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Chairman's Welcome



I would like to thank you the BISCA members for allowing me to be your Chairman for the coming year.

I would like to thank Gareth Kelly for his term as chairman and for all that he has done for the association. I would like to congratulate Tom Dunne on becoming our new Vice Chairman of BISCA.

The World Shearing and Wool Handling Championships were held at the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh last year, I would like to congratulate the organising committee for putting on a fantastic showcase of competitions, it was great to see world class shearers and wool handlers taking to the stage and providing a fantastic few days of entertainment.

Congratulations must go to Gwion Evans for winning the individual Machine Shearing title, Rosie Keenan for winning the individual Wool Handling title and Wales for winning the teams events in both the Machine Shearing -Gwion Evans & Richard Jones and the Wool Handling -Ffion Jones and Sarah Rees. This is a great achievement for UK shearing.

I would also like to congratulate all of the competitors who competed at the World Championship to represent their respective countries at World level is such a huge honour. A full report will appear later in this Newsclip.

Within BISCA we now have a Machine Shearing, Blade Shearing and a Wool Handling sub committee made up of one competitor representative from each country and I would encourage anyone with suggestions to contact their representative to bring these suggestions

forward to be discussed at the meetings, BISCA is your Association.

I would like to encourage as many Open and Seniors from all disciplines to come on a Judges update and start to get involved in judging the lower grades, this will ensure our competitions future for many years to come. Our Judges & stewards give their time to attend competitions so we should all try and put something back into the competitions we all enjoy.

As I write there are a number of World Shearing Record attempts coming up in the Southern Hemisphere and I wish them all the best. Last year Steve Rowberry set the British 8 hr Lamb record shearing 706 Lambs, congratulations to Steve and his team. Tom Perry also set an Irish Record shearing 858 sheep in 9 hours, smashing the previous record of 708.

Within BISCA we now have a good representation of Record judges for World and British records, if you are contemplating a record please do get in touch with BISCA and we can send you the relevant information.

I would like to thank British Wool for their continued support of competitions and BISCA and Richard Schofield and Emma Jagger as Secretary.

I look forward to seeing you all at this year's competitions and wish everyone a successful season.

Andy Barratt
BISCA Chairman

Richard's Comments



2023 has been an exciting year of competitive shearing, with the World Championships held at the Royal Highland in June.

Congratulations go out to the UK Teams, taking the win in the World Individual in Wool Handling and Machine Shearing, as well as their win in the teams' events in both Machine Shearing and Wool Handling.

Congratulations also go to Ireland for their win at the Six Nations Machine in their Home Nation, England in the Wool Handling in France, and Wales with the Blades also in their Home Nation.

This year has also been a success for Steve Rowberry who became a British Record holder, shearing 706 lambs in 8 hours. Tom Perry also set an Irish Record shearing 858 sheep in 9 hours, smashing the previous record of 708.

The massive success of shearers in their Home Nations must be an inspiration to all new shearers, to those currently developing their skills through British Wool Shearing Courses, shearing their own sheep, wool handling or supporting the shearing industry.

I want to thank everyone who puts in time and dedication to run and support shearing competitions and records, as without you, these achievements would not be possible.

British Wool has had another successful training year, supporting over 800 trainee shearers on courses. It is also the first year

that we have been able to issue British Wool, Highfield certificates for those who achieved Silver and Gold Seals. We could not do this without the support of all our shearing instructors and venues. Therefore, I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of myself and British Wool for helping to provide a successful 2023 season and look forward to working together again in 2024.

This year British Wool extends its exclusive price offer for YFC members. YFC members will now be able to register, each year, with their regional representatives for a 50% discount on all shearing courses, for the life of their YFC membership.

Furthermore, British Wool Shearing is offering the option to book a qualified instructor to attend your venue, this will enable a more tailored course to your specific needs and experience. For more details, please contact the Shearing Team via email at shearing@britishwool.org.uk.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the advertisers for their continuing support of Newsclip and British Wool which is its biggest sponsor.

Richard Schofield
Shearing Manager

Welcome To Newsclip



On behalf of British Wool's 35,000 members across the UK I want to thank shearers and wool handlers across the UK for their hard work and dedication.

Shearing is vital to so much of what we do at British Wool. Your high standards underpin animal welfare and ensure that the wool we handle is well shorn and presented. Thank you.

In 2023 I was delighted to spend time at the World Shearing & Wool Handling Championships in Edinburgh. This event was a fantastic showcase for the industry and British Wool was proud to be a mainline sponsor. Congratulations to all those who completed and a special congratulations to our new World Champions.

British Wool is committed to supporting the UK shearing industry. This year we'll be running more than 100 courses across the length and breadth of the UK. We hope to have more than 1000 participants from beginners who may never have even handled sheep before, all the way through to advanced shearers looking to refine their technique.

Demand for British Wool is strengthening. We've seen significant growth in the number of licensees over the last year. At the time of writing, we have 140 brands and manufacturers specifying British Wool for their products.

Most of the wool we sell on behalf of our members is processed in the UK, with smaller amounts being processed in Europe and China. The team is working with brands to underpin demand and differentiate our wool from the global commodity market.

The provenance of British Wool is becoming more important and represents an opportunity to increase the value for members. Brands and consumers

increasingly care about Ethics, Sustainability and Quality when it comes to sourcing their products. These attributes play to British Wool's strengths; we have high welfare and environmental standards in the UK and our grading system ensures that we are selling a high quality product into the market.

Our marketing success has also been underpinned by the introduction of traceability. All of the wool we sell is now traceable back to farm and we have more than a dozen brands paying a premium for this service. Brands such as Woolroom, Harrison Spinks and Laxtons have fully traceable British Wool ranges. This is creating additional value and supporting the returns for British Wool's members.

We are also working to build consumer awareness for wool in general and British Wool in particular. We've successfully increased the number of articles written about the benefits of wool and support organisations such as the Campaign for Wool and the International Wool Textile Organisation in taking these messages to a global audience. We have a great product and need to fight back against the synthetic fibre industry.

May I wish you all a successful shearing season. The very best of luck to those of you who are competing this year.

Andrew Hogley
CEO

Shearing Profile

Gwion Evans



“My name is Gwion Lloyd Evans, I’m 34 years old, from Grugor Isa, North Wales. I recently got married to Elain and we have three children, Cati, Enoc and Jini. I work on the family beef and sheep farm that I grew up on.”

I started shearing at 12 years old, helping my dad and brother Gareth Evans shear our sheep as well as some of the local farm’s sheep. It was watching my brother Gareth shearing, moving up through the competitions, and doing well that inspired me to have a go.

I attended a British Wool Shearing course to improve my technique and learn from experienced instructors. Richard Jones was on the same course. The instructor joked that we would be competing against each other in the future...how right he was.

The first competition I entered was at the Royal Welsh at 14. I was late registering which meant I had to shear in the intermediates which was the class above, which was terrifying. But luckily it didn’t put me off entering more. It took me 5 years of moving up the classes to get to my first Open competition at 19.

Shearing has taken me to New Zealand for 8 seasons working for Colin Thirkell. I also worked for Labour Force, for 8 seasons, at a slaughterhouse and shearing on the farms on the weekends in Norway. As well as traveling through the expected Home Nations. It was these experiences, learning from established

experienced shearers such as Colin that helped to shape and develop me into the shearer that I am today.

I am so proud of my recent wins and gaining the title of World Champion, it is such a crowning achievement. It was a competition that I went into feeling prepared for and just went from strength to strength. But winning both the Individual and the Teams, alongside Richard Jones, everything just fell into place. Leading me to have an inkling that I might have done particularly well as the competition wore on, but gaining the title of World Champion was beyond words.

I would like to thank everyone who supported me to get to where I am today, especially Ilan Jones who has been my Pen Man for the last few years. And as I am yet to hang up my competition moccasins, hopefully for many years to come.

For those shearers who are just entering the sport or establishing themselves within the classes, I look forward to shearing alongside you. My advice to you would be to stay composed. Success comes through determination and hard work. When you enter as an Open shearer you are already skilled, but it is nailing the little things that will put you over the top.

