



**SHEEP SHEARING SCHEDULE**

**ENTRIES CLOSING DATE:  
14 MAY 2026**

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Royal Bath and West Show

Shepton Mallet

**SHEEP SHEARING SCHEDULE**

Friday 29 & Saturday 30 May 2026

**REFEREE:**

Mr A Derryman, Sidmouth, Devon

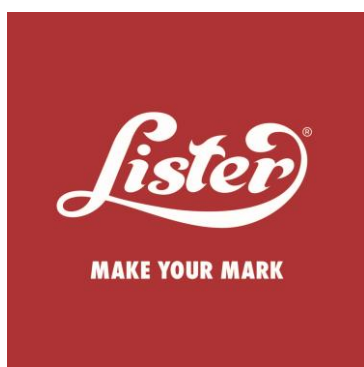
**ENTRIES CLOSE: Online 14 May @ 12 midnight.**  
**There will be no late entries and no entries taken at Show.**

**THE ENTRY FEE IN EACH CLASS INCLUDES £1.00 DONATION TO THE ENGLISH CIRCUIT**

No entries will be accepted at the Show although replacement entries may be accepted for which a 50% surcharge may be made (See Reg 1).

THE SHOWGROUND, SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET BA4 6QN  
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**PRIZES:**

In Classes 1, 4, 10 & 11 first prize winners will receive a Lister voucher to the value of £150, redeemable on any Lister products featured on the Lister website, kindly offered by Lister Shearing Equipment Limited.

Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> £150 Lister Voucher; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £60; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £50; 4 <sup>th</sup> £30; 5 <sup>th</sup> £20; 6 <sup>th</sup> £15. Prizes of combs offered by Lister Shearing Equipment Limited 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 Combs; 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 Combs; 4 <sup>th</sup> 2 Combs; 5 <sup>th</sup> 2 Combs; 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 Comb.	EF £15
Blade Novice	1 <sup>st</sup> £35; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £20; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £15; 4 <sup>th</sup> £10; 5 <sup>th</sup> £10; 6 <sup>th</sup> £10	EF £15
Blade Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup> £60; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £50; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £40; 4 <sup>th</sup> £30; 5 <sup>th</sup> £15; 6 <sup>th</sup> £15	EF £17
Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup> £25 + £150 Lister Voucher; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £75; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £50; 4 <sup>th</sup> £30; 5 <sup>th</sup> £25; 6 <sup>th</sup> £20	EF £17
Blade Open	1 <sup>st</sup> £80; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £65; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £50; 4 <sup>th</sup> £40; 5 <sup>th</sup> £30; 6 <sup>th</sup> £20	EF £17
Blade Test Match	Royal Bath & West Keepsake Tumblers to the winning team.	Invitation
Wool Handling Open	1 <sup>st</sup> £80; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £65; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £50; 4 <sup>th</sup> £40; 5 <sup>th</sup> £30; 6 <sup>th</sup> £20	EF £17
Wool Handling Novice	1 <sup>st</sup> £35; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £20; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £15; 4 <sup>th</sup> £10; 5 <sup>th</sup> £10; 6 <sup>th</sup> £10	EF £15
Six Nations Wool Handling	Royal Bath & West Keepsake Tumblers to the winning team.	Invitation
English National	1 <sup>st</sup> £275; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £150; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £95; 4 <sup>th</sup> £70; 5 <sup>th</sup> £60; 6 <sup>th</sup> £50	EF £23
Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> £50 + £150 Lister Voucher; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £150; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £100; 4 <sup>th</sup> £75; 5 <sup>th</sup> £60; 6 <sup>th</sup> £50	EF £23
Open	1 <sup>st</sup> £250 + £150 Lister Voucher; 2 <sup>nd</sup> £250; 3 <sup>rd</sup> £150; 4 <sup>th</sup> £100; 5 <sup>th</sup> £75; 6 <sup>th</sup> £60	EF £25

**FRIDAY 29 May**

**Entry  
Fee**

**Class SS1 THE BRITISH WOOL GOLDEN SHEARS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP  
(INC THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WOOLMEN JUNIOR COMPETITION &  
THE SOUTH WEST AREA GLOUCESTERSHIRE YFC MACHINE SHEEP SHEARING  
ROUND)**

**£15**

Confined to shearers who are not on the British National Intermediate, Senior or Open Classification List and who have not won two first prizes in any previous Golden Shears Junior Championship. The six shearers with the lowest aggregate penalty points will go forward to the next round.

The winner will receive the H K Hardwick Perpetual Challenge Trophy (CO11), together with Lister handpiece.

The competitor with the least number of quality penalty points (Pen and Board in heats or final) will receive the Ernie Smith Perpetual Memorial Trophy (CO33), provided he/she is not later disqualified on quality points.

**WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WOOLMEN JUNIOR COMPETITION**

The objective of the competition is to promote both Competition and Training for Shearing. Open to English competitors who must be under the age of 26 years on 1 May 2025 holding a Blue or Bronze Seal only and being classified as a Junior.

The Royal Bath & West is one of five qualifying shows. The qualifying Junior prize winner will receive a Bronze Medal, a cheque for £50 plus a British Wool Training Voucher. The qualifying Junior runner-up will receive a cheque for £25 plus a Training Voucher.

These two qualifying young shearers will be expected to go forward to the final at the Royal Welsh Show 2025 to shear with eight other British Qualifiers in a Semi-Final (3 sheep).

Receipt of the Bronze Medal and qualifying vouchers will be dependent upon confirmation that the qualifying shearers will compete at the finals.

**Class SS2 THE FERNHILL FARM NOVICE BLADE SHEARING COMPETITION**

**£15**

Confined to Novice Shearers (see BISCA rules for eligibility). Any competitor entering the class are not permitted to enter either the Intermediate or Open Blade Shearing classes. The winner will receive the Kevin Klakus Memorial Trophy (CO36).

**FRIDAY 29 May****Entry  
Fee****Class SS3 INTERMEDIATE BLADE SHEARING COMPETITION**

Open to competitors who are classed as Intermediate level. Any competitor entering the class is not permitted to enter either the Novice or Open Blade Shearing classes.

**£17****Class SS4 THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WOOLMEN GOLDEN SHEARS  
INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Confined to shearers who are classed as Intermediate level. The winner will receive the H K Hardwick Perpetual Challenge Cup (CO12), together with a Lister handpiece.

**£17**

The competitor with the least number of quality penalty points in the pen (heats, semi-final, final) will receive a special prize of £45 donated by The Worshipful Company of Woolmen provided he/she is not later disqualified on quality points.

**Class SS5 THE GOLDEN SHEARS OPEN BLADE SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Competitors entering the class are not permitted to enter either the Novice or Intermediate Blade Shearing classes. The winner will receive the Perpetual Challenge Statue of a Blade Shearer, 'Just one more', (CO31) in memory of Craig Madge, offered by The Hon Mrs Townsend.

**£17****Class SS6 BLADE SHEARING TEST MATCH**

Invitation only. Teams to consist of two members. Up to a maximum of 6 sheep to be shorn (3 per team member). Restricted to one team per Nation.

**£0**

**SATURDAY 30 MAY****Entry  
Fee****Class SS7 OPEN WOOL HANDLING COMPETITION.**

Open to all wool handlers who are classified as Open standard. The winner will receive the Mendip Sheep Shearing & Co Salver (CO30), presented by Fernhill Farm Wear Wool Counts.

**£17****Class SS8 NOVICE WOOL HANDLING COMPETITION**

Open to wool handlers who are not classified as Open standard.

**£15****Class SS9 ARIAT SIX NATIONS WOOL HANDLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Invitation only. Restricted to one team per nation.

**£0****Class SS10 THE ROYAL BATH & WEST ENGLISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

This class is restricted to 18 entries. Competitors in the Golden Shears Senior class cannot also enter this class.

**£23**

The heats of the Golden Shears Open Championships will run concurrently with this class. The top 12 competitors in the English National Championships will go forward to separate Semi-finals and Final. **Competitors wishing to compete in the Golden Shears Open must make a separate entry into the Open class and pay the entry fee.**

Restricted to English National Shearers of Open, Senior and Intermediate classification. The winner will receive the Shearers Perpetual Challenge Cup (CO16), offered by the late Hon J W Best OBE.

The competitor with the least number of quality penalty points in the pen (heats, semi-final, final) provided he/she is not later disqualified on quality points, will receive the Arthur Rundle Memorial Trophy (CO37).

**£23****Class SS11 THE GOLDEN SHEARS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

This class is restricted to 18 entries.

Confined to shearers who are not on the British National Junior, Intermediate or Open Classification List and who have not won two first prizes in a previous Golden Shears Senior Championship. The winner will receive the Lister Perpetual Challenge Cup (CO14), together with a Lister handpiece.

For the Senior British Shearer with the least number of quality penalty points (Pen and Board) in the final, (if there is no British Shearer in the final, trophy to be awarded in the Semi-Final or Heats) - The Philip Pile Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup (CO32), offered by the British Shearers.

**£25****Class SS12 THE LISTER GOLDEN SHEARS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

This class is restricted to 42 entries. Competitors in the Golden Shears Senior class cannot also enter this class.

