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SHEEP SHEARING SCHEDULE

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Westpoint Arena, Exeter

SHEEP SHEARING SCHEDULE

Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd May 2026

ALL COMPETITORS RECEIVE A SHEARING SINGLET!

Thanks to our sponsors:

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The construction of the Sheep Shearing building was made possible by generous donations from

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REFEREE: Mr P Webber, Devon

ENTRIES CLOSE ONLINE - 6th MAY 2026

No Late entries. Replacement entries only on the day.

PLEASE NOTE: SHEARING IN YOUR OWN CATEGORY ONLY DEPENDING ON SHEEP NUMBERS ON THE DAY.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PRIZE MONEY IS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITH PRIZES IN KIND**

Classes will be capped on a first come first served bases.

SHEEP SHEARING ENTRY PROCESS

Entering is easy!

Enter online at www.devoncountyshearing.co.uk by 10th May.

For entries received by 6th May, we will send you:

- An e-ticket for free entry to the Show for each competing day
- Any additional e-tickets purchased
- A map of the showground and on the day instructions.

Any Queries please contact Mercedes on 01392 353708 or mercedes@dcshow.org

AT THE SHOW

Unless stated otherwise in the ticket pack, competitors arrive for 8.00am and report to the Sheep Shearing Shed (Road 2). Stewards will be there to meet you.

Chief Steward: Mr G Stevens

PATRON: His Majesty The King

PRESIDENT: Mr John Lee OBE DL

HONORARY SHOW DIRECTOR: S T R Stevens

SHOW MANAGER: Mrs L Moore

COMPETITION CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Mercedes Pemberton-Matthews

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Please arrive 30 minutes before your class starts.

THURSDAY

Competitions to commence at 9.00am

SS1 NOVICE BLADE SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIP

£15.00 each entry.

Open to any age. Restricted to competitors who have not won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize in an Open Blade Shearer class.

SSS1 The Jez Bartlett Novice Blade Shearing Championship Trophy

To the Winner of the Novice Blade Championship in class SS1
(382)

Prizes: 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10

SS2 C & R CONSTRUCTION - OPEN BLADE SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIP

£20.00 each entry.

Open to any age.

Prizes: 1st £90, 2nd £70, 3rd £50, 4th £30, 5th £20, 6th £10

Special Awards

SSS2 The Doreen Mudge Memorial Trophy

To the Champion Open Blade Shearer in Class SS 2 (335)

SS3 BRITISH WOOL - JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

£15.00 Entry Fee

Open to any age. This competition is restricted to competitors who are not classified as an Open, Senior or Intermediate Shearer by the BISCA.

Prizes: 1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £15, 6th £10

Special Awards

SSS3 George Hingston Memorial Trophy

To the winner of the British Wool Junior Championship in Class SS 3 (122)

SSS4 **The John Greenslade Award**

To be won outright by the highest placed **Devon resident** in the British Wool Junior Championship in Class SS 3.

SSS5 **The Peter Webber Award**

To the highest place **Devon Shearer** in the British Wool Junior Championship in Class SS 3 (297)

Please note age requirements for classes SS8 and SS9

SS4 **EXMOOR HORN SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY - NOVICE,
JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE YFC SHEARER CHAMPIONSHIP -
George Hingston**

£10.00 each entry.

Restricted to YFC members who are under 28 years of age on 1st September 2025 and are unclassified or novice shearers.

Competitors will have 6 minutes to shear two sheep, with one penalty point per minute thereafter.

Prizes: 1st £25, 2nd £20, 3rd £15, 4th £10, 5th £8, 6th £8

Special Awards for class 1

SSS6 **George Hingston Memorial Trophy**

George Hingston Memorial **Travel Scholarship awarded to the highest placed Devon Young Farmer** in class SS4 (121)

Previous winners not eligible for a second Scholarship.

SSS7 **N P Lee Perpetual Challenge Trophy**

To the competitor with the best pen in the heats or final of class SS4 (233)

Competitors must comply with time standards to qualify.

