

Sheep Section

Rules for Sheep Exhibitors

1. Breed champions are required to attend the interbreed championships. Failure to do so may result in prize money being withheld.
2. It is essential that Isolation areas have been passed and license issued - Any queries should be addressed to DAERA.
3. Movement permits must be brought to the show – SHEEP WITHOUT A PERMIT WILL BE TURNED AWAY. Please make your way to the permit stand where your permit will be stamped in accordance with DAERA regulations.
4. Exhibitor numbers will NOT be issued.
5. Due to Bio-Security Measures, Straw is Prohibited for use at Ballymena Show – sawdust may be allowed – exhibitors must supply their own bedding.
6. Sheep for Exhibition, showing signs of any kind of disease, will have to be removed by the Owner immediately.
7. Parking – please follow the signs and instructions issued by the stewards.
8. All sheep classes will be judged on Saturday 31st May 2025, commencing from 10am
9. Amalgamation/Division/Cancellation of Classes. Where, in the opinion of the Association, there are either insufficient or too many entries in any one Class, the Association may, without reference to the Exhibitor or Agent, amalgamate, divide or cancel such Class. Amalgamation may be effected with any other similar, or relevant Class, with or without increase of Prize Money, but where a Class is divided, similar Prize Money will be paid in each division.
10. Entry Fees: Members £5; Non-Members £7 – SHEEP ENTRIES CLOSE ON 17th May 2025. Prize Money in Sheep 1st £15, 2nd £10. 3rd £5
11. In all brood ewe classes, ewes with unsound udders will be disqualified. Ewes must have reared a lamb in 2025.
12. Prize money will be paid securely into bank account given online
13. Please note - all drivers outside a radius of 65kms must have animal transporter authorisation certificate

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Ballymena Show would not exist without the support it receives through our sponsors and as such we are grateful to all those who support our event in this way.

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REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO EXHIBITORS

Intending Exhibitors are requested to read the Rules carefully, and not to lodge Entries unless they are prepared to comply strictly with the Regulations.

1. Lodging Entries. Enter online at www.showingscene.com or entry forms accurately completed and signed by the Exhibitor or Agent must be lodged with or sent by post to the Secretary of CAAA together with the amount of the Entry Fees where applicable. Cheques to be made payable to the County Antrim Agricultural Association (CAAA). Entries on plain paper cannot be accepted. The Association requests that intending Exhibitors lodge their entries with the Secretary as early as possible before the period for receiving Entries closes.
2. Entries Close. No Entry will be accepted unless it has been received on or before the closing date and is accompanied by the full amount of the fees.
3. Postponement. The Association reserves the right to [postpone or the Show but will not be responsible to any intending Exhibitor for loss incurred by reason of such postponement or abandonment.
4. Full particulars. All particulars required in the Entry Form must be stated, otherwise the exhibit is liable to be disqualified and excluded from the Show. The exhibit must be that as described in the Entry Form, and no other.
5. Verification of Statements. Each Exhibitor or agent must be prepared to verify every statement contained in the Entry Form in any manner the Association may require.
6. Exhibits not sent. Any person entering an exhibit, and failing to send same for exhibition, shall forfeit the Entry Fee.
7. Rejection of Entries. The Association reserves to itself the right to reject any Entry without assigning any reason thereof. In the event of the Association being unable to accept any entry, notice will be given not later than six days before the show, and the fees lodged will be refunded, or in any case of there being insufficient entries in a class where the Association withdraws the class from competition, the Entry Fees will be refunded.
8. Amalgamation/Division/Cancelling of Classes. Where, in the opinion of the Association, there are either insufficient or too many entries in any one Class, the Association may, without reference to the Exhibitor or Agent, amalgamate, divide or cancel such Class. Amalgamation may be effected with any other similar, or relevant Class, with or without increase of Prize Money, but where a Class is divided, similar Prize Money will be paid in each division.
9. Entry Fees will not be refunded should an exhibitor wish to cancel any of his/her entries.
10. Due to Bio-Security measures, STRAW IS PROHIBITED.
11. Any minors accompanying Exhibitors to the Show are the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Child Exhibitors must be accompanied by an adult.

Exclusion of Liability

Ballymena Show Committee will not be responsible for accidents or losses.

