd £200 4th £150

5th £125 6th £100. E.F. £10

Quality Prize for Cleanest Pen - £50

Cleanest Pen in Open Final – Silver Tray donated

by Steve Cochrane

PW – Rowland Smith

2.00pmCorwen Shears/Heiniger Welsh Shearing
Championship

Open to all Welsh Open Competitors who

compete in Cneifio Corwen Shears Open

Championship

1st Thomas Roberts Challenge Cup + Heiniger

Handpiece + £300 2nd £250 3rd £200 4th £150

5th £125 6th £100. E.F. £20

Quality Prize for Cleanest Pen - £25

PW – Gwion Evans

02.08.23

Black Isle

E.C. 21.07.23**Rod MacKenzie, Mansfield Showground,****Muir of Ord, Ross-shire, IV16 7RS****Tel: 01463 870870****Email: blackisleshow@btconnect.com****www.blackisleshow.info****Late entries 50% surcharge****(Entries are limited depending on number of
sheep on the day)****The Finals Of The Scottish Circuit**All entry fees include £2 which goes to fund the
Circuit Competitions.

Class I - Junior

Class II - Intermediate

Class III - Senior

Class IV - Open

Preview Evening Competitions**4.00pm**

Highland Region Champion Shearers

(restricted to shearers resident in

Highland Region)

1st £80 2nd £60 3rd £50 4th £40. E.F. £9

5.00pm

Open Hand Shearers

1st £100 2nd £50 3rd £30 4th £20. E.F. £6

5.30pm

Class A Juniors

1st £90 2nd £70 3rd £60 4th £40. E.F. £6

03.08.23

The Black Isle Show Day Competitions

9.30am

Class B Intermediate

1st £135 2nd £110 3rd £90 4th £80. E.F. £11

11.00am

Class C Senior

1st £260 2nd £130 3rd £110 4th £90. E.F. £13

1.30pm

Class D Open

1st £260 2nd £180 3rd £140 4th £120. E.F. £16

8.00am

Wool Handling Competition

(Finals held immediately after)

1st £70 2nd £50 3rd £30 4th £20. E.F. £9

*Please note timings are approximate
according to numbers**03.08.23**

Burwarton Show

The Showground, Cleobury North,**Bridgnorth, WV16 6RP.****Burwarton Show Office – 01746 787535.****info@burwartonshow.co.uk.****www.burwartonshow.co.uk****10.00am**

Junior

1st £50 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20

Intermediate

1st £60 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20

Senior

1st £80 2nd £65 3rd £40 4th £25

Open

1st £120 2nd £80 3rd £50 4th £40

No advance entry required. No competition entry
fee. Show entry ticket refunded on show day
at the Shearing Marquee. Competitors should
register in the Shearing Tent on the Livestock field
from 9.30am, competition starts at 10.00am.

04.08.23**Cneifio Bro Ddyfi****Secretary: Gwydion Davies 07805 808388****Entries via text or on the day to
Ynyr Pugh 07955 189993****Venue: Clegyrddwr Farm, Llanbrynmair,
Powys, SY19 7DY****8.30am**

Juniors

1st £70 2nd £40 3rd £30
4th £25 5th £20 6th £15. E.F. £8
(Prize for Best Local Junior)**9.30am**

Intermediate

1st £90 2nd £50 3rd £40
4th £30 5th £25 6th £20. E.F. £10**12.30pm**

Senior

1st £120 2nd £65 3rd £45
4th £30 5th £25 6th £20. E.F. £12**1.30pm**

Open

1st £200 2nd £110 3rd £70
4th £50 5th £40 6th £30. E.F. £15**05.08.23****Brecon County Show****Entries and Enquiries to Brecon County****Show Secretary****Tel: 01874 611881****Email: breconshow@gmail.com****Juniors**1st £60+ Kevin Powell Perpetual Memorial
Challenge Cup 2nd £40 3rd £30
4th £20 5th £15. E.F. £3**Intermediate**1st £70 + Brecon County Show Perpetual
Challenge Cup 2nd £50 3rd £40
4th £30 5th £20. E.F. £5**Seniors**1st £90 + Vale Perpetual Challenge Cup
2nd £65 3rd £55 4th £45 5th £35. E.F. £5**Open**1st £120 + Caleb Roberts Perpetual Challenge Cup
2nd £90 3rd £70 4th £60 5th £50. E.F. £7

Produce show admission ticket on booking in.

