

**SHEEP SHEARING SCHEDULE**



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# SHEEP SHEARING, WOOL HANDLING & BLADE SHEARING PRIZE SCHEDULE



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The Society would like to thank all those who provide sheep for the competitions, and competitors for their careful handling of the sheep.

Thank you to Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd who supply the shearing machines and technical support for all the shearing competitions.

Thank you to A McIlrath & Son (Husqvarna) for their sponsorship of the Shearing Pavilion.

NISSA have contributed towards the building of the new sheep shearing stands in memory of the late Maurice Megahey

# SHEEP SHEARING OFFICIALS

**Chief Steward:** Gerard Kelly

**Deputy Chief Stewards:** John Murphy, Brendan Kelly

## STEWARDS

Crosby Cleland

Damien Nelson

David O'Neill

Edwin Adams

Ellen Murphy

Finn Butler

Ian Montgomery

Jack Robinson

Jayne Harkness-Bones

Joanna Boyd

Liam Kelly

Robert Harkness

Russell Smith

Ryan Adams

Sam McConnell

Seamus Kelly

Tom Perry

Wallace Boyd

William Jones

**Commentators:** Huw Condron & George Graham

**Scorekeepers:** Ellen Murphy & Jayne Harkness-Bones

**Assistant Board Referee:** Wallace Boyd

**Timekeeper:** Wallace Boyd & Joanna Boyd

**Screen Technician:** Damian Nelson

## JUDGING PANEL

Adrian Caldwell, Co. Tyrone

Alan Crockett, Co. Tyrone

Alan Longstaff, Co. Antrim

Andrew Rankin, Dunbartenshire

Brendan Kelly, Co. Antrim

Brian Megahey, Co. Antrim

Bryan Wilson, Co. Antrim

Colin Crowe, Westmeath

David Jones, Co. Antrim

David O'Neill, Co. Tyrone.

Fionan Butler, Co. Antrim

Ian Montgomery, Co. Antrim

Jack Robinson, Co. Londonderry

John Ivor Davis, Wales

Klaus Keifer, France

Peter Webber, Devon

Richard Schofield, North Yorkshire

Seamus Kelly, Co. Antrim.

Tom Dunne, Wicklow

Tom Perry, Co. Tyrone

Wallace Boyd, Scotland

William Jones, Co. Antrim.

## ENTRIES

Enter online at [www.balmoralshow.co.uk](http://www.balmoralshow.co.uk)

### CLOSE OF ENTRIES – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

#### Late Entries

Late entries may be accepted on the day of shearing, subject to the availability of sheep and a £10 surcharge on the entry fee.

## ENTRY FEES

| Competition  | Day       | Entry Fee (inc VAT) | Competitors must report by |
|--|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| RUAS International Shearing Championships - Junior Heats | Wednesday | £12                 | 10.00am                    |
| RUAS International Shearing Championships - Intermediate | Thursday  | £15                 | 9.00am                     |
| National Sheep Shearing Championship                     | Thursday  | £20                 | 9.00am                     |
| National Wool Handling Competition                       | Thursday  | £10                 | 9.00am                     |
| RUAS International Shearing Championships - Senior Heats | Friday    | £20                 | 8.30am                     |
| Open Blade Shearing Championship                         | Friday    | £15                 | 8.30am                     |
| National Blade Shearing                                  | Friday    | £10                 | 10.00am                    |
| RUAS International Shearing Championships - Open Heats   | Saturday  | £25                 | 8.30am                     |
| Wool Handling Competition - Novice                       | Saturday  | £10                 | 9.30am                     |
| Wool Handling Competition - Open                         | Saturday  | £15                 | 9.30am                     |