County Antrim Agricultural Association, as organisers of Ballymena Show 2025, requires all entrants and exhibitors as a fundamental condition of entry to undertake and accept that Ballymena Show Committee shall not be liable in any way for any claim for compensation or otherwise which may arise out of or be connected with the Show including without prejudices to the generality of the foregoing, the holding, abandonment or alteration of the date of the Show, omission of any entry, the rejection or removal of any animals or other exhibit, the removal or exclusion of any owner, groom, rider or attendant from the Show, or the appointment decision, act or omission of any Judge, Officer, Official, employee or other persons be in any way responsible or accountable for anything that may

happen (from any cause or circumstance whatsoever) to the Exhibitors or their Attendants or to any exhibit or property brought into the Showgrounds, or for anything else in connection with, or arising out of, or attributable to Ballymena Show. Each Exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, Injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animals or item exhibited by him/her, and for its description as given in the Catalogue. Exhibitors shall indemnify the Ballymena Show committee against all legal or other proceedings in regards thereto.

All Exhibitors must comply with the above rules.

31/05/2025 10:30

Greyface

Prize money kindly sponsored by Grassmen 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5

Champion and reserve kindly sponsored by Ernest O'Hara - Prize money champion £20, Reserve £10

All exhibits in the Greyface sheep section, except suckling ewes and this years lambs, must be shorn on or after 1st April 2025

Suckling ewes may be shown either shorn or unshorn, as desired

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Brian Jordan (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
7	Ewe one year old, Blackface/Border Leicester cross, having reared a lamb in 2025	
8	Ewe lamb, Blackface/Border Leicester cross, born in 2025	
9	A group of 3 Greyface Sheep	Exhibits in this class must be entered in the appropriate class above and not more than one exhibit from any one class

The Danske Bank/NISA Sheep Championship 2025

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Alan McCalymont (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
0 NISA	DANSKE BANK / NISA SHEEP CHAMPIONSHIP 2025	DANSKE BANK / NISA SHEEP CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 For the best ewe, any breed, any age, having reared a lamb in 2025. The Danske Bank / NISA Sheep Championship 2025 is being held this year at Antrim Show on Saturday 26th July 2025. All exhibitors wishing to qualify for this Championship must enter the name / breed of their animal(s) and exhibitor details with the qualifying show. Only the 1st and 2nd placed ewes, any breed, any age, having reared a lamb in 2025, in the relevant Sheep classes at Ballymena Show are eligible to go forward to the Danske Bank / NISA Sheep Championship. To maximise attendance of qualified exhibits at the final, stewards will enquire if it is the intention of the exhibitors to be present at Antrim Show on Saturday 26th July 2025 for the final. In the event of the qualified exhibitors not wishing to attend the final, the Judge will be asked to identify further qualifying animals. Qualifying exhibitors who do not appear at the final may be excluded from competing in NISA Championships organised in 2026, unless good reason is given for such non-attendance. No exhibitor may qualify more than two exhibits for the championship final. NISA will present special rosettes to the exhibitors of both qualifying animals at each qualifying Show. Each animal forward at the Championship final, not in the top four, will be paid attendance money of £20.00. Prize Money at the Final Champion - £300 plus Crystal Trophy and Sash Res. Champion £200 3rd Prize £100 4th Prize £50 (The above prize monies include the £20 attendance monies). Prize money will be forwarded, by cheque, to the named exhibitor at the address notified to the Qualifying Show. It is important that details of the exhibitor, animal, address, contact details, are correctly lodged with the Show Secretary. The Qualifying Shows are Ballymena, Ballymoney, Lurgan, Armagh, Saintfield, Newry, Omagh, Castlewellan, Limavady and Antrim.

Badger Face Texel

Prize money kindly sponsored by Sam Kelly Lime Spreading - Prize Money 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Martin Warnock (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Jacob Sheep

Prize money kindly sponsored by J and R Fuels 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Pat Gogan (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Dutch Spotted Sheep

Prize money kindly sponsored by J and R Fuels 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Edward Adamson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
SP10	Dutch Spotted Sheep Young Handlers Competition	Enter on show day only

Suffolk Cheviot

Prize money kindly sponsored by National Fallen Stock 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion and Reserve Champion kindly sponsored by Thomas Hamill & SonsRecycling - Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10
Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Norman Robinson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
183	Ewe, two years old and upwards, having reared a lamb in 2025	
186	Champion Suffolk Cheviot	no entry required

Swaledale

Prize money kindly sponsored by DT Carson Accountants 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Brian McGoldrick (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Zwartbles

