



# Scottish Open Farriery Championship 2026 SCHEDULE

Online entries close on Monday 11th May

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## To be judged as follows Judging Commences at 8.30am:

Class	Competition	Day
Class 1	Therapeutic Shoes	Thursday 18th
Class 2	Hunter Horse Shoes	Friday 19th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st June
Class 3	Farm Horse Shoes	Thursday 18th
Class 4	Hunters	Friday 19th June
Class 5	Roadster	Sunday 21st June
Class 6	Farm Horses	Saturday 20th June

Apprentice Classes 1,2, & 3 will be spread over the 4 days of show

## Entry Fees (VAT exempt)

**Classes 1—6  
Registered Farriers**

£21

**Official  
Apprentices**

£14

## Judges

**Billy Crothers AWCF  
Martin Payne AWCF**

## Prize Money

Class						Official Apprentices			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<b>Class 1</b>									
1.1 1st – 2nd yrs	£35	£20	£15	£11	£8	£27	£13	£8	—
1.2 3rd – 4th yrs									
<b>Class 2.1 and 2.2</b>	—	—	—	—	—	£30	£15	£10	£8
<b>Class 3</b>	£45	£25	£20	£17	£13	£30	£17	£12	—
<b>Class 4</b>	£50	£30	£27	£23	£20				
<b>Class 5</b>	£50	£27	£23	£20	£17				
<b>Class 6</b>	£100	£37	£34	£30	£25				

## Prize Cards

Prize Cards will be presented for 1st to 6th in both Open and Apprentice Classes



### IMPORTANT

Competitors must bring their own tools and a striker, and should attend at the Horse-shoeing stance before they are due to complete.

The competitor and his striker will be admitted to the Showground free of charge, and passes will be sent to the competitor for this purpose.

## Size of Hardie Holes on Anvils = 1¼

# Shoe-Making Competitions

## 1. Therapeutic Shoes

Details of the shoes: Specimen photos and specifications to be supplied by judges.

**Class 1 Open.**

**Each Competitor will require a Striker.**

**Time allowed: 55 minutes**

**Apprentices:**

**Class 1.1. For 1st and 2nd year apprentices**

**Each Competitor will require a Striker.**

**Time allowed: 55 minutes**

**Class 1.2 For 3rd and 4th year apprentices**

**Each Competitor will require a Striker.**

**Time allowed: 55 minutes**

## 2. Hunter Horse-Shoes. Open only to Official Apprentices.

**2.1 For 1st and 2nd year apprentices**

**2.2 For 3rd and 4th year apprentices**

Each Competitor must make:

**One fore Shoe and one hind Shoe, on opposite sides, as per specimen shoe.**

1) The fore Shoe must be made from  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $\frac{7}{16}$ " fullered concave steel.

2) The hind Shoe must be made from  $13$ " x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $\frac{7}{16}$ " fullered concave steel with heel and feather.

**Each Competitor will require a Striker.**

**Time allowed: 45 minutes**

## 3. Farm Horse Shoes. Open to both farriers and apprentices.

Each Competitor must make:

**One fore Shoe and one hind Shoe, on opposite sides, as per specimen shoe.**

1) The hind Shoe must be made from  $19\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron and must be fullered, clipped and toed. Heels to be commensurate with a toed shoe.

2) The fore Shoe must be made from  $19\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $\frac{1}{2}$ " mild steel (which will be provided at the Stance) and must be fullered and clipped, with low calkins.

**Each Competitor will require a Striker.**

**Time allowed: 55 minutes**

# Farriers' Registration Act, 1st June 1979

Under the act it is illegal for anyone to shoe horses who is not registered, other than persons serving under articles of apprenticeship if carried out in the course of his apprenticeship. By resolution of the Farriers Registration Council, under section 16 of the Act, apprentices are not eligible to compete in farriery or horse-shoeing competitions. In order to shoe in these classes, Farriers from outwith Great Britain and Northern Ireland MUST have sought and received the requisite relaxation and permission from the Farriers Registration Council (Tel. 01733 319911).

The Competition will take place in the Showground and will be decided by points. Only the Competitor will be allowed on the floor for the dressing of the feet and fitting of shoes. Forges and horses will be balloted for. Shoeing iron will be available.

## Classes

### 4. Hunter

Each Competitor must make and fix:

**One fore and one hind Shoe, having previously taken off the old Shoes.** Both Shoes must be made of concave mild steel; the hind Shoe must have double clips and heel and feather.