05.08.23**Oswestry Show****Oswestry Show Office on
01691 654875/654771****9.30am**

Junior

1st £50 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20 5th £15. E.F. £8

Followed by

Intermediate

1st £60 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20 5th £15. E.F. £8

Followed by

Senior

1st £80 2nd £65 3rd £40 4th £25 5th £20. E.F. £8

Followed by

Open

1st £120 2nd £80 3rd £50 4th £40 5th £30. E.F. £8

Entries before closing date
gain free show admission
Late entries taken on day
subject to lamb numbers.Competitors need to sign in at the shearing tent
by 9.30am and will receive a free Oswestry Show
singlet for their class.**06.08.23****Cneifio Bont Shears****For entries on the day, phone****07811 027050/07968 859205****Email: cneifiobontshears@gmail.com****Venue: Pafiliwn Pontrhydfendigaid, SY25 6BB****9.00am**

Novice

9.30am

Junior

1st £70 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £25 5th £20 6th £15

10.30am

Intermediate

1st £90 2nd £50 3rd £40 4th £30 5th £25 6th £20

1.00pm

Senior

1st £120 2nd £65 3rd £45 4th £30 5th £25 6th £20

2.00pm

Open

1st £200 2nd £110 3rd £70 4th £50 5th £40 6th
£30

Losing finalist will receive combs.

Shield to be given to Best Local Junior Shearer.

09.08.23**Clonmany Show****E.C. 08.07.23****Gerard Noone, Ard, Cloontagh, Clonmany,
Co Donegal Tel: 086 0808161****Email: clonmanyagrishow@gmail.com****Entry details visit www.clonmanyshow.com
to download entry form****Venue: Pollan Green, Ballyliffin, Co Donegal
This event is included in the N.Ireland Circuit**

Junior

Blades

Intermediate

Senior

Open

12.08.23**Llanfyllin****Show Secretary: Ms Sian Lewis. Caeau,
Llanfyllin, Powys, SY22 5LF Tel: 07398 183065
Steward: Mr Dyfrig Jones, The Poplars, Four
Crosses, Llanymynech. Tel: 07967 757246****Entry forms from Show Secretary or Shearing
Entries no later than 2 days before the show.
Entries will be accepted on the day provided
that there are sufficient sheep available
Every shearer to pay admission.****9.00am**

Junior

1st £80 & Tankard 2nd £60 3rd £50
4th £40 5th £30. E.F. FREE + Admission Fee**Followed by**

Intermediate

1st £100 & Tankard 2nd £70 3rd £50
4th £40 5th £30. E.F. £2 + Admission Fee**11.00am**

Senior

1st £140 & Tankard 2nd £90 3rd £60
4th £50 5th £40. E.F. £3 + Admission Fee**1.00pm**

Open

1st £250 & Tankard 2nd £150 3rd £90
4th £70 5th £50. E.F. £5 + Admission FeePrize for the cleanest pen in each class shown in
average time on the day. Singlets will be
provided for all competitors. Entry fee applies
to one class only. If entering another class
admission fee (£10) will be charged again.

20.08.23

Welsh Lamb Shearing Circuit

E.C. 23.06.23

A Final for each of the four classes will be held at Cwmdauddwr Speed Shear held at Glan Elan Farm, Rhayader on 20.08.23.

Please refer to the RWAS Shearing schedule for full details and qualifying competitions.

Open: TPF £720
Senior: TPF £535
Intermediate: TPF £400
Junior: TPF £345
E.F. £5

Welsh Open Circuits

E.C. 18.05.23

The Welsh Open Blade Shearing, Machine Shearing and Woolhandling Circuits are for Open standard competitors only. Please refer to the 2023 RWAS Shearing & Woolhandling Schedule for qualification details for the selection of Welsh Teams.