Shearing Profile

Rosie Keenan



“My name is Rosie Keenan I am 30 years old (just); I grew up near Lochearnhead in Perthshire, Scotland.”

I have always had strong ties to shearing as my Dad, originally from New Zealand, came to Scotland in the 80’s to shear, met my Mum, and stayed. I had big plans of becoming a teacher when I left school however, I decided to take a gap year to visit family in New Zealand; so, Dad encouraged me to learn the graft and travel to Norway with him, allowing me to support myself whilst traveling. That’s when I got the bug, resulting in a gap year that never ended.

After a couple of years of traveling between Scotland, Norway, and New Zealand for work, I was encouraged to enter the Highland Show in 2013. I was in the Novice grade and given 2 Scottish Blackfaces to throw, having grown up around this breed and familiar with how to handle it, I was fairly confident to give it a go. However, my experience in New Zealand on full wool left me stumped as I threw the blackie fleece the wrong way round, and was halfway through rolling it before I noticed. It was a comical error, although ecstatically I managed to secure the position of second to last. This did not discourage me as I was ready to tackle Lochearnhead Shears the week after. Thankfully some of my fellow wool handlers, Audrey Aiken (Lamb) and Leanne Bertram took me under their wing, supporting me to partake in a couple more shows. It wasn’t until the following year that I got my first win in the Novice at the Black Isle Show which was a fantastic end to the season, readying me to step up to the Open the following year.

I became a regular on the circuit over the next few years, narrowly missing out on the Team selection for 2017, but was thrilled to gain my place in the Teams for Scotland in the 2019 World Championships in France. After achieving second place, I knew with another couple of years of experience, I had it in me to do better. The qualifying season for 2023 World Championships at the Highland Show was a tough game but I succeeded, and I was honoured to be able to represent Scotland alongside Audrey again who had taught me so much over the years.

Becoming a World Champion was an incredible feeling; but it was made so much more special, achieving it on home soil, at the show where I had first stepped on the board ten years previous. It was something I had quietly said to myself that I would do early on in my career, resigned to the fact that there had to be sacrifices over the years in the name of competitions to achieve it. I feel humbled and rewarded that it has come to fruition.

Since my win, I am working towards retaining my position, with no view of taking a break from competing. However, I am living a much quieter life, crofting on the North Coast of Scotland with my partner and expecting our first child. If I could pass any insightful advice on to new Wool Handlers, it would be to believe in yourself, it can get tough but if you are determined to succeed you will. However, enjoy the process and have fun.

60 seconds with Jack Robinson



FACT FILE

Birthday: 13th February 1991

Hometown: Claudy Londonderry, Northern Ireland

Farming Background: Lamb 750 ewes, run 100 ewe lambs over and winter store lambs to finish indoors

Competition Achievements:
Won Winning the National 11 times and made 2 World finals, won the Open at the Balmoral Show

What motivated you to become a sheep shearer?

Started off shearing my own sheep on the farm & entered the Junior competition at Balmoral, won it and got the bug.

At what age did you start shearing?

17 years old.

What/who has been your inspiration?

I was inspired when I was watching the Open finals at the Balmoral Show in Belfast, thinking about what them boys were doing in the finals was unreal and I thought it would be cool to be in an Open final someday.

3 most important things for a shearer?

Willing to never stop learning, hardworking and be competitive.

Best piece of advice you've been given?

Take all the wool off the first time round and always think about the finished job.

What Countries has shearing taken you too?

NZ, Estonia, Latvia, Finland, England and Scotland.

What is your biggest highlight?

Making my first World Final in Invercargill, NZ when I was only 25.

What was your worst moment?

Probably being next into the World final at the Highland last year, but a close second was shearing in Finland in the spring at -12 and only doing 20 sheep to the hour!

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Hopefully still competing at a high level and still making finals.

Why do you like competing at shows?

It's the adrenaline and the way you can use the show to better your quality of shearing & you always have something to work towards.

Ambitions for the future?

To keep shearing at the competitions and to teach my son to shear sheep and watch him compete when his time comes.

What do you do for fun/relax?

Play football and spend quality time with my wife and family.

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The Golden Shears

World Championships 2023



The Golden Shears, Sheep Shearing and Woolhandling World Championships were held at the 2023 Royal Highland Show after a 20-year hiatus.

The competition drew record numbers of competitors from across the globe, with 127 competitors from 30 countries vying for the top prizes, travelling from as far afield as Chile, South Africa, and New Zealand.

Running from the Friday evening of the Royal Highland Show to the Sunday Finals, thousands of spectators flocked to the MacRobert Sheep Shearing Theatre to view the spectacle. During 30 hours of action over 4000 sheep passed through the Theatre over the course of the event.

Representing Scotland were Audrey Aiken, William Craig, Mark Armstrong, Rosie Keenan, Calum Shaw, and Hamish Mitchell.

Gwion Evans from Wales took first place in individual Machine Shearing, South African Bonile Rabela triumphed in the individual Blades and Rosie Keenan from Scotland in Woolhandling.

In the team section, South Africa dominated in Blade with Wales taking the title for both Machine and Woolhandling.

The purpose-built MacRobert Sheep Shearing Theatre at the Royal Highland Show was the venue for this historic event and the crowds turned out in their thousands over four days to watch the sports. The atmosphere in the arena for the whole event was electric but the Welsh lifted the roof on Sunday sealing the Championships in memorable fashion.

It turned out to be a truly global event – from the countries represented on the stage to the audiences catching a piece of the action, the entire competition was broadcast live via RHS TV, streamed online to over 110 countries with 55,000 tuning in to watch the Finals on Sunday.

In 2026 the competition travels to Masterton, New Zealand. Full results of the competition can be found at www.royalhighlandshow.org.uk

The Golden Shears

Results

Blade World Championships

Bonile Rabela
Zwelamoakhosi Mbuweni
Andrew Mudge
Tony Dobbs
John Dalla
Elfed Jackson

Blade Teams

South Africa
New Zealand
Wales
Australia
England
Ireland

Machine World Championships

Gwion Lloyd Evans
Richard Jones
Calum Shaw
Denis O'Sullivan
Ivan Scott
Adam Berry

Machine Teams

Wales
England
Scotland
Ireland
Northern Ireland
New Zealand

Wool Handling World Championships

Rosie Keenan
Audrey Aiken
Lucie Grancher

Wool Handling Teams

Wales
France
Scotland

Advanced Shearing Courses 2024

British Wool is the approved provider for shearing and wool handling training in the UK, with a programme designed to support candidates of all abilities in learning and developing a traditional rural skill.

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.

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

Contact: Emma Jagger • T: 01274 688666 • E: emmajagger@britishwool.org.uk

Northern Ireland

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

For all courses, you will need to bring a handpiece 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.

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

Adam Berry

George Bayne

John TL Davies

Arwyn Jones

Colin MacGregor

William Jones

Nicky Beynon

Doug Lambie

Kieran McCullough

Hamish Mitchel

Ivan Scott

Richard Jones

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

Alison McNeil MBE

Meinir Evans

Gwenan Paewai

Angharad 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 2024 (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 & Silver Medal
2 nd	£250 & Bronze Medal
3 rd	£200
4 th	£175
5 th	£125

The remaining five competitors to be given £100 each.

2023 Final Results:

1 st	Rhys Morris - Wales
2 nd	Fraser Caldwell – Northern Ireland
3 rd	Dean Laughlin - Northern Ireland
4 th	James Gregory - England
5 th	Barney Richardson - England



The Worshipful Company of Woolmen

Agricultural Shows 2024. Draft summary of planned Woolmen programme:

Balmoral Show, Northern Ireland 15th - 18th May

Our Master Alderman Vincent Keaveny will be at the show on 15th May.

Prize and medals to be awarded (times approximate).

Robert Carmac Award - Young Farmers Award
Novice Wool Handling

Devon County Agricultural Show 16th - 18th May

£300 sponsorship for educationally related activities for Juniors.

Bath and West Show, Shepton Mallet 30th May - 1st June

Our Master Alderman Vincent Keaveny will be at the show on the 31st May.