Prize money kindly sponsored by Superclean Pressure Washers 1st £15, 2nd £10, £5
Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Nathan Hylands (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
168	Ram any age	
169	Ewe, having produced lambs in 2025	
170	Gimmer	
171	Ram lamb born in 2025	
172	Ewe lamb born in 2025	
173	A group of three Zwartbles	Exhibits in this class must be entered in the appropriate class above and not more than one exhibit from any one class
174	Champion Zwartble	no entry required

Beltex

Prize money kindly sponsored by Datamars Livestock 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Brian McGoldrick (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Kerryhill

Prize money kindly sponsored by Robin Cherry 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion and reserve kindly sponsored by Robin Cherry - Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Amy McCullough (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Valais Blacknose

Prize money, champion and reserve kindly sponsored by Pollock Car Sales and Diamond Valais Blacknose Farm 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5

Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

All entries in the Valais Blacknose Sheep section are restricted to sheep from Valais Blacknose registered flocks

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Diane Lowry (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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North Country Cheviot

Prize money kindly sponsored by Provita Animal Health 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5

Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

All entries in the North Country Cheviot Sheep Section are restricted to sheep from registered flocks

All exhibits except this years lambs must comply to bare clip, Rule 14

RULE 14 - there shall be no more than one inch of wool on any part of the body at the date of inspection. Inspection will be carried out by the society's inspectors on or after the first day of May each year

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Norman Robinson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Blackface - Perth Type

Prize money kindly sponsored by Danske Bank and Robinson Quarrymaster 1st £15,2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion and reserve champion kindly sponsored by McKays Bros Quads - Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10
All exhibits in Blackface Sheep classes, except suckling ewes and this years lambs, must be shorn on or after 1st April 2025
Suckling ewes may be shown either shorn or unshorn, as desired

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Seamus Grant (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Mules

Prize money kindly sponsored by A. Bell Animal Feeds 1st £15, 2nd £10, £5
Champion and reserve champion kindly sponsored by TJ Hamills Recycling - Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Johnny Loughrey (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Border Leicester

Prize money kindly sponsored by Smyths Dalesides Feeds 1st £15, 2nd £10 , 3rd. £5
Champion and Reserve kindly sponsored by Ernest O'Hara - Prize money champion £20, reserve £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Brian Jordan (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Dorset

Prize money kindly sponsored by Lisnafillan Farm Vets 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion and Reserve kindly sponsored by McCurdy Fuels - Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Cathy Holmes (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
23	Ram lamb	
28	Pair of hogget ewes	

Suffolk

Prize money kindly sponsored by Woodhill Training Services 1st £15, 2nd £10, £5
Champion and Reserve kindly sponsored by McCurdy Fuels -Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10
All entries in the Suffolk Sheep Section are restricted to sheep from Registered Suffolk Flocks.
Ear numbers must be given

Suffolk Sheep Society present a special rosette for the best exhibit in this section(entered by a registered Suffolk flock owner.)
The NI Suffolk Sheep Society - Ballymena Show has been designated as one of the "points" shows for the following awards:- Show Team of the Year, Male of the Year.
Smithkline Trophy and Female of the year - Suffolk Sheep Society NI Branch Trophy.
Best pair of lambs entered for the class in which they are eligible must be exhibitor bred.
Above awards to be presented at the Annual Suffolk Society Dinner Dance.

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Andrew Lucas (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Texel

Prize money kindly sponsored by JRC Cars and Ni Texel Club 1st £15, 2nd £10. 3rd £5
Champion and Reserve kindly sponsored by Bells Animal Feeds - Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10
All exhibits, except this years lambs, must be shorn. NO trimming or dressing allowed.

'Points may be gained in all the classes which will be counted towards the NI Texel Show Flock Competition'

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Martin Warnock (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Blue Texel

Prize money kindly sponsored by TJ Hamill and Sons Recycling 1st £15, 2nd £10. 3rd £5
Champion and Reserve Champion kindly sponsored by Bells Animal Feeds - Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: **Sheep ring**

Judges

Martin Warnock (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
51	Ram, two years old and over	
52	Ram, one year old	
53	Ram lamb	
54	Ewe, two years old and upwards, having reared a lamb in 2025	
55	Ewe one year old	
56	Ewe lamb	
57	Champion Blue Texel	No entry required

Ile de France

Prize money kindly sponsored by Danske Bank 1st £15, 2nd £10. 3rd £5
Champion and Reserve kindly sponsored by Glendale Finance - Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10
All exhibits, except this years lambs must be shorn.
No grooming of sheep is allowed - sheep to be shown naturally

