



ROYAL
AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY
of WA



SHEARING AND WOOL HANDLING COMPETITION

2023 PERTH ROYAL SHOW SCHEDULE

Sheep Shearing is one of the most celebrated activities in Australian agricultural history and iconic part of our cultural image. The first authenticated tally of sheep shorn in a single day was 30 sheep by a blade shearer in 1835. By 1892 the record stood at 321 sheep. Patents for shearing machines were granted from the 1860's and in 1882, Jack Grey became the first man to completely shear a sheep using mechanical shears. The method that most woolgrowers adopted was the Wolseley stand. Frank Wolseley invented a handpiece connected to a power source - originally driven by horsepower, but later connected to an external engine. The handpiece allowed the wool to be clipped up to three times closer to the skin than blade shearing. By 1900 machine shearing was the norm, although, it was not until 1949 that Jack Howe's blade shearing tally was broken by Dan Cooper when he sheared 325 sheep by machine. In 1986 WA recorded its biggest wool clip of 231,000,000kg.



SHEEP SHEARING AND WOOLHANDLING COMPETITION

MISSION STATEMENT

“To promote the sport of sheep shearing before the public and in turn encourage the growth and pursuit of excellence within the industry.”

President	John Snowball
Vice Presidents	Anne Stroud Leon Giglia
Councillor in Charge	Ken Walker
Honorary Councillor	Dudley Preston
Committee Members	David Lawrence Don Boyle Gavin Morrell Kevin Gellatly Kevin Lawrence Michael Shemeld Todd Wegner
Competition Coordinator	Vivian Truong

Disclaimer: The Royal Agricultural Society of WA makes every attempt to ensure that all information contained within this schedule is correct at the time of printing, however RASWA reserves the right to change such details as may be required.

WEST AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION SHEARING ASSOCIATION (INC)



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OBJECTIVES:

- To preserve the Australian shearing tradition by promoting and maintaining interest in wool harvesting competitions.
- To encourage active participation in wool harvesting competitions and to obtain uniformity of rules throughout Australia.
- To assist centers and committees with the running of their competitions.
- To promote the wool industry from the workers perspective by the running of quality wool harvesting competitions.

LIFE MEMBERS:

Don Boyle, Broomehill

Marion Uren, Australind

Kevin Uren, Australind

2023 RASWA STATE CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHIEF JUDGE: David Lawrence

COMMENTATOR: Kevin Gellatly

WOOL CLASSER: Gavin Morrell

COMPETITIONS: The Royal Agricultural Society of WA Shearing Circuit consists of the following competitions:
(The competition is 50% plus one to qualify)

Boddington Shears
Darkan
Dinnup Upper Blackwood
Dyson Jones Corrigin Shears
Katanning Shears

Kojonup Blue Wool Shears
Koorda Shears
Perth Royal Show
Wagin Woolorama
Williams Gateway Expo

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ENTRIES CLOSE: Midnight SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY BY THE COMPETITOR PRIOR TO 8AM.

No FREE gate entry pass will be provided.

ENTER ONLINE: <http://entries.perthroyalshow.com.au>

ENTRY FEES:	Sheep Shearing	
	RASWA Non Members	\$50.00
	RASWA Members	\$45.00
	Novice Shearing	Free
	Woolhandling	
	RASWA Non Members	\$40.00
	RASWA Members	\$35.00
	Novice Woolhandling	Free

To be entitled to the Royal Agricultural Society members' entry fee, you must have paid your 2023 membership subscription prior to lodging the entry, and your membership number must be stated on the entry.

REFUND OF ENTRY FEES: Entry fees are non-refundable.
**If COVID-19 recommendations and mandates advised by the Federal and State Governments mean the competition class you entered cannot proceed in 2023, the RASWA will issue a full refund of your entry fee.*

ENQUIRIES: Vivian Truong
Sheep Shearing and Woolhandling Competition and Event Coordinator
(08) 6263 3157 or shearing@raswa.org.au

A copy of the schedule can also be downloaded and printed from the website www.perthroyalshow.com.au.

SPONSORS

The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia gratefully acknowledges the following sponsors for their sponsorship throughout the 2023 Sheep Shearing and Woolhandling Competition.