Welsh Open Blade Shearing Circuit

E.F. £5
Competitors must compete at a minimum of 5 out of the 8 qualifying competitions.

Qualifying Competitions:
Royal Welsh Smallholding & Countryside Festival; Staffordshire County Show; Royal Bath & West Show; Llysfasi Shears; Gelert Shears; Cothi Shears; Royal Welsh Show; Corwen Shears

Welsh Open Machine Shearing Circuit

E.F. £20
Competitors must compete at a minimum of 7 out of 9 qualifying competitions.

Qualifying Competitions:
Staffordshire County Show; Royal Bath & West Show; Llysfasi Shears; Royal Three Counties; Royal Highland Show; Great Yorkshire Show; Cothi Shears; Royal Welsh Show; *Corwen Shears
*Results from 2022 competition will be included.

Welsh Open Woolhandling Circuit

E.F. £5
Competitors must compete at a minimum of 6 out of the 8 qualifying competitions.

Qualifying Competitions:
Royal Welsh Smallholding & Countryside Festival; Staffordshire County Show; Llysfasi Shears; Royal Three Counties; Cothi Shears; Royal Welsh Show; *Corwen Shears; *Bont Shears
*Results from 2022 competitions will be included

02.09.23

Moreton in Marsh Show

E.C. 18.08.23

Livestock Office, Moreton Show Office,
5 Wychwood Court, London Road,
Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire GL56 0JQ
Email: lynne@moretonshow.co.uk
Tel: 01608 651 908

Enter Online at www.moretonshow.co.uk

9.00am

Class 1 – Junior Shearing
1st £50 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20. E.F. £5

Class 2 – Intermediate Shearing
1st £100 2nd £75 3rd £50 4th £25. E.F. £8

1.30pm

Class 3 – Senior Shearing
1st £150 2nd £100 3rd £50 4th £25. E.F. £10

Class 4 – Open Shearing
1st £200 2nd £150 3rd £100 4th £50. E.F. £12

Entries before closing date gain free show admission. Late entries taken on day, subject to lamb numbers.

02.09.23

Dorset County Show

E.C. 22.07.23 (entries also taken on the day)

Assistant Secretary, Dorchester Agricultural Society, Agriculture House, Acland Road, Dorchester, DT1 1EF Email: info@dorsetcountyshearing.co.uk Website: www.dorsetcountyshearing.co.uk

8.30am

Class 1 – Dorset County Junior Shearing
1st £50 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20. E.F. £10

8.30am

Class 2 – Dorset County Blade Shearing
1st £50 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20. E.F. £10

8.30am

Class 3 – Dorset County Intermediate Shearing
1st £80 2nd £60 3rd £50 4th £40. E.F. £10

9.00am

Class 4 – Dorset County Senior Shearing
1st £120 2nd £100 3rd £80 4th £60. E.F. £15

9.00am

Class 5 – Dorset County Open Shearing
1st £180 2nd £120 3rd £100 4th £70. E.F. £20

03.09.23

Shearing Demonstrations

02.09.23

French Shears - Rambervillers (VOSGES)

Venue Rambervillier
Olivier Grandcolas tel 0033 (0)682067260
Email oliviergrandcolas@wanadoo.fr
Email concours@tondeursdemoutons.fr
Speed Shear 01.09.23

8.00am

Registration for all events

8.30am

Junior, Intermediate, Blade and Woolhandling Heats

2.00pm

Senior and Open Heats

03.09.23

8.30am

Intermediate, Senior and Open semi finals

11.00am

Blade and Woolhandling semi finals

2.00pm

All Finals Inc. French Champion International Test Match - Six Nations Wool Handling

07.09.23

Bellac (Haute Vienne)