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 20th - 23rd June

Friday:
Young Farmers - Bronze Medal - 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 9th - 12th July

Master Alderman Vincent Keaney will attend on the 10th 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 22nd - 25th July

Monday:
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 16th November 2023

There are currently 36 affiliated shows, at the AGM. Any new requests of affiliation will receive their first year free, after that affiliation costs will be £60 per day, and invoices will be issued in December.

Andy Barratt begins his term as Chairman, with Tom Dunne as Vice-Chairman. Richard Schofield and Emma Jagger will continue their 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:

Andy Barratt – Chairman
Tom Dunne – Vice Chairman
Richard Schofield – Competition/
Publication Secretary
Emma Jagger – Secretary/Treasurer

The next BISCA AGM will be held on Thursday 14th November 2024.

Executive Committee:

Andy Barratt (Chair), Tom Dunne (Vice-Chair), Gareth Kelly (Outgoing Chair), Alan Derryman (E), Brendan Kelly (NI), David O'Neil (NI), Colin MacGregor (S), Willie Craig (S), George Graham (ROI), Martyn David (W), Clive Hamer (W), Klaus Kiefer (F), Julie Resneau (F), Richard Schofield (E) and John Ivor Davies (No vote - Area Judge Chair).

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
Navy or grey.

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 2024

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 suit your agenda.

The refresher course programme for 2024 will cover Machine, Blade Shearing and Wool handling.

Refresher Course Programme

England North England

Richard Schofield T: 07966 291618
richardschofield@britishwool.org.uk
Judges Woolhandling and Shearing updates
5th of May 2024 at 2pm, held at Andrew Percy's Farm, Spring Hill, Jervaux, Masham, HG4 4PG.

South England

Alan Derryman T: 07976 624611
Andy Barratt T: 07977 129646
Date & venue TBC

Northern Ireland

8th May 2024, held at Jack Robinsons
253 Longland Road, Claudy, Co Londonderry
BT47 4JE

Republic Of Ireland

George Graham T: 00353 8725 69072
Tom Dunne T: 00353 8683 86482
Billy Donnellan T: 00353 8580 36216
Date & venue TBC

Scotland

Andrew Baillies Farm, North Lanarkshire
19th May, machine shearing only

Fearn farm, Ross-shire 1st June

Midlock 5th June

Blaigowrie, Mains of Dalrunzion 13th June TBC
Kirkton Tyndrum TBC

All judges are asked to introduce and encourage new names from the industry to come along.

Please contact
Andy Rankin T: 07789 904638
Colin MacGregor T: 07850 188858

Wool handling judges courses will be at Fearn farm, Midlock, and Mains of Dalrunzion
Blade shearing will be available at all except Andrew Baillies farm.

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 B Blade

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	Thomdon Villa, East Worlington, Crediton EX17 4SY	07971 163792
Churchouse M	Bluehays, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton EX174JQ	07989 450307
Cole G	Trekemel Farm, Lewannick, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 7QX	07980 783455
Cole R	Ashridge House, Grenofen, Tavistock, Devon PL20 9EW	07889 822076
Crabb J	3 Penpont View, Five Lanes, Cornwall PL15 7RY	07715 966600
Dallyn P	Bulleigh Park, Ippledon, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 5UQ	01803 872254
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Goodfellow E	Higher Silkhay Farm, Netherbury, Bridport Dorset	01308 488275
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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 organizing 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 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. (l)).
 - 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 o BISCA.

- m. # Visiting overseas competitors must compete in the same grade that is stipulated by their own country, in the case of Woolhanding competitions this will be at the discretion of the Woolhanding 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 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 frieb 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:

5 whole points for abusive behaviour by competitor or penman in any discipline to be applied by Judge in consultation with the Referee.

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

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).
- Timing will stop as per machine or when Blades are placed in the holder after shearing the 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 to 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 handpieces 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. Table Judges

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 15cms).

– 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 britch 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) Fleece 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 or final.
FP-5

3. Table Judging

(Rolled fleeces and oddments)

- a. On arrival at the judging table, the fleece must be tipped out of the container by the Judge.
- b. The Judges must have sufficient table space in order to open and inspect every fleece.
- c. 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

- d. The fleece is secured at the mid-point.
 - (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 15cm).
There should be a clear distinction between the following:

- a. Dags.
- b. Urine stain - tail and pizzle.
- c. Locks - fragments of fleece brushed up, second cuts, clean crutch wool.
- d. Extraneous matter.
- e. Clean & Dry belly wool. **FP-10 points**
- f. 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.

N.B. OH no maximum penalty.

Shearing Records

Andy Rankin



What a year we have had!
The world of shearing gathered at the Royal Highland Show for the Golden Shears in the 3rd week of June.

This was an outstanding event, not only because the weather was summer perfect, apart from the final itself, but because of the incredibly good hearted competition in wool handling, blades and machine shearing. A big thanks to all involved in making the Golden Shears such a wonderful event. There were many ups and downs however we all pulled together to make it the success it was.

The record shearing committee is made up of a representative from each country within BISCA. A selection of Judges are used when there is a British Record attempt. These are all judges that are on the BISCA list and as always we try to have a balance of Judges at all records from across the UK. If interested in becoming a Judge please contact myself or Martyn David and we will be more than happy to guide you through the process.

To become a World Record Judge, firstly you have to be a BISCA Judge, after which you can be nominated to become a possible World Record Judge. The next step is to complete 3 'dummy cards', at your own expense, anywhere in the world where a World Record is being held and if approved by the World Sheep Shearing Records Society, then you officially become a World Judge. Mark Fox, Martyn David, Johnny Fraser (moving back to NZ) and myself are the UK World Judges.

There was one World Record attempt in the UK in August 2023 by Steven Rowberry. An 8 hr strong wool lamb record. His final tally of 706 lambs was a UK record however fell short of the World Record (754) held by Jack Fagan. There were no other British or World Record attempts.

There has been a very busy World Record season so far in New Zealand and Australia. I have convened at 2 records in New Zealand. Catherine Mullooly's 8 hour strong wool lamb record attempt where she broke the previous record by Amy Silcott and gained the World Record. She shored 465 lambs. This record was initially held by our own Marie Prebble. Also, the 5 stand 8 hour strong wool lambs record attempt in Campbells Block Shed, Gore. The previous record was 2910 and the new World Record is 3236. It is always a privilege to be involved in all record attempts.

I am looking forward to the UK shearing season and already we have had a notification of a possible record attempt.

It will be great to catch up with you all over the coming season. Please also remember I am always available at the end of a phone to chat through all things to do with records. (07789 904638)

Andy Rankin
Records Chairman

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England

Affiliation of the Circuit

A Entry fee of £15 per person or £10 if received by 30/4/2024 is required to enter the Open, Senior and Intermediate Circuit (Open and Intermediate in Blade and Wool handling) affiliate by 1st May with the Junior's (Novice in blade and Wool handling) affiliating by 1st June Please request a registration form from the Secretary at englandshearing@gmail.com

The Circuit will run in the form of a league table, there will be NO FINAL. In each category, the top ten placings of English Competitors will be awarded points; 1st-10, 2nd-9, 3rd-8, 4th-7, 5th-6, 6th-5, 7th-4, 8th-3, 9th-2, 10th-1.

Results will be collated by the English Secretariat. The top three prize-winners in each category will also receive a special invitation to tour the Lister factory in October 2024.

In the event that the top three are unable to attend, places will offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Blade finalists will receive a special invitation to tour the Burgon and Ball factory in January 2025.

Machine Shearing Classes

Open, Senior, Intermediate and Junior

The Circuit:

North Somerset, Southern Shears, Devon County, Staffordshire County, Royal Bath & West, Royal Cornwall, Royal Three Counties, Royal Highland, Great Yorkshire Show.

Open Shearers

Highest points up to SEVEN shows will be taken.

Senior Shearers

Highest points up to SIX shows will be taken.

Intermediate Shearers

Highest points up to FIVE shows will be taken.

Junior Shearers

Highest points FIVE shows will be taken.

Prizes will be awarded to the top six places in each class, to take place at the Great Yorkshire Show.

Prizes, kindly donated by Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd.