**Each Competitor will require a Striker.**

**Time allowed: 60 minutes**

### 5. Roadster

Each Competitor must make and fix:

**One hind foot, caulk and wedge and on the front normal roadster.** Both shoes to be three quarter fullered. Materials will be provided.

**Each Competitor will require a Striker.**

**Time allowed: 75 minutes**

### 6. Farm Horses

Each Competitor must make and fix:

**One fore Shoe and one hind Shoe, having previously taken off the old Shoes.** The fore Shoe must be fullered with low calkins The hind Shoe must be fullered, clipped and toed with heels to be commensurate with a toed shoe. Hind shoe must be made from iron while the fore Shoe must be made from mild steel.

**Each Competitor will require a Striker.**

**Time allowed: 90 minutes**

## Presentation of Prizes

Trophies and all other awards will be presented at the main presentation of prizes which will be held at **5.30pm on Sunday 21st June, at the Forge.**

**It is especially requested that the Prize Winners, or their representatives, attend to receive their prizes.**

## Special Prizes

- S.1 The Scottish Open Farriery Champion Award of £100**  
for the competitor gaining most points in the Horse Shoeing and Shoemaking classes. Points awarded for a competitor's best entry in each Class (Classes 1 and 3 – a competitors open score only to count).
- S.2 The Scottish Open Farriery Reserve Champion Award of £50**  
for the reserve competitor gaining most points in the Horse Shoeing and Shoemaking classes. Points awarded for a competitor's best entry in each Class (Classes 1 and 3 – a competitors open score only to count).
- S.3 The Edward Martin Perpetual Trophy\***  
or the Competitor gaining most points in the Horse-Shoeing, Shoe-Making, Gate-making and Traditional Ornamental Ironwork classes and Live Blacksmithing. Competitors may, where allowed, make any number of entries per class but scoring points will be awarded only to a Prize Winner's best entry in each Class and in Classes 1 and 3 only a Competitor's open score will count. Presented by the family of the late Mr. Edward Martin, Closeburn, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire.
- S.4 Cash Prize of £25**  
for the Competitor who wins The Edward Martin Perpetual Trophy. Presented by Mr E. Martin, Closeburn, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire.
- S.5 The McDiarmid Perpetual Challenge Cup\***  
for the Competitor gaining most points in the FARM Horse-shoeing and Shoe-making Classes (Classes 3 & 6). Open Scores only to count. Presented by Mr. George G. McDiarmid, Barrhead.
- S.6 The George M. Marshall Perpetual Challenge Cup\***  
for the Competitor gaining most points in the HUNTER Class. Presented by Mr Robert Marshall, Beith.

- S.7 The Thomas C. Ferrie Perpetual Challenge Trophy\***  
for the Official Apprentice gaining most points in Classes 1, 2 & 3 and (Classes 1 & 3 – Apprentice scores only to count). Presented by J.C. Ferrie & Sons, Newmilns, Ayrshire.
- S.8 Bronze Medal**  
for the highest placed Official Apprentice (under an approved apprenticeship with the Farriers Registration Council) on aggregate in Classes 1, 2 & 3. The Bronze Medal is given by the Worshipful Company of Farriers, London, under certain conditions.
- \* There will be a medal for the best Years 1 and 2 apprentice and for the best Years 3 and 4**
- S.9 Bronze Medal**  
for the highest placed Competitor on aggregate in Classes 1, 2 & 3. Open scores only to count. The Bronze Medal is given by the Worshipful Company of Farriers, London, under certain conditions.\*
- S.10 The Jack Scott Trophy**  
for the Competitor gaining most points in Class 1. Presented by the family of the late J. Scott, Kingskettle, Fife.
- S.11 Bronze Medal**  
for the 1st Prize Winner in Class 1 (provided that there is a minimum of six competitors in the Class). Presented by BFBA.
- S.12 The Alexander Redford Perpetual Memorial Shield**  
for best pair of Farm Horse Shoes (Class 3). Open scores only to count. Presented by Mrs Hazel L. Wade, daughter of the late Alexander Redford, F.W.C.F., Dundee.
- S.13 The RHASS Silver Medal**  
for the 1st Prize Winner in Class 3. Presented by the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland
- S.14 Silver Medal**  
for the 1st Prize Winner in Class 4 (provided that there is a minimum of six competitors in the Class). Presented by BFBA.
- S.15 Silver Medal**  
for the 1st Prize Winner in Class 6. Presented by the Worshipful Company of Farriers, London, under certain conditions.\*
- S.16 Bronze Medal**  
for the 2nd Prize Winner in Class 6 (provided that there is a minimum of six competitors in the Class). Presented by BFBA.