Julien Dincq Tel: 0033 (0)686415480

Email Julien.dincq@live.fr

Venue Bellac

Check-in at 8.00am

8.30am

Junior, Intermediate, Wool Handling, Senior & Open Heats

2.00pm

All Semi-Finals & Finals

29.10.23

Thônes (Haute Savoie)

Charly Cheine Tel. 0033 (0) 643295866

Email charly.cheine@gmail.com

Venue Thônes

Check-in at 8.00am

8.30am

Junior, Intermediate, Blade, Senior & Open, Heats

2.00pm

All semi-finals and Finals

Registered Instructors

England

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Cole R,	Ashridge House, Grenofen, Tavistock, Devon PL19 9EW	01822 618924
Crang R,	East Challacombe Farm, Combe Martin, Devon EX34 0DS	07968 564253
Dixon R,	Ash House, 59 The Green, Rawcliff, Goole, DN14 8QF	07860 455712
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Schofield R,	Brookside Cottage, Grunsagill, Tosside, Skipton, N.Yorks	07563 701677
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Jones W,	76 Rickamore Brae, Upper Templepatrick, Ballyclare, Co Antrim	07581 081645
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Registered Instructors

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Bertram L,	1 Carding Street, Symington, Biggar ML12 6LS (Wool Handling)	07400 776600
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Registered Instructors

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Jones M H,	Godre'r gam, Pen-y-Bont Fawr, Oswestry SY10 0PB	01691 860294
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Meddins E,	Rhiwdferty, Staylitttle, Llanidloes, Powys SY19 7BY	01686 430459
Morris A,	Gwernalltcowm, Aberedw, Builth Wells, Powys LD2 3UP	01932 560345
Needham M,	Esgaironwy Fawr, Talgarreg, Llandysul, SA44 4XF	01545 580389
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Rees J,	Goitre, Llanarth, Llandysul, Carmarthen SA47 0NU	01545 580253
Roberts D,	Pen Y Bryn, Trofarth, Abergale, Gwynedd LL22 8DE	01492 650478
Tango B,	27 Wyndham Street, Tonypandy, CF40 1EP (WH)	07812 845301
Till J,	Plas Ymwlch, Criccieth, Gwynedd LL52 0PW	01766 523712
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Industry Guidance on Shearing

for Farmers and Shearing Contractors

Adult sheep should be shorn at least once every year to help reduce the risk of external parasites and to avoid heat stress. In the main, shearing is carried out to improve animal welfare rather than for the value of the wool which is negligible. This guidance has been produced to remind farmers and shearing contractors to work together and ensure that sheep are handled appropriately to avoid stress and injury during the shearing process.

Presentation of Sheep:

1. Prior to shearing, sheep should be kept calm to ensure the job can be done easily and efficiently.
2. Your handling systems must be designed so that sheep reach the shearers without stress or injury. Ensure experienced livestock handlers are on hand to assist.
3. Very full bellied sheep may experience discomfort when being shorn and will defecate on the shearing boards, making shearing more dangerous and clean fleeces harder to achieve. Take appropriate measures to ensure sheep presented for shearing do not have full stomachs. Achieving this will depend on several factors including the extent to which lambs are still suckling and whether lambs are weaned. Options could include penning without feed for at least 4 hours before shearing, or housing/yarding overnight with access to dry food and water.
4. Do not present the shearer with wet sheep.
5. Ensure that all sheep are clean of dags prior to shearing.
6. Ideally do not shear sheep until 8-12 weeks after lambing. Enlarged milk veins will make shearing more difficult and put sheep at risk.
7. If there are still lambs at foot, ensure that they are separated ahead of shearing and have had time to adjust.
8. Do not combine drenching, parasite control, or other procedures at the same time as shearing. This will increase stress levels, make sheep more difficult to shear, potentially waste money, and can cause harm to shearers if products are applied pre-shearing. Check any safe handling and application recommendations relating to treatments on the wool.
9. Be aware, if using a contractor, that your shearer could impose an additional charge for poorly presented sheep, which take additional, unnecessary time to shear.
10. When shearing sheep in the winter ensure that they are given adequate shelter until a covering of wool has regrown and weather conditions are suitable for turnout.