Blade Shearing

Open, Intermediate and Novice

The Circuit:

North Somerset, Southern Shears, Devon County, Staffordshire Show, Royal Bath & West, Royal Three Counties, Royal Highland Show, Great Yorkshire Show, Northern Blades.

Highest points from Six shows will be taken. Prizes will be awarded to the top six places, to take place at the Northern Blades.

Prizes kindly donated by Burgon and Ball.

Wool Handling

Open, Intermediate and Novice

The Circuit:

Royal Welsh show (2023) Devon County, Staffordshire County, Royal Bath & West, Royal Three Counties, Royal Highland Show, Royal Welsh Show (Royal Welsh show results 2024 to be taken forward to the 2025 circuit).

Woolhandlers must attend a minimum of FOUR shows.

Prizes kindly donated by the NAAC (National Association of Agricultural Contractors.) Prizes will be awarded to the top six places to take place at the Great Yorkshire Show.

Sashes will be awarded to the top six places in each category sponsored by NEMSA, Skipton Branch.

Scotland

The Scottish circuit is open to all classifications. All competitors wishing to compete in all sections of the 2024 Circuit must however be entered by 10th May with a fee of £5 to be paid. Competitors in all disciplines will receive an additional point for attending each of the Scottish competition events.

Machine

Competitors participating in the competitions at The Royal Ulster Show, Lesmahagow Show, Staffordshire Show, The Royal Highland Show, Lochearnhead Shears, Great Yorkshire Show, Corwen and The Black Isle Show. Open Shearers must complete 5 Shows. Juniors, Intermediate and Senior only need attend four shows. The winner in sections will be the competitor with highest placed points. Rules for a tie for first place will be the number of wins from the required shows. Additional shows of Angus Show and Echt have been added to the circuit for Juniors and Intermediates only.

Blade

Competitors participating in the competitions at Lesmahagow Show, Staffordshire Show, Royal Highland show, Lochearnhead Shears, Great Yorkshire Show and The Black Isle Show. Four sets of points are required to qualify and the winner in this section will be the competitor with the highest placed points. Rule for tie for first place will be the number of wins from four shows.

Woolhandling

Competitors participating in the competitions at The Royal Ulster, Staffordshire Show, The Royal Highland Show, Lochearnhead Shears, Corwen, Royal Welsh Show and The Black Isle Show. Five sets of points will be required to qualify, the winner will be the competitor with the highest placed points. Rule for a tie for first place will be the number of wins from five shows. Novice woolhandlers need only submit 3 sets of points.

Points will only be awarded to those entered in the circuit prior to the circuit commencing. Best placed at each show will receive 12 points and 1 point less per lower placing thereafter.

Individuals chosen to represent Scottish Shearing will fit the qualifying Scottish criteria and are chosen subject to the discretion of the committee, the decision of which is final.

Wales

The Welsh Open Blade Shearing, Machine Shearing and Woolhandling Circuits are for Open standard competitors only. Please refer to the 2024 RWAS Shearing & Woolhandling Schedule for qualification details for the selection of Welsh Teams.

Welsh Open Blade Shearing Circuit

E.F. £5 by 14 May 2024

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 by 14 May 2024

Competitors must compete at a minimum of 7 out of 10 qualifying competitions.

Qualifying Competitions

Devon County; Staffordshire County Show; Royal Bath & West Show; Llysfasi Shears; Royal Three Counties; Locheamhead Shears; Great Yorkshire Show; Cothi Shears; Royal Welsh Show; *Corwen Shears

*Results from 2023 competition will be included.

Results from six out of the first eight competitions will be used to select the new 2024/25 Welsh Development Team.

Welsh Open Woolhandling Circuit

E.F. £5 by 14 May 2024

Competitors must compete at a minimum of 5 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 2023 competitions will be included.

Northern Ireland

Circuit open to all shearers in 32 counties of Ireland. **All N. Ireland shearers MUST be a paid up member of NISSA.** If entry fees are paid by the Saturday of Balmoral Show, results from Donard (if competed) will be calculated. Entries will be accepted after this, but only results from date of payment will count towards your overall placing.

If required fees are not paid at the time of entry, you will not be included regardless of results.

Points from Balmoral Show will be taken from the international competitions. In the event of a tie at the final stage, quality marks taken from the pen score at the final eligible competition will take precedence. If a tie still remains then qualifying positions from the semi-finals, or position in heats (if shearers did not make the semi-finals or final) will be used.

Bonus points for board & pen must be within a reasonable time and will be the lowest in either heat, semi-final or final of each class.

Prize Giving & overall results will be announced at a sponsors presentation event. Date and time to be arranged.

Appropriate etiquette of Shearers is expected during presentation of awards.

To pay membership and entry, contact NISSA Treasurer Liam Kelly; 07510 923 626.

E.F. £20

Scoring

1 st	10 points	4 th	5 points
2 nd	8 points	5 th	4 points
3 rd	6 points	6 th	4 points

...and so on

Bonus points at each competition:

1 for best board score
1 for best pen score in each class (within reasonable time)

Eligible Competitions

May

Donard
Balmoral Show
Raphoe

June

All Ireland
Royal Highland Show
Ballymena Shears

July

Omagh Show
NISSA Shears

August

Clomany Show

Prizes 1st - 3rd places for Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Open.

Competitors Diary 2024

The following pages list all the shearing competitions we have been notified of for 2024. 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

05-07.04.24

French Shears

Le Merle (mérinos), Domaine du Merle, 13 Salon de Provence
Contact: [Eléonore Resneau 00336 315 57683](mailto:eleonore.resneau@gmail.com)
eleonore.resneau@gmail.com
Lucie Grancher 00336 590 22179
luciegran@laposte.net

Machine, Blades and Woolhandling

05.04.24 Evening

Opening speed shear

06.04.24 8.00am

All heats, semi finals and test

07.04.24

Semi finals, finals and tests

06.05.24

North Somerset Show

E.C. 23.04.24

Secretary: Tim Ledbury, 'Our Offices' 4,
Yeewood Farm, Iwood Lane,
Wrighton BS40 5NU
Telephone: 01934 837283

Class 1 Novice Blade

(Capped at 4 competitors)

Kindly Sponsored by Fernhill Farm.

1st £70 2nd £50 3rd £30 4th £20 E.F. £10

Class 2 Blade

(Capped at 8 competitors)

Kindly Sponsored by Fernhill Farm.

1st £100 2nd £60 3rd £40 4th £20 E.F. £20

Class 3 Senior

1st £175 2nd £125 3rd £75 4th £50 E.F. £20
(Capped at 16 competitors)

Class 4 Open

1st £250 2nd £150 3rd £100 4th £50 E.F. £20
The Fernhill Cup kindly donated by Fernhill Farm, will be awarded to the winner of Class 4.
(Capped at 20 competitors)

Class 5 Intermediate

(capped at 12 competitors)
1st £150 2nd £100, 3rd £50 4th £25 E.F. £15
(Capped at 12 competitors)

Class 6 Junior

Kindly Sponsored by Rob Lee.
1st £75 2nd £50 3rd £40 4th £30 E.F. £10
(Capped at 8 competitors)

12.05.24

Southern Shears UK

E.C. 30.04.24

Venue: Copford Farm, Dern Lane, Waldron,
Heathfield, East Sussex TN21 0PN, by kind
permission of The Gingell Family.

Website: southernshears.weebly.com

Facebook: @SouthernShearsUK

Enquires to Phil Hart

Tel: 07717 054172

Email: phil.hart369@icloud.com

Public, friends & partners of competitors,
entry fee £5 per person. Under 16 yr olds free.
Prize Cards 1st to 5th awarded in each class.

All Entries on the Website – enter online
from your laptop or smart phone.

All Entries before 30.04.24.

Enter early to guarantee a shear.

No entries accepted on the day.

NEW for 2024**Booking In and to be on site by 8.00am**

Novice/YFC/Junior/Intermediate/Women Competitors/Veteran.

Booking in and to be on site by 10.00am

Novice Blades/Open Blades Competitors.

Booking in and to be on site by 12 noon

Senior/Open Competitors.

All PRESENTATIONS will take place at the end of the day.