**S.17 The Roadster Class Shield**  
for the Winner of the Roadster Class. Presented and administered by the Ayrshire Branch of BFBA.

**\* SCORING**

<b>1st Prize</b> 9 points	<b>2nd Prize</b> 7 points	<b>3rd Prize</b> 5 points	<b>4th Prize</b> 3 points	<b>5th Prize</b> 1 point
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In the event of a tie the Judges' Score Cards will be consulted.

## THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FARRIERS

makes awards in order to promote, support and maintain the highest standard of excellence in Farriery. Registered Farriers who are awarded the Company's medals have attained the very high standard demanded by the Company.



## THE BRITISH FARRIERS & BLACKSMITHS ASSOCIATION

awards medals to promote and encourage competitions in Farriery. Concurrently assessing the farriery competitors' skills on forging and horseshoeing against the highest standards. Impelling them to be triumphant over fellow competitors whilst striving to attain a 'perfect score'. Thereby promoting excellence in farriery whilst maintaining a spirit of good sportsmanship and friendly competition.



### IMPORTANT: CUPS AND TROPHIES

The winners of Cups and Trophies who take delivery thereof at or after the Show shall undertake to surrender the same to the Society and to deliver them to the Society's Silversmith, when requested to do so.

Please note that winners may NOT take trophies outwith the United Kingdom and non-UK resident winners may only take possession of trophies on agreement that they will remain within the UK.

This does not apply to outright winners of Cups or Trophies.

# 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 onto 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. Limitation of Entries

In the event of more entries being received than can be accommodated, the Society reserves the right to limit the number of competitors in each Class.

## 3. Insufficient Merit

In no case shall a prize be awarded unless the Judge deems the exhibit to have sufficient merit and the Society reserves the right to reject any entry which does not comply with any or all of the conditions and to withhold any or all of the prizes where the number of entries and the standard of work does not warrant same.