Facilities for Shearing

11. A safe, level environment is needed to shear. Attempting to shear on a slope is both difficult and more physically demanding.
12. Provide a protected and safe power supply.
13. If the weather is hot provide the shearing team and sheep with shade and water.
14. If winter shearing, protect the shearing team and sheep from wind and rain.

Using a Contractor

15. Check that your shearing contractor has a good reputation and shearers are suitably trained.

16. Shearers moving between farms can pose a biosecurity risk. Ensure shearers have cleaned down and disinfected before leaving the last farm and that they have changed trousers, singlets and moccasins. Farmers should assist shearers with cleaning and disinfecting procedures.
17. Challenge any inappropriate handling of sheep. Be prepared to instruct any shearer that may be behaving inappropriately to stop shearing. If the lead contractor is not present phone them immediately and explain any issues.
27. In the unlikely event of an animal falling ill or getting injured, ensure the team is prepared in advance. Discussions are needed between the farmer and shearers to put an agreed procedure in place.
28. If contract shearing, be prepared to charge extra for badly presented sheep, dirty sheep, sheep with full bellies that display discomfort, or poor handling facilities. Likewise be prepared to leave the farm if a safe and secure area for shearing cannot be provided.
29. Challenge any inappropriate handling of sheep whether by shearers or farm staff. Be prepared to leave a farm that has stressed, or badly presented sheep for shearing.

Shearers and Shearing

18. Treat all animals calmly and with respect.
19. Only use safe and well-maintained machines and equipment to shear.
20. Clean and disinfect equipment before leaving premises (to avoid spreading caseous lymphadenitis (CLA), scab etc.).
21. Change clothing and moccasins if moving between farms and report any obvious cases of disease or parasites to the farmer or person with responsibility for the flock.
22. Shearing is a very physical job. Take care that everything possible is done to protect the personal health and safety of everyone involved in shearing.
23. Never shear under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
24. Initial training and regular refresher training is recommended. This can be obtained from British Wool in the UK.
25. When employing new shearers check references, training awards and/or get personal recommendations, if possible. Ensure that novice shearers are properly supervised, trained and competent.
26. Overseas shearers and those new to the team must be properly supervised, until it is established that they are capable of shearing competently and professionally.

Shearing is hard work but if farmers and shearers can work together it can be done safely, efficiently, with high standards of animal welfare and can be a rewarding job, leaving all involved with a sense of pride.

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Shearing 2023 The Post-Covid Recovery?

So we have got through Brexit, Covid and numerous Ministry re-shuffles. We have coped with a UK-only shearing work force for a couple of years with country borders firmly closed to travel, but thankfully the weather has been kind to us. However, it is now time to try and bring back some normality to the industry.

Whilst we have moved UK shearers around the country and we have seen excellent home-grown talent be further developed, the NAAC is currently lobbying Government to introduce a renewed special exemption in 2023 to allow non-visa nationals to travel for this season's shearing. This will allow overseas shearers to join our shearing gangs for a limited, controlled period, whilst boosting productivity and helping to ensure that sheep are shorn on time, thus protecting their welfare.

Since 2011, the NAAC has worked closely with the Home Office to successfully manage this special concession for highly skilled shearers to come to the UK to help take the pressure off shearing gangs but we are now in limbo waiting to see if entry will be granted again.

In previous years there have been an estimated 100-150 shearers travel to the UK each year. We are already getting queries about whether travel will be allowed in 2023. Whilst this may not seem a huge number of entrants to the UK, the shearers are critical to the UK sheep industry as they are highly skilled, able to work across the UK and clear huge numbers of sheep in a few months.

The NAAC has submitted evidence to the Government and we await decisions at Ministerial level but the NAAC is lobbying to keep our current concession and will ensure its members and the industry are kept fully informed as decisions are reached.

If you would like any information on any of the issues covered please do not hesitate to contact me on jill.hewitt@naac.co.uk

Jill Hewitt, NAAC Chief Executive

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