Shearing vests supplied and sponsored by Horner Shearing.

8.30am

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

Novice

Sponsored by Ernest Doe Power, Ringmer, BN8 5NN

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

Junior

Sponsored by British Wool

Marketing Board, Bradford BD2 1AZ

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

Women

Sponsored by Lee House Farm,

Billingshurst, RH14 0PF

1st £40 2nd £30 3rd £20 E.F. £15

Veteran's

Sponsored by ACT Aitcham, Shrewsbury SY4 4UG

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

Intermediate

Sponsored by NFU South East,

Petersfield, GU32 3QG

1st £40 2nd £30 3rd £20 4th £10 E.F. £15

Followed by

Semi-finals for Novice, Junior, Women, Veterans & Intermediate

Followed by

Finals for Novice, Junior,

Women, Veterans & Intermediate.

Intermediate Blades - sponsored by

Blade Shear Gear UK, Crediton EX17 5JQ.

Prizes – Vouchers from Blade Shear Gear UK

E.F. £15

Open Blades

Sponsored by George Mudge & Co.

Tavistock, PL19 9JT.

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

Senior

Sponsored by Shearwell Data Ltd.

Putnam, TN24 7AS.

1st £55 2nd £35 3rd £25 4th £15 E.F. £18

Open

Sponsored by Robins of Herstonceux,

Herstonceux BN27 4QG, and E H Treecare Ltd,

Peacehaven BN10 8SE.

1st £150 2nd £70 3rd £40 4th £30 E.F. £18

Followed by

Semi Finals for Senior & Open

Followed by

Finals for Seniors & Open

Cleanest Pen – Open Final

Sponsored by Alan Kensett, Horsham RH12 4TR.

1st The Alan Kensett Cup & £50

Speed Shearing

Entry on the Day

1st £200 2nd £150 3rd £50 E.F. £20

The Speed shear final to take place after the open final & before the Presentation of all certificates.

Speed shearing vests sponsored

by Gillies Shearing WA.

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 Claire Thorpe – claire@mjthorpe.co.uk

South East Area of NSA are holding a competition for the Next Generation of Sheep Farmers. All enquiries to Sarah Blake southeast@nationalsheep.org.uk

Welsh Open Circuits

E.C. 14.05.24

The Welsh Open Blade Shearing, Machine Shearing and Woolhandling Circuits are for Open standard competitors only. Please refer to the 2024 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 10 qualifying competitions.

Qualifying Competitions:

Devon County; Staffordshire County Show;

Royal Bath & West Show; Llysfasi Shears;

Royal Three Counties; Locheamhead Shears;

Great Yorkshire Show; Cothi Shears;

Royal Welsh Show; *Corwen Shears

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Welsh Open Woolhandling 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; Llysfasi Shears; Royal

Three Counties; Cothi Shears; Royal Welsh Show;

*Corwen Shears; *Bont Shears

*Results from 2023 competitions will be included.

15.05.24

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society

E.C. 26.04.24

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.

1.00pm

Junior Heats, Semi Finals & Final

16.05.24**9.30am**

Intermediate Heats

National Shearing Championship – Heats

National Wool Handling – Heats

National Blade Shearing – Heats

1.30pm

National Wool Handling – Final
 Intermediate – Semi Finals
 National Shearing Championship – Semi Final
 Intermediate – Finals
 National Blade Shearing – Final

3.30pm

National Shearing Championship – Final

17.05.24**9.30am**

Senior Heats
 Open Blade Shearing Championships - Heats

11.30am

Senior Semi Final
 Ladies Shearing Competition

1.30pm

Open Blade – Final
 Senior Final

2.30pm

Novice & Open Wool Handling Heats

18.05.24**9.00am**

Open Heats

10.00am

Novice & Open Wool Handling Semi Final

11.00am

Open Semi Finals

11.30am

Novice Wool Handling Final

1.00pm

Open Wool Handling Final
 Wool Handling Development Test – 3 way
 France Wales NI (1 open, 1 novice)

1.45pm

Six Nations – Wool Handling Competition

2.30pm

Open Finals

16.05.24

Devon County Show

E.C. 10.05.24

**Secretary – Mercedes Pemberton-Finch,
 Devon County Show, Westpoint, Clyst St
 Mary, Exeter EX5 1DJ. Tel: 01392 353708
 Email: competitions@dcshow.org
 Website: www.Devoncountyshow.co.uk**

**Schedules with full details available to
 download and entries may be made online
 at www.Devoncountyshow.co.uk.**

**Times are approximate and, depending
 on entries, may change.**

17.05.24**9.00am**

YFC Novice, Junior & Intermediate
 1st £25 2nd £20 3rd £15
 4th £10 E.F. £10

Followed by

YFC Open
 1st £50 2nd £40 3rd £30
 4th £20 5th £15. E.F. £10

Followed by

Junior Championship
 1st £60 2nd £40 3rd £30
 4th £20 5th £15 E.F. £10

Followed by

Intermediate Championship
 1st £120 2nd £90 3rd £60 4th £40
 5th £30 6th £20 E.F. £15

Followed by

Novice Wool Handling
 1st £60 2nd £40 3rd £30
 4th £20 E.F. £15

Followed by

Open Wool Handling
 1st £90 2nd £70 3rd £50 4th £30
 5th £20 6th £10 E.F. £15

Followed by

Novice Blade Shearing Championship
 1st £30 2nd £20 3rd £10 E.F. £10

Followed by

Open Blade Shearing Championship
 1st £90 2nd £70 3rd £50 4th £30
 5th £20 6th £10 E.F. £15

18.05.24**9.00am**

Senior Championship
 1st £175 2nd £120 3rd £100 4th £75
 5th £60 6th £40 E.F. £18

Followed by

Open Championship
 1st £350 2nd £200 3rd £150 4th £125
 5th £90 6th £60 E.F. £20

19.05.24

Royal Welsh Smallholding & Countryside Festival

E.C. 03.05.24

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

**Blade shearing and Woolhandling
 competitions will be held at the Smallholding
 & Countryside Festival on Sunday 19 May
 2024 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 Blade Shearing & 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

Followed by

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

Followed by

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

Followed by

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

Followed by

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

Followed by

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

25.05.24

Isle of Man Show

**Entries to isleofmanshearing@hotmail.com
 Tel: 07624 479866 Phillip Christian
 Venue Guilcagh Farm, Andreas, Isle of Man.**

25.05.24**Lesmahagow****E.C. 11.05.24****Dye Clark – 07958 047964****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. £15

12 noon

Open

1st £125 2nd £100 3rd £70 E.F. £17

Late entries 50% surcharge

29.05.24**Staffordshire
County Show****E.C. 07.05.24**

All enquiries to the Sheep Shearing
Secretary: Mrs Angela Cope, Grange Cottage,
265 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke on Trent,
Staffordshire ST3 7EA

Tel: 07866 766047 Office: 01782 326050

Email: info@nconstruction.co

On-line Entries (will be available from
01.03.24 and will close 07.05.24)

Enter on-line with Entrymaster @
[www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk/
staffordshire-county-show/schedules
-and-entry-forms](http://www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk/staffordshire-county-show/schedules-and-entry-forms)

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

Staffordshire County Show is now
a qualifying show on the English,
Welsh and Scottish circuits.

8.00am

Class 1 - Blade Shearing - Novice/Intermediate
Prize-money kindly sponsored
by George Mudge & Co.

Competitors to be present for the draw at 7.30am.

1st £40 2nd £30 3rd £25 4th £15

5th £10 6th £5 E.F. £10

Followed by

Class 2 - Blade Shearing - Open

Competitors to be present for the draw at 7.30am.

1st £75 2nd £50 3rd £30 4th £20

5th £10 6th £5 E.F. £15

Followed by

Class 3 - Machine Shearing - Junior

Prize-money kindly sponsored by the
family of the late David Short.

Competitors to be present for the draw at 9.00am.

1st £100 2nd £60 3rd £40 4th £20

5th £10 6th £5 E.F. £10

The highest scoring SFYFC member

1st £15 2nd £10

Best Pen Marks

Box of Combs (given by Homer Shearing)

(excl. final)

Followed by

Class 4 - Machine Shearing - Intermediate

Prize-money kindly sponsored

by Nick Greaves Shearing.

