

Sheep Shearing RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be made online at www.devoncountysheepshow.co.uk, on the official entry form or National Shearers form and accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.
2. Every competitor will be held responsible for the correctness of their entry form.
3. The closing date for entry forms is 6th May 2026
4. If 20 or more competitors take part in any competition, semi-finals will be held. There will be a ceiling of 24 entrants in each class, except the Open, which will be 30.
5. **Trophies.** Winning competitors will be presented with their trophy on the Shearing Stand as soon as possible after the end of the competition and time will be allowed for photograph opportunities. **Trophies are to remain on the Showground and will be engraved accordingly before the next Show.** If you would like to retain the trophy, please contact the Show Team on 01392 353708.
6. **Prize money.** Winning competitors will receive a prize money voucher which can be redeemed at the Show, please see instructions on the reverse of the prize money card. Alternatively please return the voucher to the Show Office within two weeks of the Show for BACS payment to be made.
7. Shearing equipment will be loaned by Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd. **All solid drives will be fitted with worm drive ends.**
8. All competitors must report to the shearing office 30 minutes before the commencement of the competition, heat or final in order to qualify for the draw. Latecomers will be liable to disqualification.
9. Facilities will be available to time any stoppages and stoppage time will be deducted from the competitor's final time.
10. Any spare unshorn sheep will be shorn by the competitors before the last competition of the day.
11. Shearers only eligible to enter in one group above their classification.
12. The judges will inspect each shearer's sheep individually in the pen when shorn.
13. The Devon County Agricultural Association is affiliated to any National Circuit Competitions.
14. The maximum number of competitors in any final will be six.
15. All competitions will follow National Rules of the BISCA.
16. Additional regulations not covered by National Rules -
 - a) Class SS4 George Hingston Memorial Under 26 Championship -
As per National Rules, but excluding Rule 13. Competitors will have 6 minutes to

shear 2 sheep, with 1 penalty point per minute thereafter.

- b) Class SS5 Young Farmers Championship -
As per National Rules except Rule 13 which will read "Each competitor's time will be calculated by dividing the time taken (in seconds) by 60 in both heats and final".
17. Anyone making equipment unsafe, or supplying and using their own grinder, will be instantly disqualified.
18. The DCAA reserve the right to amend or cancel any of the foregoing regulations.
19. The DCAA's Council reserves the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed regulations, conditions and prize lists, and to finally settle and determine all or any matter, question, difference, in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or in connection with, any incident in connection with the event and to substitute Judges to those announced, or make additional appointments as may be deemed necessary.
20. **Force Majeure.** If an event defined hereafter as Force Majeure occurs the DCAA will not be responsible for the financial consequences or any losses or any actions claims or demands caused to or made by an exhibitor or their servants or agents caused by the failure of the Devon County Show to be held on one or more of the days but for the event of Force Majeure on which it would otherwise be held. Force Majeure means for the purposes of this clause exceptionally inclement weather; flooding of the whole or any part of the Devon County Showground or the whole or any part of the car parks associated with it; an act of God including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, windstorm or other natural disaster; act of any sovereign including but not limited to war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation, nationalisation, requisition, destruction or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority or imposition of government sanction embargo or similar action; law, judgment, order, decree, embargo, blockade, labour dispute including but not limited to strike, lockout or boycott; interruption or failure of utility service including but not limited to electric power, gas, water or telephone service; failure of the transportation of any personnel equipment, machinery supply or material required by DCAA to run the Devon County Show ; breach of contract by any essential personnel; any other matter or cause beyond the control of DCAA.
21. Competitors must comply with the latest Health and Safety guidance relating to animal handling, as well as relevant legislation.

SHEEP NUMBERS TO BE SHORN

	Heats	Semi Final	Final
Class SS4 George Hingston	-	-	2
Class SS5 Young Farmers' Championship	3	-	5

The British Isles Shearing Competition Association (BISCA) rules will apply to all Affiliated Societies running sheep shearing competitions.

World Championship Regulations apply for Classes 1 & 2 Blade Shearing

BISCA Rules apply for Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Open Classes.

For BISCA rules see https://www.britishwool.org.uk/competitions_results to download the Newsclip and rules.

The following recommendations are made by the BISCA Committee.

All Junior and Intermediate Shearer's 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 Junior's that have qualified through from the Junior heats should be allowed to shear in Intermediate.

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

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

The decision of the Committee shall be FINAL.

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