SSS8 **The BOCM Pauls Ltd Perpetual Challenge Trophy**

To the highest placed **Devon Shearer** in class SS4 (298)

SS5 GEORGE MUDGE & COMPANY OPEN YOUNG FARMERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

£10.00 each entry.

Open to YFC competitors who have not attained their 28th birthday on the 1st September 2025.

Prizes: 1st £50, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £15, 6th £10

Special Awards

SSS9 The Waleran Perpetual Challenge Cup

To the Champion YFC Shearer in Class SS 5 (66)

SSS10 The Ernie Smith Perpetual Challenge Trophy

To the highest placed Devon YFC shearer in Class SS 5 (309)

SSS11 The Peter Emmett Award Trophy - offered by Mr P Emmett Esq.

To the competitor with the best pen and board points combined in the heats or final of Class SS 5 (158)

Competitors must comply with time standards to qualify.

SSS12 The Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen's Award

To be awarded for the best board marks by a competitor in Class SS 4 & SS 5 (156)

SS6 SANDFORD ORCHARDS - INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

£20.00 each entry.

Open to any age. This competition is restricted to competitors who are not classified as an Open or Senior Shearer by the BISCA.

Prizes: 1st £120, 2nd £90, 3rd £60, 4th £40, 5th £30, 6th £20

Special Awards

SSS13 Mrs Joan Penny Perpetual Challenge Cup

To the winner of the Sandford Orchard Intermediate Championship in Class SS6 (147)

SSS14 The George Mudge & Co Award

To the highest placed **Devon Shearer** in the Sandford Orchard

Intermediate Championship in Class SS6 (289)

FRIDAY

Competitions to commence at 8.00am

SS7 WOOL HANDLING COMPETITION - NOVICE

£20.00 each entry.

Competition to be run in accordance with the regulations of the British Isles Wool Handling Competition.

Prizes: 1st £60, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20

SS8 WOOL HANDLING COMPETITION - OPEN

£20.00 each entry.

Competition to be run in accordance with the regulations of the British Isles Wool Handling Competition.

Prizes: 1st £90, 2nd £70, 3rd £50, 4th £30, 5th £20, 6th £10

Special Award

SSS15 Perpetual Challenge Trophy kindly donated by Hilary Bond

To the Champion Wool Handler competing in the Open Wool Handling Competition in Class SS 8 (369)

SS9 SANDFORD ORCHARD - SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

£23.00 each entry.

Open to competitors who are not classified as an Open Shearer by the BISCA. 10am start.

Prizes: 1st £175, 2nd £120, 3rd £100, 4th £75, 5th £60, 6th £40

Special Awards

SSS16 The Clive Hopper Perpetual Challenge Trophy

To the winner of the Senior Championship in Class SS 9 (230)

SSS17 The Roger Rottenbury Trophy Award

To the highest placed **Devon Shearer** in the Senior Championship

in Class SS 9 (290)

SS10 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

£25.00 each entry.

Open to any age. To follow Senior Championship

Prizes: 1st £350, 2nd £200, 3rd £150, 4th £125, 5th £90, 6th £60

Special Awards

SSS18 The Rottenbury Trophy presented by Mrs A Rottenbury & family
To the competitor with the best board and pen points in the final
of the Open Championship in Class SS 10 (154)

Restricted to competitors residing in Great Britain.

SSS19 The Philip Pile Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup kindly given by
the family of the late Philip Pile
To be awarded to the winner in the Open Championship in Class
SS 10 (280)

SSS20 The Devon Final
The top six Devon shearers from Class SS 10 qualify for The Devon
Final.

Prizes: 1st £50, 2nd £40, 3rd £30, 4th £20, 5th £10, 6th £10

SSS21 The Roy Coker Award
To the highest placed **Devon Shearer** in the Open Class (291)

SSS22 The L J Coker Award
Awarded to '**Best Female Shearer**' competing at the Devon
County Show (244)



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be made on the 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 competitors 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 to 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 the Blade Shearing classes.

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.

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