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

30.05.24**8.00am**

Class 5 - Wool Handling - Novice/Intermediate

Competitors to be present for the draw at 7.30am.

1st £50 2nd £30 3rd £20 4th £15

5th £10 6th £5 E.F. £10

Followed by

Class 6. Wool Handling - Open

Competitors to be present for the draw at 7.30am.

1st £60 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20

5th £15 6th £10 E.F. £15

Followed by

Woolhandling Development Team Test:

England Wales Scotland

Followed by

Class 7 - Machine Shearing - Senior

Competitors to be present for the draw at 10.30am.

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

Class 8 - Machine Shearing - Open

Competitors to be present for the draw at 12.30am.

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/2024 National Team Test:

England/Wales/Scotland

Competitors please note:

COMPETITIONS COMMENCE AT

8.00am SHARP each day.

Please book-in, in person, at the 'Booking In' desk
in Annex 1/Sheep Shearing Area Check-in each
day at 7.30am. (For Novice Intermediate Blade
and Novice Intermediate Woolhandling).

Please refer to schedule for all other check-in
times but please be mindful that times are
approximate and subject to change.

Free showground admission STRICTLY for ONLY
prepaid entries prior to 07.05.24. Late entries
(received after 07.05.24) only accepted if there
are sufficient sheep available, however, no
showground admission ticket will be given.

All competitors will be given a singlet to wear in
the heats, kindly donated by Homer Shearing Ltd.

All competitors to please observe the Staffs
Show competitors' rules and competition details
as written in the Staffs Show 2024 schedule.

A copy is available to download from
www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk.

England/Scotland/Wales Tests will be
by invitation only and run as the
6-Nations competition format.

Winners of all classes will be
presented with a trophy.



31.05.24**Royal Bath & West****E.C. 17.05.24**

Amelia Battagel, Bath & West Showground,
Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 6QN
Email: amelia.battagel@bathandwest.co.uk
Tel: 01749 822209

Schedules with full details available
to download and entries may be made
online at www.bathandwest.co.uk.

9.00am

British Wool Marketing Board Junior
1st Lister Handpiece 2nd £60 3rd £50
4th £30 5th £20 6th £15 E.F. £15

10.00am

Femhill Farm Novice Blade Shearing
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 Intermediate
1st £25 + Lister Handpiece 2nd £75
3rd £50 4th £30 5th £25 6th £20 E.F. £17

11:30am

Golden Shears Open Blade Shearing
1st £80 2nd £65 3rd £50 4th £40
5th £30 6th £20 E.F. £17

3.00pm

Blade Shearing Test
Royal Bath and West Keepsake Tumblers
Invitation Only

01.06.24**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

9.30am

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

11:00am

Golden Shears Senior
1st £50 + Lister Handpiece 2nd £150 3rd £100
4th £75 5th £60 6th £50 E.F. £23.00

Followed by

Six Nations Machine Shearing
1st £180 2nd £150 3rd £120
4th £90 5th £75 6th £60
Invitation Only

2.00pm

Lister Golden Shears Open
1st £250 + Lister Handpiece 2nd £250 3rd £150
4th £100 5th £75 6th £60 E.F. £25.00

Times are approximate and, depending
on entries, may change.

01-02.06.24**All Ireland and
All Nations Shearing
and Woolhandling
Championships**

Venue: Mountbellew Mart Ltd.
Ballygar Road, Mountbellew, Ballinasloe Co.
Galway Contact: mart@mountbellew.ie

07.06.24**Royal Cornwall****E.C. 01.06.24**

Christopher Riddle, Royal Cornwall
Events Centre, Wadebridge, PL27 7JE
Tel: 01208 812183 or Email:
ChristopherRiddle@royalcornwall.co.uk

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

Royal Cornwall Show Intermediate Championship
1st £150 2nd £120 3rd £90
4th £70 5th £50 E.F. £10

08.06.24**9.30am**

Royal 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

07.06.24**Cneifio Llysfasi Shears****Contact Joe Mault Tel: 01978 26793****Email: joe.mault@cambria.ac.uk****Facebook: "Cneifio Llysfasi Shearing"**

**Venue: Llysfasi, Llanfair DC, Ruthin,
Denbighshire, LL15 2LB**

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

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

08.06.24

Junior Competition
1st £100 2nd £70 3rd £50 4th £25
5th £15 6th £10 E.F. £12

Intermediate Competition
1st £150 2nd £90 3rd £75 4th £50
5th £30 6th £10 E.F. £15

Senior Competition
1st £200 2nd £135 3rd £100 4th £75
5th £40 6th £15 E.F. £18

Open Competition
1st £375 2nd £225 3rd £150 4th £100
5th £50 6th £25 E.F. £20

10.06.24

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
 Prize Money: TBC

12.30pm

Young Farmers
 E.F. £20

1.00pm

Junior/Intermediate
 E.F. £20

1.45pm

Senior/Open
 E.F. £25

14.06.24

Royal Three Counties Show

E.C. 31.05.24

Ben Peer, Three Counties Agricultural Society,
 Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6NW
 Tel: 01684 584907 Fax: 01684 584910
 Email: Ben.Peer@threecounties.co.uk

1.30pm

Blade Shearing: Novice - Intermediate
 Blade Shearing: Open
 Blade Test

15.06.24**7.00am**

Machine Shearing: Novice/Junior/YFC

9.00am

Intermediate

11.00am

Senior

12.00pm

Womens

2.00pm

Senior Development Test
 Finals

16.06.24**7.00am**

Wool Handling: Novice – Intermediate
 Wool Handling: Open

9.00am

Machine Shearing: Open

1.00pm

Wool Handling Test
 Open Development Test
 Open Machine Test
 Wool Handling Finals
 Machine Open Final

Entries close on the 31st May 2024.
 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.

15.06.24

Ballymena Shears

E.C. 08.06.24

Ballymena Livestock Market

Contact Ian Montgomery Tel: 07740 086137
 or Paul Smyth Tel: 07715 005770

9:30am

Check In

10:00am

Heats
 Junior
 Intermediate
 Senior
 Open

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

Part of the ABP NISSA Circuit.

21.06.24

Royal Highland

E.C. 03.06.24

ENTRIES CLOSE 3rd JUNE (on paper and online) – www.royalhighlandshow.org. Competitions to be held under British sles Shearing Competition Association To be held at the MacRobert Theatre, Royal Highland Showground.

21.06.24

Junior
 Young Farmers

22.06.24

Open Wool Handling
 Novice Wool Handling
 Intermediate Ladies
 Senior

23.06.24

Blade (including six Nations)
 National Open

29.06.24

Le Dorat

E.C. 29.06.24

Contact: Julien Dincq 00336 86415480
 julien.dincq@live.fr
 Place du manège 87210 Le Dorat

8.00am

Machine shearing and Woolhandling

29.06.24

Lochearnhead Shears Scottish Blackface Shearing Competition

E.C. 23.06.24

Rhoda Keenan, 1 Keip Road, Strathyre,
 Perthshire, FK18 8NG, Tel: 07866 472628
 Email: rhokeenan1@hotmail.co.uk

7.30am

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

8.00am

Wool Handling
 TPV £130 E.F. £10
 Heats and Final

8.30am

AB Gains Junior Heats
 TPV £200 E.F. £12

9.00am

Highway Shearing Intermediate Heats
 TPV £275 E.F. £15

9.30am

Reid & Robertson Senior Heats
 TPV £425 E.F. £20

10.00am

Heiniger Scottish Blackface Open Championship
 TPV £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.

06.07.24**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

06.07.24**Omagh Show****E.C. 29.06.24**

3 Gillygooley Road Omagh, Contact David O'Neill 07751 147985

9:30am

Check In

10:00am

Heats
 Junior
 Intermediate
 Senior
 Open

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

Part of the ABP NISSA Circuit.

09.07.24**Great Yorkshire****E.C. 14.06.24**

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

10.07.24

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

11.07.24

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

12.07.24

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.