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Edward Adamson (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
58	Ram two years old and upwards	
59	Ram, one year old	
63	Ewe lamb	
64	Pair of lambs	
65	Pair of hogget ewes with two teeth	
66	Group of three Ile de France.	Exhibits in this class must be entered in the appropriate class above, and only one exhibit from any one class

Hampshire Down

Prize money kindly sponsored by Hampshire Down Society NI 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion and reserve champion kindly sponsored by Glendale Finance - Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10
All exhibits except this years lambs must be shorn
All exhibitors must be bonafide members of the Hampshire Down Breeders Association

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Josephine Wray (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Rouge De L'Ouest

Prize money kindly sponsored by Newport Collections 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion and Reserve kindly sponsored by Wilsons of Rathkenny -Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Jonathan Workman (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
78	Ram, any age	
80	Ram lamb born in 2025	
81	Ewe, two years old and upwards, having reared a lamb in 2025	
82	Ewe one year old	
83	Ewe lamb, born in 2025	
84	Pair of lambs	
85	Pair of hogget ewes	
86	Group of three Rouge De L'Ouest Sheep	Exhibits in this class must be entered in the appropriate classes above and only one exhibit from any one class
87	Champion Rouge De L'Ouest	No entry required

Charollais

Prize money kindly sponsored by Farm Gates Uk and Charollais Sheep Society NI

1st £15, 2nd £10, £5

Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

William Sherrard (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Blue Faced Leicester

Prize money kindly sponsored by Provita Animal Health 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Johnny Loughrey (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Blackface - Lanark Type

Prize money kindly sponsored by DA Forgie and Steele Farm Supplies 1st £ 15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5
Champion and Reserve kindly sponsored by McKay Bros Quads - Prize money Champion £20, Reserve Champion £10
All exhibits in Blackface Sheep classes except suckling ewes and this years lambs, must be shorn on or after 1st April 2025
Suckling ewes may be shown either shorn or unshorn as desired

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Joseph Grant (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Any Other Native Breed

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Jonathan Workman (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Any Other Continental Breed

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Jonathan Workman (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Interbreed Ram Lamb Championship

Kindly sponsored by T.J. Hamill & Sons Recycling
Prize money - champion £50, reserve champion £40, 2nd reserve champion £30, 3rd reserve champion £20
NO ENTRY REQUIRED - the winner of this class in every breed will be eligible

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Alan McCalymont (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Interbreed Ewe Lamb Championship

Kindly sponsored by MB Motors

Prize money - champion £50, reserve champion £40, 2nd reserve champion £30, 3rd reserve champion £20

No entry required as the winner of this class in every breed will be eligible

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Alan McCalymont (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Supreme Sheep Championship

Kindly sponsored by United Feeds

Prize money - champion £60, reserve champion £50, 2nd reserve champion £30, 3rd reserve champion £25

No entry required

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Alan McCalymont (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
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Sheep Young Handlers

Entries will be taken on show day prior to the sheep championship but will not be catalogued
Kindly sponsored by Ringside Cafe, Ballymena

Ring: Sheep ring

Judges

Alan McCalymont (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
4	Sheep Young Handlers Competition	open to those aged 8 - 14 The capabilities of the handler will be assessed, not the animal being shown. Only animals that have already competed in the normal show classes may be used. All exhibitors must be deemed capable of handling the animal being shown and the owner of the animal being shown must be at a safe distance. Kindly sponsored by Ringside Cafe, Ballymena Prize money 1st £15, 2nd £10, 3rd £5, 4th £5, 5th £5, 6th £5, 7th £5
SP3	CLOGHER VALLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENT THE CYDECTIN YOUNG HANDLERS SHEEP QUALIFIER	The Clogher Valley Agricultural Society Ltd Present The Cydection Young Handlers Sheep Qualifier Sponsored by Fane Valley Final @ Clogher Valley Show on Wednesday 30th July 2025 1. Three Young Handlers can qualify (if not already qualified at a previous Show). 2. The handler can use any breed of sheep. 3. All qualifiers will receive a qualifying Rosette and plaque at Clogher Valley Show. 4. This event is open to those aged 8-16 at the date of the Final. 5. Winner will receive The Robin Wylie Perpetual Cup & Cydectin Challenge Shield & Prizes Sponsored by Fane Valley Entry Fee: £5.00 Qualifying Shows: Ballymena, Ballymoney, Lurgan, Armagh, Saintfield, Newry, Omagh, Londonderry/Limavady, Castlewellan & Clogher Valley The Clogher Valley Agricultural Society Ltd