The heats of Royal Bath & West English National Championships will run concurrently with this class. The top 12 competitors in the English National Championships will go forward to separate Semi-finals and Final. **Competitors wishing to compete in the English National must make a separate entry into the English National class and pay the entry fee.**

Confined to shearers who are not on the British National Junior, Intermediate or Senior Classification List. The winner will receive the Golden Shears (Lister Shearing) Challenge Gilt Handpiece (CO13) together with a Lister handpiece.

For the Open Shearer with the least number of quality penalty marks (heats, semi-finals or final), provided he/she is not later disqualified on quality points will receive The Rottenbury Perpetual Challenge Trophy (CO24).

## HOW TO ENTER

Enter online at [www.bathandwest.com/sheep-shearing](http://www.bathandwest.com/sheep-shearing) by 12 Midnight on 14 May.

NOTE: There will be no entries taken on the day, although replacement entries may be offered if they become available. A surcharge of 50% may be added at the Society's discretion and the cost of the ticket to gain access to the show will not be refunded.

Competitors in the Senior and Open Machine classes will not be permitted to shear outside their class.

Entries for the English National and Senior Machine classes are restricted to 18 entries.

Entries for the Open Machine class is restricted to 42 entries.

## What happens next

After receipt of entry, you will be sent the following:

- Ticket for each competing day to provide you with access to the showground.
- Sheep Shearing Timetable.
- Any additional tickets purchased.

## Then

Competitors are asked to please report to the Shearing Shed at least half an hour before the competition is due to start.

Presentations to the winners:

Some presentations will be made following individual classes, but the majority of presentations will take place on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 May at approximately 4:00pm.

**THESE CLASSES ARE RUN IN ACCORDANCE TO THE BRITISH ISLES SHEARING COMPETITIONS ASSOCIATION  
RULES IN FORCE AT THE TIME OF THE SHOW  
EXHIBITORS SHOULD ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE RULES**

**ADDITIONAL ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW  
REGULATIONS FOR GOLDEN SHEARS SHEEP SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Entries:**

- A.** Enter online at [www.bathandwest.com/sheep-shearing](http://www.bathandwest.com/sheep-shearing) by 12 midnight on 14 May.

There will be no entries taken on the day, although replacement entries may be offered if they become available. A surcharge of 50% may be added at the Society's discretion and the cost of the ticket to gain access to the show will not be refunded.

Competitors in the Senior and Open Machine shearing classes will not be permitted to shear outside their class.

Entries for the English National and Senior Machine classes are restricted to 18 entries.

Entries for the Open Machine class is restricted to 42 entries.

Please note: As a condition of your entry limited exhibitor information will appear in the catalogue and on the Society's website. For classes run under Society rules, your details will be verified with the society concerned to ensure your eligibility to enter.

Please see the Society's website for full details of our privacy policy.

**Judging:**

- B.** The Show reserves the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations, or Prize Sheets, and to settle arbitrarily and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show. Also, to refuse and to cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, vary or cancel awards or prizes or reserve numbers, and relax conditions, as the Show may deem expedient.

**Prizes:**

- C.** Winning competitors will receive prize money during the presentations.
- D.** Exhibitors wishing to have trophies engraved should do so at their own cost, but any engraving must be similar in size, style and layout to previous engravings to ensure consistency. The Show will seek reimbursement for the cost of repairing any damage caused to trophies through mishandling or engraving.

**Objections:**

- E.** Any Exhibitor wishing to lodge an objection having reference to an entry exhibited at the Show must make the same in writing to the Show Office and deposit the sum of £50. An objection form will be made available from the Show Office to do so. If on investigation the objection is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Disqualifying Committee, the sum thus deposited shall at the discretion of the Show, be forfeited to the funds of the Show. All objections should be delivered to the Show Office no later than 17.00 on the day of the award or the first day of Show, as appropriate, and no objection will be subsequently received, unless a reason, satisfactory to the Disqualifying Committee, be assigned for the delay. Should the objection be with regards to welfare, the initial investigation will take place with the Show Official veterinary surgeon, prior to the disqualifying committee being convened if required. The Vets decision shall be final. Should the Vet uphold the objection, then the Disqualifying Committee may be convened. In all other cases, the Judge's decision shall be final. The Disqualifying Committee will consider such objections at a time and place to be fixed by them, at which time and place any person making the objection is expected to attend. Objections will not be entertained from any person or organisation not exhibiting in the same class as the animal to which objection is raised. The Show

reserves the right to refer an objection to any Authority or Organisation to adjudicate, wholly or in part, in respect of that objection, on behalf of the Show. The decision of the Disqualifying Committee shall be final.

The Disqualifying Committee of The Society shall include a legal advisor and a Senior Steward of the Shows or department concerned and will be chaired by the Honorary Show Director and Organisers of The Show.

