



SHEEP SHEARING COMPETITIONS



ROYAL
HIGHLAND
SHOW 2024
20 - 23 JUNE
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of Scotland

2024 SCHEDULE

Sheep Shearing Competitions

To be held at the MacRobert Theatre,
Royal Highland Showground
on 20th–23rd June

Competitions to be held under British Isles
Shearing Competition Association

The Society acknowledges with thanks,
the sponsorship of equipment and services by
LISTER SHEARING EQUIPMENT LTD.



ENTRIES CLOSE 30th APRIL (online)
www.royalhighlandshow.org

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To be judged as follows:

Day	Competition	Heat Time	Semi Final Time	Final Time
Friday 21st June	Junior	1.00pm	As necessary	2.00pm
Friday 21st June	Young Farmers	2.30pm	As necessary	
Saturday 22nd June	Open Wool Handling	8.30am		11.30am
Saturday 22nd June	*Novice Wool Handling Development Machine Test Match to follow on Final 11.30	9.30am	As necessary	
Saturday 22nd June	Intermediate	12.00pm	1.30pm	2.00pm
Saturday 22nd June	Ladies	12.45pm	1.45pm	2.30pm
Saturday 22nd June	Senior	12.45pm		
Sunday 23rd June	Blade (including 6 Nations)	8.00am	10.00am	11.00am
Sunday 23rd June	National	9.00am		
Sunday 23rd June	Open	1.00pm	1.30pm	2.15pm

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

Chief Steward:

Mr D B Lang

Deputy Chief Steward:

Mr G Gray, Mr J Owen

Judges

Referee: Mr A Rankin

Judges: TBC

Fees and Prizes

	Entry fees	Prizes					
Junior	£12.00	£100	£75	£35	£25	£15	£12
Wool Handling	£18.00	£100	£75	£45	£25	£20	£18
Novice Wool Handling	£12.00	£30	£20	£12			
Worshipful Company Intermediate	£18.00	£225	£150	£100	£65	£45	£18
Senior	£20.00	£300	£200	£125	£95	£60	£30
Ladies	£20.00	£100	£65	£35	£25	£15	£10
Blade Shearing	£18.00	£100	£75	£45	£25	£20	£18
Lister National Machine Competition	£20.00	£350	£200	£130	£100	£75	£35
Highland Shears Open Competition	£25.00	£400	£260	£200	£150	£120	£70

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

The British Wool Marketing Board offer generous prize money for the best pen in the Junior and Intermediate classes. The winning pen in the junior grade will be awarded £75.00 and the winning pen in the Intermediate grade will be awarded £125.00.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE IN ADVANCE VIA THE ONLINE PORTAL.

IMPORTANT

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

Classes



1. JUNIOR COMPETITION – Sponsored by The Worshipful Company of Woolmen.
Open to junior status shearers only.
2. WOOL HANDLING COMPETITION
3. NOVICE WOOL HANDLING
4. INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION – Sponsored by Ian & Patsy Hunter, Dalchirla Farms
Open to junior or intermediate status shearers only.
5. SENIOR COMPETITION
Open to intermediate or senior status shearers only.
6. LADIES COMPETITION
Open to competitors of intermediate level upwards.
7. LISTER SHEARING EQUIPMENT LTD NATIONAL MACHINE COMPETITION
Open only to competitors of Scottish nationality resident in Scotland
8. BLADE SHEARING COMPETITION
9. HIGHLAND SHEARS OPEN COMPETITION
Open to senior or open status shearers only.
10. HIGHLAND SHEARS OPEN PLATE

Late Entrants

No late entries will be taken after the close of entries on 30th april.