## TRAVELLING TO THE SHOW

Please note that traffic around Balmoral Park is very busy therefore you should leave extra time to get to the Showgrounds. Please refer to the website for directions or information enclosed in your exhibitor pack where applicable.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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# TIMETABLE

| Day              | Start time                        | Competition   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9.30am                            | YFCU / Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd Novice & Advanced Sheep Shearing Championship followed by YFCU/Wool Handling competition |
|                  | 11.00am                           | Royal Ulster International Sheep Shearing Championship – Junior Heats, Semi Finals & Final                                    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 10.00am                           | Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship – Intermediate Heats   |
|                  |                                   | National Shearing Championship – Heats  |
|                  |                                   | National Wool Handling – Heats  |
|                  | 1.00pm                            | National Wool Handling – Final  |
|                  |                                   | Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship – Intermediate Semi Finals   |
|                  |                                   | National Shearing Championship – Semi Final   |
|                  |                                   | Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship – Intermediate Finals  |
|                  | 3.30pm                            | National Shearing Championship – Final  |
|                  | <b>Friday</b>                     | 9.30am  |
|                  |                                   | Open Blade Shearing Championship – Heats  |
| 11.00am          |                                   | Wool Handling Development Test – 3 way – Scotland / England / NI (1 open, 1 novice)   |
|                  |                                   | National Blade Shearing Final   |
| 2.00pm           |                                   | Open Blade Shearing Championship – Semi Finals  |
|                  |                                   | Royal Ulster International Shearing Senior Semi Finals  |
|                  |                                   | Ladies Shearing Competition   |
|                  |                                   | Open Blade Shearing Championship – Final  |
|                  |                                   | Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship - Senior Finals  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 9.00am                            | Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship – Open Heats   |
|                  | 10.30am                           | Wool Handling International Competition – Novice & Open   |
|                  | 11.30am                           | Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship – Open Semi Finals   |
|                  | 1.30pm                            | 6 Nations   |
|                  | 2.00pm                            | Royal Ulster International Shearing Championship – Open Finals  |
|                  | 2.30pm                            | Novice & Open Wool Handling Final   |
| 3.00pm           | Shearing/Wool Handling Teams Test |   |

## COMPETITIONS DETAILS

### LISTER SHEARING / YFCU NOVICE & ADVANCED SHEEP SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIP



**Sponsored by Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd**

**Competitors must report at 8.30 am on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Lister Silver Handpiece Perpetual Challenge Trophy & commemorative engraved medallion presented to the winner of the competition and supplied by Lister Shearing. Shearing vests provided by Lister Shearing.

The winner of the novice section will receive the James Gilpin Perpetual Cup

Moira Cross Country & Schooling Gallops will present £50 quality prize for the best pen of shorn sheep.

The Robert Camac award (bronze medal) will be presented by the Worshipful Company of Woolmen.

### NATIONAL SHEEP SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIP



**Sponsored by Randex Health**

BISCA NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED ON ENTRY FORM. Entrants must be born in Northern Ireland or resident three years in Northern Ireland, not having represented any other country within three years of the day of the competition.

Only plain shearing vests may be worn where show sponsors vests are not provided.

**Heats** - Each competitor will be required to shear 5 sheep or any number of sheep predetermined by Chief Steward.

**Final** - Each competitor will be required to shear 10 sheep or any number of sheep predetermined by Chief Steward.

The 'Ringer' Perpetual Challenge Trophy, presented by the late Maurice Megahey, will be presented to the winner of the National Shearing Championship.

**Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> gold medal and £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> silver medal and £75, 3<sup>rd</sup> bronze medal and £50, 4<sup>th</sup> £35, 5<sup>th</sup> £25, 6<sup>th</sup> £20

Moira Cross Country & Schooling Gallops will present £100 quality prize for the best pen of shorn sheep in the final.

Jim Allen Perpetual Silver Salver, for best pen of shorn sheep, in the heats, semi finals or finals - in memory of Jim Allen presented by Margaret Allen.

# ROYAL ULSTER INTERNATIONAL SHEEP SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Junior**

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**Intermediate**

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**Senior**

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**Open**

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**Ulster Wool Growers**

Note: Competitors will be required to shear a number of sheep as predetermined by the chief steward. Competitors will only be able to shear in their classified category as set out in the spring edition of Newsclip. Competitors may only enter in **one** of the sections below.