12.07.24**Martel**

Contact: Loïc Leygonie 00336 66726122

loic.leygonie@live.fr

Place des platanes 46 Martel

8.00am

Machine and Blade Shearing

12.07.24**Northern Blades**

For further details contact the show secretary

Andrew Bell tel: 07966 809324

Email: andrew.bell123@icloud.com

Blades

Junior Machine Shearing

19.07.24**Cneifio Cothi Shears**

Please enter by text ONLY – 07834 346604

Entries will not be taken through messenger this year.

For full programme of competition timings, please follow our Facebook page for updates nearer the competition - Cneifio Cothi Shears.

Woolhandling & Blade Shearing Competitions**9.30am**

Commencing with Blade Shearing
 Novice Woolhandling
 E.F. £8

Intermediate Woolhandling
 E.F. £10

Open Woolhandling
 E.F. £12

Novice Blade Shearing
 E.F. £8

Open Blade Shearing
 E.F. £12

20.07.24**Machine Shearing Competitions****9.30am**

Commencing with Junior Shearing heats
 Junior Shearing
 E.F. £8

Intermediate
 E.F. £10

Senior Shearing
 E.F. £12

Open Shearing
 E.F. £15

Wales V New Zealands Test Match

22.07.24

Royal Welsh Show

E.C. 21.06.24

Mrs Tracy Powell, RWAS Ltd,
Llanelwedd, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3SY.
Tel: (01982) 554420 Email: 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 2024 RWAS Shearing & Woolhandling schedule for qualification details for the Welsh teams selected to represent Wales.

Welsh Circuits

Please refer to RWAS schedule for full details.
E.C. 14.05.24

Welsh Open Woolhandling Circuit
E.F. £5.00

Welsh Open Blade Shearing Circuit
E.F. £5.00

Welsh Open Machine Shearing Circuit
E.F. £20

TPF Total Prize Fund

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

23.07.24

8.00am

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

10.30am

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

4.00pm

Worshipful Company of Woolmen
Junior Competition
TPF £1,100

24.07.24

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.

25.07.24

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

26.07.24

Cneifio Corwen Shears

E.C. 30.06.24

Venue: Rhug Farm, Corwen,
Denbighshire, LL21 0EH
Secretary: Lowri Evans Tel: 07797 522074
Email: info@cneifiorcorwenshears.co.uk
Facebook: Cneifio Corwen Shears
E.F. All classes £20

ENTRIES ONLINE

www.cneifiorcorwenshears.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CHARGED DOUBLE THE ENTRY FEE

Draw taken on 1st entered, last heat system, any late entries might result in not competing.

9.00am

Corwen Shears
Novice Wool Handling Championship

Followed by

Corwen Shears
Intermediate Wool Handling Championship

Followed by

Corwen Shears
Open Wool Handling Championship

Followed by

Novice Blade Shearing Championship

Followed by

Open Blade Shearing Championship

Followed by

Traditional Blade Shearing

1.00pm

Junior Championship

Followed by

Intermediate Championship

7.00pm

Speed Shear

27.07.24

9.00am

Junior Semi Finals

Followed by

Intermediate Semi Finals

Followed by

Senior Heats

Followed by

Open Championship Heats
Fagan Brothers Challenge Cup + £1200

Followed by

Welsh Shearing Championship

Open to all Welsh Open Competitors who compete in Cneifio Corwen Shears Open Championship.

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

28.07.24**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

2.00pm

Corwen 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
E.F. £20
Prizes TBC

29.07.24**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 Llŷr 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. £20
Quality Prize for Cleanest Pen £50
Cleanest Pen in Open Final – Silver Tray
donated by Steve Cochrane
PW Rowland Smith

2.00pm

Corwen 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

27.07.24**NISSA Shears****E.C. 20.07.24**

Shanes Castle Estate, Antrif
Contact John Murphy tel: 07740 584 076

9:30am

Check In

10:00am

Heats
Junior
Intermediate
Senior
Open

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

Part of the ABP NISSA Circuit.

31.07.24**The Black Isle Show 2024**

Premium Lists of Sheep Shearing.

Entries to: office@blackisleshow.com

Tel: 01463 870870

Payment by cheque or BACS (ref:- shearing).

All of the entry fees include £2 which goes to

fund the Circuit Competitions.

N.B. LATE ENTRIES PLUS 50% ON THE DAY

**(Entries are limited depending on sheep
numbers on the day)**

**PLEASE NOTE: - TIMINGS ARE APPROXIMATE
ACCORDING TO ENTRY NUMBERS.**

Class A Junior
Class B Intermediate
Class C Senior
Class D Open

4.00pm

570 Highland Region Champion Shears
Restricted to shearers resident in Highland Region
1st £80 2nd £60 3rd £50 4th £40 E.F. £10

5.00pm

571 Open Hand Shears
1st £100 2nd £50 3rd £30 4th £20 E.F. £7

5.30pm

572 Class A Juniors
1st £90 2nd £70 3rd £60 4th £40 E.F. £7

01.08.24**8.00am**

573 Open Wool Handling
Finals immediately after wool handling heats.
1st £70 2nd £50 3rd £30 4th £20 E.F. £10

Followed by

Novice Wool Handling
1st £20 2nd £15 3rd £10.00 4th £5.00 E.F. £3

9.30am

574 Class B Intermediates
1st £135 2nd £110 3rd £90 4th £80 E.F. £12

11.00am

575 Class C Seniors
1st £160 2nd £130 3rd £110 4th £90 E.F. £14

1.30pm

576 Class D Open
1st £260 2nd £180 3rd £140 4th £120 E.F. £17

01.08.24**Burwarton Show**

**Venue: The Showground, Cleobury North,
Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6RP
The Show Office, Burwarton,
Bridgnorth WV16 6RP
Email: info@burwartonshow.co.uk
Tel: 01746 787535 or Will Dale Tel: 07772 782851**

**Free class entry. Entries accepted from
9.30am in the Shearing Marquee on the
Livestock Field on Show Day. Competition
commences at 10.00am prompt.**

10.00am

Junior
1st £50 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20
Intermediate
1st £60 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £20
Seniors
1st £80 2nd £65 3rd £40 4th £25
Open
1st £120 2nd £80 3rd £50 4th £40

02.08.24

Cneifio Bro Ddyfi

Venue: Clegyrddwr Farm,
Llanbrynmair, Powys, SY19 7DY
Entries via text to Ynyr Pugh 07955 189993

8:30am

Junior
1st £70 2nd £40 3rd £30 4th £25
5th £20 6th £15 E.F. £8
(Prize for best local Junior)

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

Open

1st £200 2nd £110 3rd £70 4th £50
5th £40 6th £30 E.F. £15

03.08.24

Réchicourt le Châteaux

Contact: Mathieu Toussaint 00336 76352420
or mathieutoussaint57@gmail.com

8.00am

Machine Shearing Only

03.08.24

Brecon

Details of Entry Fees and Prize Money
will be available on the Show website:
www.breconcountyshow.co.uk

03.08.24

Oswestry Show

Oswestry Show Office on
01691 654875/654771

Class SS1 Junior

1st £55 2nd £45 3rd £35
4th £25 5th £20 E.F. £12

Class SS2 Intermediate

1st £65 2nd £50 3rd £40
4th £30 5th £25 E.F. £12

Class SS3 Senior

1st £90 2nd £70 3rd £45
4th £35, 5th £30 E.F. £12

Class SS4 Open

1st £125 2nd £85 3rd £55
4th £45 5th £35 E.F. £12

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.

06.08.24

Cneifio Bont Shears

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.

06.08.24

Clonmany Show

E.C. 08.07.24

Venue: Pollan Green, Ballyliffin,
Co Donegal Gerard Noone, Ard, Cloontagh,
Clonmany, Co Donegal Tel: 086 0808161
Email: clonmanyagrishow@gmail.com
Entry details visit www.clonmanyshow.com
to download entry form.

This event is included in the Northern Ireland
Circuit: North West Open Lamb Shearing
Championships at the Clonmany Agricultural
Show. Novice, Junior, Intermediate,
Open and Senior Championships,
Blade and Woolhandling.

