



Staffordshire and Birmingham Agricultural Society



STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW

SCHEDULE FOR SHEEP SHEARING COMPETITIONS

**Wednesday 29 May – Thursday 30 May 2024
to be held in
Bingley Hall Annexe 1**

Entries Close:

All Entries: 07 May 2024

ONLY entries received by 07 May 2024 will receive an admission pass into the showground

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CHIEF STEWARD:

Mrs Angela Cope

CHIEF SHEEP STEWARDS:

Mr John Froggatt
Mr Nick Greaves

CHIEF JUDGE:

Mr Richard Dixon

CHIEF SCORER:

Mrs Hayley Mattravers

Commentators:

Mr Huw Condron
Mr James Lewis
Mr Nick Harding *tbc*

SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS

WEDNESDAY 29 May 2024:

8.00 am Prompt **NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE BLADE SHEARING** **EF: £10**
Competitors to be present for the draw at 7.30 am
1st - £40, 2nd - £30, 3rd - £25, 4th - £15, 5th - 10, 6th - £5

Followed by: **OPEN BLADE SHEARING** **EF: £15**
Competitors to be present for the draw at 7.30 am
1st - £75, 2nd - £50, 3rd - £30, 4th - £20, 5th - £10, 6th - £5

Followed by: **JUNIOR SHEARS** **EF: £10**
Competitors to be present for the draw at 9.00 am
1st - £100, 2nd - £60, 3rd - £40, 4th - £20, 5th - £10, 6th - £5.
The highest scoring SFYFC member – 1st 15, 2nd £10
Best Pen Marks – Box of Combs (given by Horner Shearing) - (excl. final)

Followed by: **INTERMEDIATE SHEARS** **EF: £12**
Competitors to be present for the draw at 10.00 am
1st - £120, 2nd - £100, 3rd - £80, 4th - £40, 5th - £15, 6th - £10
Best Pen Marks – Box of Combs (given by Horner Shearing) – (excl.final)

Followed by: **BLADE DEVELOPMENT TEAM TEST:**
ENGLAND / WALES / SCOTLAND *by invitation*

THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024:

8.00 am Prompt **NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE WOOL HANDLING** **EF: £10**
Competitors to be present for the draw at 7.30 am
1st - £50, 2nd - £30, 3rd - £20, 4th - £15, 5th - £10, 6th - £5

Followed by: **OPEN WOOL HANDLING** **EF: £15**
Competitors to be present for the draw at 7.30 am
1st - £60, 2nd - £40, 3rd - £30, 4th - £20, 5th - £15, 6th £10

Followed by: **WOOLHANDLING DEVELOPMENT TEAM TEST:**
ENGLAND / WALES / SCOTLAND *by invitation*

Followed by: **SENIOR SHEARS** **EF: £18**
Competitors to be present for the draw at 10.30 am
1st - £175, 2nd - £125, 3rd - £100, 4th - £50, 5th - £40, 6th - £30
Best Pen marks – Box of Combs (given by Horner Shearing) – (excl.final)

Followed by: **OPEN SHEARS** **EF: £20**
Competitors to be present for the draw at 12.30 am
1st - £275, 2nd - £200, 3rd - £120, 4th - £75, 5th - £50, 6th - £40
Best Pen marks – Box of Combs (given by Horner Shearing) – (excl.final)

Followed by: **MACHINE SHEARING NATIONAL TEAM TEST:**
ENGLAND / WALES / SCOTLAND *by invitation*

**** Please be mindful that timings are approximate and are subject to change.**

HOW TO ENTER

1. **To enter On-line** – access www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk / sheep shearing / entry form. Complete entry form and pay on-line using: Entrymaster (*Competition Management Solutions*)

Please note:

- Please do not ring the showground – all enquiries direct to Angela Cope, Secretary
 - Entries cannot be accepted without payment
 - Free Admission to the Showground – **STRICTLY ONLY FOR** entries received by 7 May 2024
 - There will be no refund of entry fee due to cancellation of competitor
2. **Late Entries / To enter on the day** – strictly subject to availability of sheep and on a first come basis. Full price of entry fees will be applicable. There will be no surcharge for late entries, however any entry received after the entry closing date **WILL NOT RECEIVE A FREE ENTRY PASS** INTO THE SHOWGROUND. **All entries after the closing date – strictly by arrangement – please contact Angela Cope direct for instructions.**
 3. **There is no guarantee of entry into any competition after 07 May 2024.**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

After the close of entries on 7 May 2024, you will be sent an admission ticket for entry into the showground. Any entry received after this date **will not** receive an admission ticket.

SHOW DAY

Competitors are asked to please report to the Shearing Area Booking In Desk in Annex 1 of Bingley Hall. We need your full name, address and BISCA Number please. The booking in desk will be open from 7.15 am.