**BISCA NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED ON ENTRY FORM**

Only plain shearing vests may be worn where show sponsors vests are not provided.

## **Prize Money – Junior, Intermediate, Senior & Open**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Junior       | 1st Edwin Adams Trophy & £75, 2nd £50, 3rd £25, 4th £15, 5th £10, 6th £10                               |
| Intermediate | 1st Malcolm Fraser Trophy & £100, 2nd £75, 3rd £50, 4th £25, 5th £15, 6th £15                           |
| Senior       | 1st Wallace Boyd Trophy & £150, 2nd £100, 3rd £60, 4th £40, 5th £30, 6th £20                            |
| Open         | 1st Gartree Trophy Presented by Robert Harkness & £500, 2nd £250, 3rd £200, 4th £150, 5th £100, 6th £50 |

Perpetual Rosebowl will be Presented by Robert Harkness and Jayne Harkness-Bones for the top Northern Ireland Shearer in memory of Rosemary Harkness.

Moira Cross Country & Schooling Gallops will present £50 quality prize for the best pen of shorn sheep in the Junior and £100 for the Intermediate, Senior and Open Finals.

Ulster Wool have kindly donated £200 to the Junior shearing competitions.

The junior competition is a qualifier for the Worshipful Company of Woolmen Junior competition final to be held at the Royal Welsh Show with £1,600 prize money on offer. The top two junior Northern Ireland shearers who meet the following criteria will qualify. Must hold either a blue or bronze seal only and be under 26 years on 1<sup>st</sup> May in the current year and have shorn in the UK only.

The Worshipful Company of Woolmen has also offered the following prizes to these two competitors – £50, a medal and a £50 BWMB voucher for further shearing training to the highest placed eligible shearer. £25, a medal and a £25 BWMB voucher for further shearing training to the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest place eligible shearer.

As a means of encouragement to junior and intermediate shearers Lister Shearing Equipment Ltd has offered prizes for each of the finalists in the junior and intermediate. All finalists in these championships will receive a special trophy and a championship Lister shearing vest.

**Results will contribute to the NISSA Sheep Shearing Circuit 2022.**



# NATIONAL WOOL HANDLING COMPETITION



**Sponsored by Ballyutoag Training**

**All competitors must report no later than 9.15am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Prize Money** 1<sup>st</sup> £100 2<sup>nd</sup> £75 3<sup>rd</sup> £50 4<sup>th</sup> £25

## OPEN BLADE SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Competitors must report no later than 8.45am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Heats** - 2 sheep per competitor or any number of sheep predetermined by Chief Steward.

**Final** - 3 sheep per competitor or any number of sheep predetermined by Chief Steward.

**Prize Money** 1<sup>st</sup> £175, 2<sup>nd</sup> £125, 3<sup>rd</sup> £85, 4<sup>th</sup> £65, 5<sup>th</sup> £55, 6<sup>th</sup> £45.

Blade shearing competition is part of the Irish Blade shearing circuit.

## NATIONAL BLADE SHEARING –Final

Final – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May after Wool Handling Development Test.

## WOOL HANDLING DEVELOPMENT TEST – 3 Way Scotland / England / Northern Ireland

**All competitors must report no later than 10am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Each team will consist of one Novice and one Open.

**Prize Money** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 & medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £75 & medal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £50.

## WOOL HANDLING COMPETITION

### Novice & Open

**Heats** - 3 sheep per competitor or any number of sheep predetermined by Chief Steward.

**Final** - 4 sheep per competitor or any number of sheep predetermined by Chief Steward.

Wool handling prize money kindly donated by Ulster Wool Group.

“The Mooreview Jug” – Presented by Jayne Harkness-Bones – Presented to the winner of the Wool Handling Competition.