Full schedule and details available to
download and entries may be made online:
www.clonmanyshow.com.
Tel: 00353 86 0808161.

10.08.24

Llanfyllin

E.C. 07.08.24

Show Secretary: Ms Sian Lewis, Caeau,
Llanfyllin, Powys, SY22 5LF, Tel: 07398 183065
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

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 Fee

Entry fee applies to one class only. If entering
another class admission fee (£14) will be
charged again.

Entry forms from Show Secretary or Shearing
Steward: Mr Dyfrig Jones, The Poplars, Four
Crosses, Llanymynech. Tel: 07967 757246

13-14.08.24

Anglesey County Show

E.C. 28.07.24

The secretary, Anglesey County Show, Ty
Glyn Williams, The Showground, Gwalchmai,
Holyhead. Anglesey. Tel: 01407 720072
Email: info@angleseyshow.org.uk
All classes to be confirmed.

18.08.24

Welsh Lamb Shearing Circuit

E.C. 21.06.24

The top 5 competitors in each of the four classes will compete in a final to be held at Cwmduddwr Shears held at Glan Elan Farm, Rhayader on Sunday 18 August 2024. Please refer to the RWAS Shearing schedule for full details. The qualifying competitions are:

Cothi Shears; Royal Welsh Show; Corwen Shears; Bro Ddyfi Shears; Bont Shears; Brecon Show; Oswestry Show & Llanfyllin Show.

Open

TPF £720 E.F. £5

Senior

TPF £535 E.F. £5

Intermediate

TPF £400 E.F. £5

Junior

TPF £345 E.F. £5

18.08.24

Cwmduddwr Shears

Secretary Clive Hamer**Email johnclivehamer@gmail.com****Glan Elan Farm, Cwmduddwr Rhayader.****Entries on the day****9.00am**

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Open

Welsh Lamb Circuit Finals

07.09.24

Dorset County Show

E.C. 22.07.24**(entries also taken on the day)**

County Show Office, Agriculture House, Acland Road, Dorchester DT1 1EF

Email: info@dorsetcountyshow.co.uk**Website: www.dorsetcountyshow.co.uk****8.30am**

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

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

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

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

08.09.24

Shearing Demonstrations

07.09.24

Moreton in Marsh Show

E.C. 12.08.24

Moreton Show Office, 5 Wychwood Court, London Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 0JQ, Email: admin@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. £10

Class 2 – Intermediate Shearing
1st £100 2nd £75 3rd £50 4th £25 E.F. £10

1:30pm

Class 3 – Senior Shearing
1st £150 2nd £100 3rd £50 4th £25 E.F. £15

Class 4 – Open Shearing
1st £200 2nd £150 3rd £100 4th £50 E.F. £15

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

18.09.24

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****Heats will commence at 9.00am.**

Junior

Intermediate

All Ireland U21

Wicklow Confined

Senior

Blade

Open

Check in at 8 am for Junior,
Under 21's and Intermediates.

Check in at 10 am for Wicklow,
Senior, Open and Blade.

Official proof of age will have to be
provided for the U21 competition.

18.09.24

All Ireland Lamb Shearing Championships at The Ploughing Championships

Entry closing date: TBC**Venue: Ratheniska, Co. Laois****Contact: hazel.crowe@gmail.com****Check in: 8:30am. Heats begin: 9:00am**

Registered Instructors

England

Barratt A	School Cottage, Tisbury road, Fovant, Salisbury SP3 5JY	07977 129646
Berry A	Wads Howe, Long Sleddale, Kendal, Cumbria LA8 9BD	07976 771351
Brown R	Muncaster Head Farm, Eskdale, Holmrook, Cumbria	01946 723325
Cole R	Ashridge House, Grenofen, Tavistock, Devon PL19 9EW	01822 618924
Corbett D	Dykehead Farm, Rochester, Newcastle upon Tyne NE19 1RD	07821 921625
Coupland B	4 Brownlow Street, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 1HQ	07966 268890
Dixon R	Ash House, 59 The Green, Rawcliff, Goole, DN14 8QF	07860 455712
Deryman A	Home Farm, Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0QE	01395 597836
Froggart J	3 Common Lane, Bednell, Staffordshire ST17 0SA	07889 411443
Gregory S	Denewood, Bingfield, Hexham, Northumberland	
Goodfellow E	Higher Silkhay Farm, Netherbury, Bridport, Dorset	07976 964655
Hartley S	Burn House Farm, Newton in Bowland, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 3EE	07966 719904
Harvey S	6 Greenvale, Timsbury, Bath BA2 0EW	07977 964655
Labruyere D	The Mowhay, Middle Hampt, Luckett, Callington PL17	07800 917636
Lee D	Broads Home Farm, Borrowby, Thirsk YO7 4RE	07974 686555
Marshall A	School Lane Farm, Chilsworthy, Holsworthy, Devon	01409 253389
Mason W	Horrocksford Farm, Clitheroe, Lancs	01200 424111
Odell E	Highfield House, Docking Rd, Tattersett, Kings Lynn, Norfolk	07817 286995
Paewai G	Home Farm, Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0QE	07776 422499
Parish S	Lees Cottage, Lees Hill, South Warnborough, Hook RG29 1RQ	07767 46564
Percy A	Springhill, Jervaulx, Masham HG4 4PG	07812 136434
Potter N	Burton Holme Farm, Barnby Moor, York YO42 4EB	07930 272150
Rangeley J	99 Eversley Mount, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds LS25 6AE	07590 319589
Schofield R	Brookside Cottage, Grunsagill, Tosside, Skipton, N.Yorks	07563 701677
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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 2024 Overseas Shearers Welcomed Back!

Finally, after the covid years, we should be back to 'normal' in 2024 with overseas shearers being welcomed back into the UK. After lengthy negotiations with the Home Office last year, a special exemption was eventually granted to allow non-visa nationals to travel, and the exemption has been extended to 2024. This means that shearing contractors can plan to ensure shearing gangs are in place ahead of the season this year.

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 UK shearing gangs and we are delighted the doors remain open this year to allow this important exchange of labour.

The concession means that non-visa nationals will be able to travel to the UK, particularly coming from Australia and New Zealand, between 1 April and 30 June. All those entering will only be allowed to stay for a three-month maximum period (i.e. the latest expiry of leave would be 30 September), after which they are required to leave.

Shearers arriving in the UK in 2024 will need to satisfy an immigration officer they are here, for a temporary period, to be employed as a sheep shearer. The NAAC is supplying its members with the necessary paperwork to smooth the entry process and is requesting that the NAAC is notified of all shearers visiting the UK so that rapid assistance can be provided if any issues arise at customs.

Specific entry requirements include:

The applicant is genuinely seeking entry for the purpose of undertaking employment, or providing services, as a sheep shearer, and must supply an appropriate contract of employment, and

The applicant will be able to maintain and accommodate themselves without recourse to public funds, and

The applicant will leave the UK at the end of their stay, and

The applicant arrives in the UK for this purpose between 1 April and 30 June.

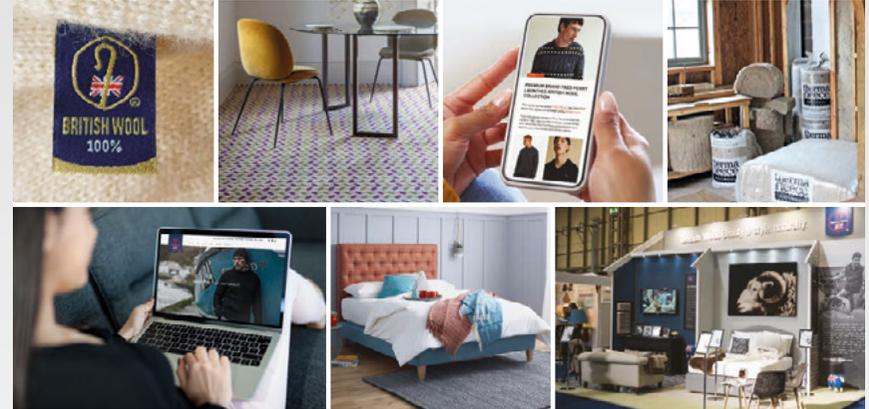
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