All entries must be made online via www.royalhighlandshow.org.uk





Special Prizes

- SP1** **The Coopers Perpetual Challenge Cup & The Carmichael Motor Group Perpetual Challenge Trophy**
for best individual shearer in the Intermediate Competition.
- SP2** **Barclays' Bank Challenge Cup**
for best individual shearer in the Senior Competition.
- SP3** **The MacTaggart Silver Salver**
for best individual shearer in the National Machine Competition.
Presented by Mr John MacTaggart, Muirhouses, Duntocher.
- SP4** **The Kirkwood Medal**
for winner of the National Machine Competition. A hallmarked sterling silver medal will be presented by Alexander Kirkwood & Son, Medallists and Engravers, 13 Albany Street, Edinburgh. Medals will also be given to the Runner-up and the third placed competitor.
- SP5** **The Lawson Silver Salver**
for best individual shearer in the Highland Shears Open Competition.
Presented by Mr W. Lawson, St. Ninian's, Wigtown.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WOOLMEN JUNIOR COMPETITION



Participating Societies in order of dates of events:
The Royal Ulster, The Royal Bath and West, The Royal Highland,
The Great Yorkshire, The Royal Welsh.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to qualify, competitors must be 26 years of age or under on 1st May 2024, hold a Blue or Bronze seal only (Wool Board Qualification) on 1st May 2024, and be classified as a Junior in the year concerned

Qualifiers:

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

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

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

Prizes:

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

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



Acknowledgements

British Isles Shearer of the Year
Details will be published in Newsclip

Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd National Machine Competition
Sponsorship has been generously donated by
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The Junior Class
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The Worshipful Company of Woolmen

The Intermediate Class
has been generously sponsored by
Ian & Patsy Hunter, Dalchirla Farms

Shearing Competition Regulations

- 1. Disclaimer of Liability** — The term Exhibitor shall include persons taking part in any competition, exhibition or display arranged by the Society and the owner of any animal, plant, machinery or other thing involved in any such competition or display or otherwise exhibited on the Showground. Save for death or personal injury caused by breach of its duty the Society will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any Exhibitor or to his or her servant or agent or to any animal, article, plant, machinery or thing of whatever nature brought on to the Showground by the said Exhibitor from whatever cause death, injury, disease, damage or loss arises.

Save as aforesaid the Exhibitor shall indemnify the Society against all claims, damages and expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the Exhibitor, his servants, agents, exhibits, vehicles or equipment on the Showground and shall assume full responsibility therefor.

Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be a condition of entry.

Exhibitors are advised to insure against fire and other appropriate risk not only as regards their own property but also against any third party claims.

- 2.** Competitors must agree to abide by the Rules of the British Isles Shearing Competition Association, the Rules of the Competition and the Society's Regulations. Competitors participate at their own risk.



3. The Society reserves the right to restrict the numbers of entries in the event of more being received than can be accommodated
4. All Competitors must attend at the Shearing Centre one half hour before the competition is due to commence.
5. Machines will be provided by **Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd.** Competitors will have steel tube droppers.

Only worm drives will be available. Any Competitor wishing to use a worm drive must request this through the Chief Steward who will arrange fitting by the Lister technician.

A re-grinding service will be available. Blades should be cleansed and disinfected **before** re-grinding.

6. The minimum qualification for entrance to the Junior Shearing Competition will be a Blue Seal.
7. All Junior and Intermediate Shearers should be encouraged to inspect their shorn sheep immediately after finishing their heat where expert advice can be given on both judges scoring and technical expertise. Where competitors are allowed to shear up a class, only Juniors that have qualified through from the Junior heats should be allowed to shear in Intermediate.

Any conduct that is detrimental to the ethics of BISCA by either competitor or official shall be notified to the Disciplinary Committee: The Chief Steward has the right to suspend, for a period, or remove any mistruant from their respective list.

The decision of the Chief Steward shall be FINAL. Appeals have to be submitted in writing to the referee 15 minutes after the occurrence with a lodgement fee of £20 returnable if upheld.

8. The Society considers that prize monies and/or deposits attach themselves to the exhibit and hence to the Exhibitor, i.e. the bona fide owner of the exhibit. Claiming prize monies/deposits will be the responsibility of the exhibitor under which the entry is made. The Competitions team will be in contact regarding prize money after the Show and the deadline stated within prize money correspondence will be the final deadline for any prize monies/deposits to be claimed. Failure to claim by the deadline will result in prize monies/deposits being forfeited. Payment will be made through the Paylt system, an email will be sent to all exhibitors with instructions on how to claim prize monies/deposits.