**Prize Money** Open - 1<sup>st</sup> £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> £60, 3<sup>rd</sup> £40, 4<sup>th</sup> £30, 5<sup>th</sup> £20, 6<sup>th</sup> £10  
Novice - 1<sup>st</sup> £20, 2<sup>nd</sup> £15, 3<sup>rd</sup> £10

**Special Prize £25** - for the best Northern Ireland novice wool handler

**Special Prize £25** – for the best Northern Ireland open wool handler

Both awards are kindly provided by NISSA

Ulster Wool have kindly sponsored the vests for the resident wool handlers.

## SHEARING / WOOL HANDLING TEAMS TEST

Harkness  
Farms

**Sponsored by Harkness Farms**

**All competitors must report no later than 1.45pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> £75, 3<sup>rd</sup> £50.

## SIX NATIONS SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIP

The competition will be a straight run-through team effort and will comprise of two open standard shearers each from England, France, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

1<sup>st</sup> team The W J Constable Perpetual Challenge Trophy, £200

2<sup>nd</sup> team £150; 3<sup>rd</sup> team £120; 4<sup>th</sup> £100; 5<sup>th</sup> £80; 6<sup>th</sup> £60

The British Wool Marketing Board Perpetual Trophy will be awarded for the best individual shearer in the competition.

The BISCA Trophy for the competitor with the best individual pen.

The RUAS will present a commemorative medal to each individual team member.

The team from Northern Ireland will be the top 2 open shearers from the Royal Ulster Competition for Machine Shearing, top 2 competitors for the Blade Shearing and the Wool Handling from Balmoral Show 2022.

Machine Shearing held at Balmoral Show – 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Blade Shearing held at Bath & West Show – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Wool Handling held at Royal Welsh - 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

# THE GOLDEN SHEARERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Golden Shearers World Championships will take place at the Royal Highland Show in 2023.

The team for the Golden Shearers World Championship will be selected from the 2022 results and will consist of the winner of the RUAS International Competition who will be the captain and the highest placed winner of the NISSA Open Circuit – If this is the same person the selection will move to second place competitor in the NISSA Open Circuit.

The team for the Blades and Wool Handling competition will be selected from the National Competition at Balmoral Show 2022.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

All sheep shearing competitions will be held under the World rules (published in the spring 2022 edition of Newsclip). Additional RUAS rules as listed are also included:-

1. Time points calculation – one penalty for 40 seconds for juniors and young farmers.
2. Competitors who either cut teat, pizzle or wound scoring 20 or more penalties, even though they have been placed, may not be eligible for any prizes in cash or kind.
3. Competitors entering the competition on the day will not be refunded their entry into the showgrounds.
4. 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.

**In the interest of safety the use of worm drives is compulsory.**

All competitors are also bound by the general regulations and instructions for the Society's Annual Show as contained in the main prize schedule - copies available online. Subject to any right of appeal contained in the Society's regulations and instructions to exhibitors, the chief steward's ruling shall be final on any matter not covered by British Isles Shearing Competition Association rules committee.

All shearers/wool handlers may be required to complete a declaration on the day confirming that they cleaned and disinfected their protective clothing and equipment before coming onto the Show premises. Any shearer/wool handler unable to complete such a declaration will not be permitted to compete and the RUAS reserve the right to inspect the clothing and equipment of all shearing/wool handling competitors.

**Shearers should note that NO commercial symbols may be worn by competitors unless they have been provided by the sponsors for the competitions or approved by a chief steward.**

Competitors should note that prize money will not be paid on the day. Shearers/wool handlers must provide an address for prize cheques to be forwarded after the Show.

# NOTES



# ULSTER WOOL – TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SHEARERS AND WOOL HANDLERS



For over 20 years Ulster Wool has provided four stages of shearing certificates enabling Northern Ireland shearers to safely and effectively shear wool.

- Ulster Wool is providing an exclusive training offer to the young farmer movement, to help encourage more young farmers into the field.
- Ulster Wool's Bronze to Gold courses in shearing and wool handling are now accredited by Highfield.
- Ulster Wool works in partnership with key stakeholders – supporting the Northern Ireland shearing sector.



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