The Committee shall:

- a. consider all protests arising out of the Shows organised for or on behalf of the Society by its subsidiaries or others and take such action as they may deem appropriate;
- b. consider the disqualification of any entry exhibited in a manner contrary to the regulations of the particular Show the Society or of any organisation, the rules of which are accepted by the Society for the purpose of organising competitions.

**Liability:**

- F. In this clause the term exhibitor shall include persons taking part in any competition or display arranged by the Show, 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 the negligence of the Show, its servants or agents, the Show will not be responsible for death, injury, disease 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. (See also Reg G).
- G. The Show will not be responsible in any way for any article, plant, machinery or object of any kind exhibited on the Showground. The exhibitor shall assume full responsibility therefore, including liability for all claims arising out of the exhibition, handling or housing of such exhibits and the conduct of the stand generally. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against all claims, damages or expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the exhibitor or his exhibits on the Showground. Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be a condition of entry.

**Health & Safety Regulations:**

- H. Exhibitors are reminded that they must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and other relevant Health and Safety legislation. Exhibitors must also comply to The Equalities Act 2010 (formerly The Disability and Discrimination Act); the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005; the Health Act 2006 incorporating the Smokefree Legislation. Environmental Health Officers and Fire Officers will be in attendance at the Show and have the authority to take appropriate enforcement action.

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings.

- I. Replacement entries may be accepted, on the day of the competition only, subject to availability of sheep and at the discretion of the Chief Steward, at a surcharge of 50%, the cost of the ticket to gain access to the show will not be refunded. Replacement entries whenever possible should be included in the early heats.
- J. Competitors using the replacement entry procedure will not be refunded their entry into the Showground.
- K. Competitors are required to attend at the Shearing Shed in the Showground thirty minutes before the time stated in the programme for the commencement of their competition. Latecomers will be disqualified.
- L. The competitions will be staged in a special type of sheep shearing shed provided by Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd., of Dursley, Gloucestershire.

Due to Health and Safety Regulations, grinders will NOT be available for sharpening and no grinders are allowed to be brought in. Anyone caught in possession of a grinder will be automatically disqualified.

- M. Competitors may be expected to assist in turning the sheep.
- N. Any spare sheep will be shorn by competitors prior to the last competition on each day of the show.
- O. In Class 1 if there are 6 or less shearers forward there will only be a final, and no heat.
- P. In Class 1 the six shearers with the lowest aggregate penalty points will go forward to the finals.
- Q. In Classes 1, 4, 10, 11, & 12 if there are 18 or more entries, semi-finals will be held between the 12 competitors with the lowest penalty points in the heats, followed by a final between the 6 competitors with the lowest penalty points in the semi-finals. If there are fewer than 18 entries a final only will be held between the 6 competitors with the lowest penalty points in the heats.

In Class 4 if there are 7 or more entries a final will be held between the 6 competitors with the lowest penalty points in the heats.

- R. In all Golden Shears classes there will be a final of up to a maximum of 6 competitors.
- S. The numbers of sheep to be shorn are:

Classes	Competition	Heats	Semi-Final	Final
1	Junior	3	3	4/5
2	Novice Blade	1 *	-	2
3	Intermediate Blade	2 *	-	3
4	Intermediate	4	4	5/8
5	Open Blade	3 *	-	5
6	Blade Shearing Test Match	-	-	6 (3 per member)
7	Open Wool Handling	4/5	-	7/8
8	Novice Wool Handling	2	-	3
9	Six Nations Wool Handling	-	-	7
10	English (heats run with Open)	5	8/10	15/20
11	Senior	4	5	7/12
12	Open (heats run with National)	5	8	15/20

**\* Provided bellied out**

The number of sheep may be altered at the discretion of the Chief Steward.

- T. Class 1 - time points calculation - 1 penalty for each 40 seconds.
- U. Judging of Classes 7, 8, & 9 will be run under the British Isles Wool Handling Competition Regulations.
- V. Competitors who either cut teat, pizzle or wound scoring 20 or more penalties, even though they have been placed, will NOT be eligible for any prize in cash or kind.
- W. All competitors will be required to uphold all relevant bio-security protocol as currently applicable to the Show.
- X. Eligibility for the Novice Blade competition is as laid out in the BISCA rules.

The winner of the Novice and the winner of the Intermediate to be invited, at the discretion of the Referee, to enter either the Intermediate Blade or Open Blade respectively if he/she wishes.

The Novice Blade Shearing competition will be run under the same rules as the Open Blade Shearing Competitions, with the following amendment:

Points calculated - time penalties 1 penalty for each 40 seconds.

**New or amended regulations are marked in the margin**

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