Timetable:

- The competitions will commence at 8.00 am sharp each day
- Whilst every endeavour will be taken to announce each stage of the competition, it is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure they are available to compete. The competitors for each heat/class will be called upon to assemble approximately half an hour prior to commencement of their heat/class. The shearing committee will accept no responsibility for competitors who are not in attendance at the start of their heat/class.
- Singlets for all competitors are being kindly donated by Horner Shearing Ltd to wear in the heats and finals. These will be handed out once each competitor has booked in and prior to the final once the draw has been made.
- We aim to complete all heats for the Blade Shearing and the Junior shears prior to midday on Wednesday 29 May and all heats for all Woolhandling and Senior Machine Shearing by midday on Thursday 30 May.
- Presentations to the winners will take place at the end of each day (approx. 5.00 pm)– if you are not going to be available, please inform the admin team so that any prize money can be forwarded to you.
- Shearers are expected to make an effort to look clean and tidy for the presentations.
- All TEAM events will be run in accordance with the 6-Nations competition format.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

1. **Rules:** All competitions are run in accordance with the British Isles Shearing Competitions Association (BISCA) Rules in force at the time of the Show. Subject to any right of appeal contained in the Society's by-laws, the Chief Steward's ruling on any matter not covered by these rules shall be final.

Competitors should acquaint themselves with the rules which can be found in the British Wool Marketing Board Newsclip. An electronic version is available at www.britishwool.org.uk/newsclip

The Chief Steward, in consultation with the Chief Judge has the right to interpret these rules and regulations and to eliminate any competitor whose work or conduct is detrimental to the good reputation of competition shearing.

2. **Objections/Queries:** Any competitor wishing to make an enquiry regarding their scores must inform the Chief Steward/Chief Judge prior to the Semi-final/Final commencing. Once the next stage of the competition commences the scores/results will stand. Any official objection with regard to any aspect of the competition must be made in person and in writing to the Chief Steward as stated in the rules. Please note that no competitor should approach or make enquiries direct to the Scorer at any time without prior consultation with the Chief Judge.
3. **Entries:** Depending on the availability of suitable sheep, it may be necessary to restrict the number of entries that can be accepted. In such cases entries will be accepted in order of receipt, subject to entrants being eligible for that competition under BWMB Classification. Equally, should there be insufficient entries to hold a semi-final, the competition will go straight to a final from the heats.

All shearers to please inform the 'booking in' clerk of your BISCA classification number if you have one.

4. **Equipment:** Electrically driven machines, kindly provided by Lister Shearing Equipment will be used for all competitions. Only solid shafts will be available.

Please note: grinders will not be available for sharpening and no grinders are allowed to be brought onto the showground.

5. Shower Facilities:

The shower facilities for both males and females are located in Bingley Hall. Please do not use the public toilets to clean up, as these are also used by the general public.

6. Prize Money:

The highest scoring SFYFC member in the Junior Competition only will receive prize money: 1st - £15, 2nd - £10.

Prize Money in the Intermediate, Senior and Open Sections will be paid out depending on number of entries as stated below:-

1-4 entries 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize money only will be paid out
5-9 entries 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place prize money will be paid out.
10 and over 1st- 6th place will be paid out.

The winners of each class will be presented with a trophy.

WE ASK THAT ALL COMPETITORS REMEMBER:

The general public will be in attendance and may include protesters.

We need to ensure that the 'public face' of the competitions is of the highest quality and that should any problem arise, this will be handled by the Chief Steward and the Chief Judge, and in extreme circumstances by the Society Security Team and/or the Police.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society is indebted to Angela Cope and the Sheep Shearing Committee for organizing the competition

Special thanks to:

John Froggatt and Nick Greaves for organising the provision/preparation of sheep and to the farmers who have provided the sheep for the competition.

Richard Dixon, Chief Judge and the many judges, stewards, commentators, timekeepers and Hayley Mattravers, our Chief Scorer, who have donated their time to helping on each day of the competition.

Karen Greaves, Nicky Royall and all who have worked hard and donated to provide our excellent hospitality area.

Rachael Greaves for managing and finding such great prizes for our raffle, the proceeds of which this year are going towards the England Shearing Team to support them at the next World Championships in New Zealand.

Rob Peacock and his team at SBAS who put the stand together and are always willing to lend a helping hand

The sponsorship and donations given are greatly appreciated. Many thanks to:

Lister Sheep Shearing Equipment for the machines used each day

British Wool Marketing Board

Farmers Fresh Ltd

Horner Shearing Ltd for donating singlets for all competitors and combs for the Best Pen in each competition

George Mudge & Co for sponsoring the Novice/Intermediate Blade prize-money

The family of the late David & Jean Short for sponsoring the Junior Shears prize-money

Mr Nick Greaves, Nick Greaves Shearing for sponsoring the Intermediate Shears prize-money

Mr N Cope & Mrs A Cope (N C Construction Ltd)

Amerton Farm for sponsoring the Stewards t-shirts

A full and up to date list will be displayed in the shearing area

Insurance Cover provided by the
National Farmers' Union Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.

INTERPRETATION CLAUSE

The Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society reserve to themselves the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations, or Prize Lists, and to settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Competition.