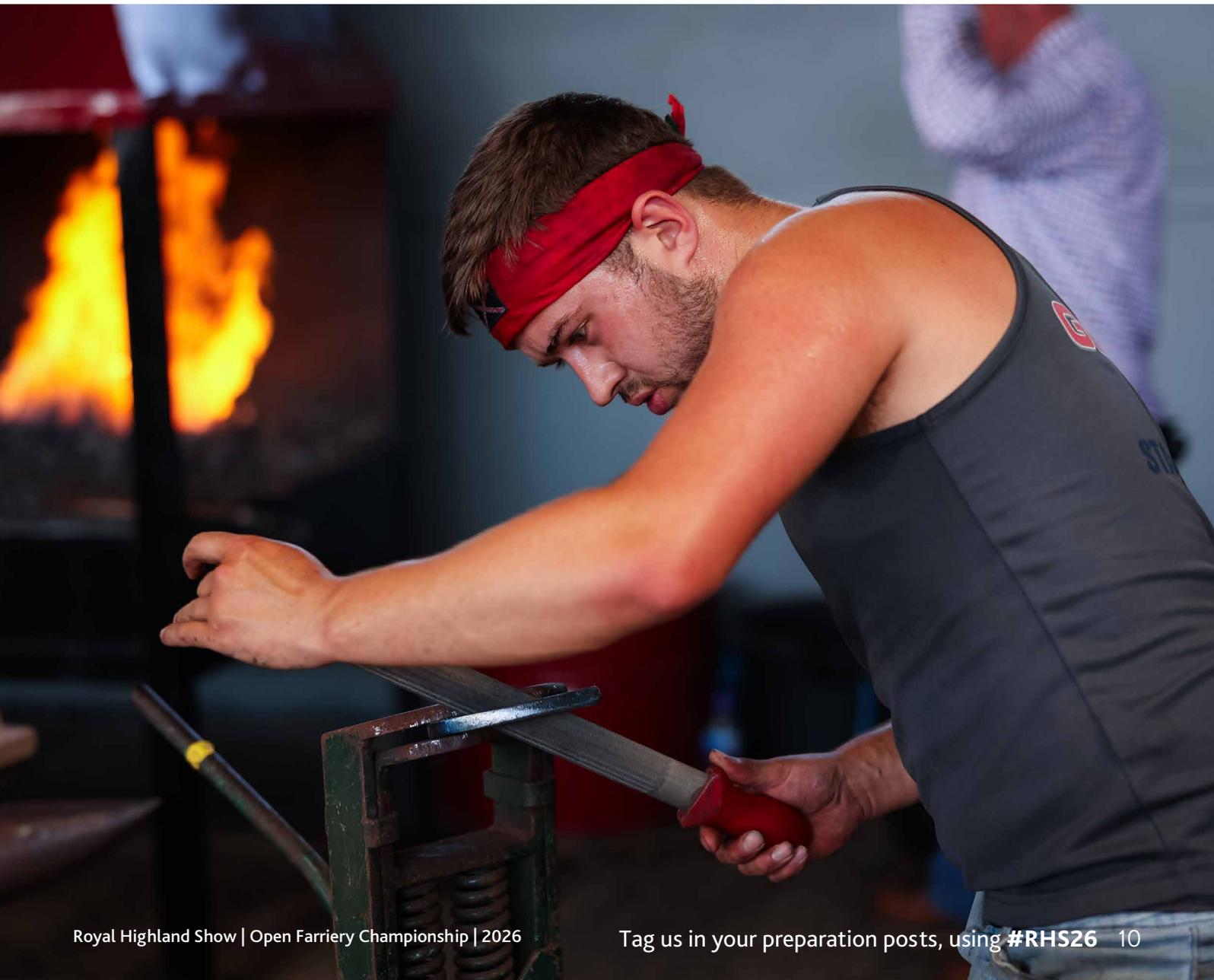
## 4. Safety

It is a requirement that all persons in the forge area MUST wear protective footwear and glasses, and no person will be allowed in the shoeing area without these safety measures.

## 5. Organiser's Liability

Cancellation of the Show, Force Majeure etc.

1. If the Royal Highland Show is cancelled, postponed or curtailed for any reason (including, by reason of an event of Force Majeure, which means any of the following which in each case is beyond the control of the parties: act of God, war, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, acts of terrorism, fire, explosion, theft, malicious damage, strike, lock-out, third party injunction, outbreak of disease; national defence requirements, acts or regulations of national or local governments; and any other cause beyond the control of the parties) so that there is a restriction in the benefit or value of the exhibitors Rights, RHASS shall notify the exhibitor of the cancellation, postponement or curtailment as soon as possible.
2. The parties agree to discuss options in good faith, including alternative activation, deferral of entry fees to the next Royal Highland Show or, if required, a full refund.
3. Any alternative activation, deferral or refund will be offered on a prorata basis and will take account of any benefits received.



# Rules for Competitors

1. All competitors to wear and provide their own personal protective equipment. See "Safety" above.
2. A bell will signify the start and finish of a round.
3. Before the starting bell, competitors can lift the foot drawn in the ballot, remove the shoe if fitted, clean the foot, measure for shoe size and cut off material required. No cutting or dressing of the foot is allowed at this time.
4. Should the advice of the Judge be required, this should be sought **before** the start of the round.
5. After the start of a round, the **competitors only** are allowed in the vicinity of the horse.
6. No black lead or similar can be applied to the shoes.
7. **Shoe-Making Classes:** When the finishing bell is rung, Competitors must stop work immediately: failure to do so will result in disqualification. No additional time is allowed under normal circumstances.
8. **Horse-Shoeing Classes:** The finishing bell will be rung at the appropriate time and all work must cease immediately. Only after the Judges have inspected the work done will the Competitor be allowed to complete the job allocated. The competitor will be expected to finish the job undertaken, even outwith the shoeing area (if necessary and feasible) after the Judges' assessment has been made.
9. A time check will be given at 30 minutes, 15 minutes, 5 minutes and 2 minutes before the finishing bell.
10. It is the responsibility of the Competitor to inform his assistant of all the rules.
11. Any valid complaint must be registered with the Supervisor of the Farriers Competitions without delay.

Farriers Camping or Caravan Bookings can be made in the entry system, please complete the online form. The Campsite is at the east side of the showground close to the Forge, and has shower and toilet facilities. The public car parks do not permit overnight stays.

Any queries to the Competitions Team [competitions@rhass.org.uk](mailto:competitions@rhass.org.uk) or 0131 335 6164