Mrs Coral Preston
Peter Dring
Maureen Connaughton
WA Shearing Industry Association Inc

SHEARING AND WOOLHANDLING PROGRAM

Jim Horwood Pavilion
Saturday 23rd September – Starting time 9am

ALL EXHIBITORS MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO 8AM

Time: Exhibitor's finish arriving, and briefing commences

HEATS – Novice Shearing
HEATS – Intermediate Shearing
HEATS – Novice Woolhandling
HEATS – Senior Woolhandling
HEATS – Senior Shearing
HEATS – Open Woolhandling
HEATS – Open Shearing

LUNCH

FINAL – Novice Shearing
FINAL – Intermediate Shearing
FINAL – Intermediate Woolhandling
FINAL – Novice Woolhandling
FINAL – Senior Shearing
FINAL – Senior Woolhandling
FINAL – Open Shearing
FINAL – Open Woolhandling

NEAT ATTIRE IS REQUIRED BY ALL EXHIBITORS FOR PRESENTATIONS.

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF YOUR EVENT, PLEASE CHECK IN TO THE OFFICE, LOCATED WITHIN THE JIM HORWOOD PAVILION, FOR DIVISIONAL DRAWS.

SHEEP SHEARING & WOOLHANDLING

GENERAL SHOW REGULATIONS

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An Exhibitor who breaches any General Show Regulation or Section Condition may be disqualified, or suspended for any period, fined or otherwise penalised.

The Society may publish to:

- a) all Royal Show Societies in Australia;
- b) the relevant Breed Society; and
- c) the body with which the exhibit is registered, or is eligible for registration

the result of any proceedings before the Disciplinary Committee in which a Person has been found to have breached any General Show Regulation or Section Condition.

The Society may recognise and act upon any penalty imposed by any other similar society, organisation or body in Australia on any person or exhibit. It is in the Exhibitors best interests to carefully read all conditions.

DANGEROUS, OBJECTIONABLE OR DISEASED EXHIBITS

The attention of Exhibitors is drawn to the Society's General Show Regulation 4.7 and 4.8, with reference to dangerous, objectionable or diseased exhibits.

PRIZE MONEY

RASWA has a policy whereby all prize money is paid by EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer). Your banking details will be kept secure and can only be used by RASWA to credit your bank account. Please complete your account details on the entry form even if you have provided them previously. In accordance with the rules of the competition, failure to provide your bank details will mean that any prize money you earn will be forfeited and retained by RASWA.

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If you confirm that you are GST registered and provide your Australian Business Number (ABN) the Society will pay the appropriate prize money plus 10% GST. The Society will provide to you a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) within 28 days of the day you were successful at your event, detailing the GST which you will need to submit to the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

If any adjustments need to be made, the Society will issue an adjustment note to you within 28 days of the adjustment. Upon entry into the competition and completion and signing of the application form, this form will become a RCTI agreement as required under (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999.

Furthermore, you acknowledge your agreement to the following:

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- The Society will notify you if it ceases to satisfy any of the requirements of the determinations.

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If you are a business Exhibitor and do not provide your ABN to the Society, 47% tax will be deducted from your prize money under the ATO PAYG provisions.

If you confirm that you are entering as part of a private recreational pursuit or hobby, the Society will pay the prize money as detailed in the prize schedule

LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

The Society shall not be liable for any damages, costs, claims, expenses or liabilities arising from the withdrawal of an exhibit. Refer also to the Society's General Show Regulation 17 Liability and Indemnity.

AWARDS

The Society will not be responsible for awards and prize money not received by Exhibitors after 31 December 2023. **If you have not received your award or prize money by 30 November 2023, please contact RASWA on (08) 6263 3100.**

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

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- Do not post personal information about yourself or others, confidential or non-public information, offensive or negative comments.

If anyone is found to have made comments that are deemed unreasonable or derogatory, action will be taken by RASWA to ensure all parties are protected, and inappropriate use reprimanded.

PROMOTION

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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SECTION CONDITIONS

1. INSURANCE

1.1 All persons attending or participating in this competition are liable for their own insurance cover and welfare.

2. COMPETITION RULES

2.1 The competition will be conducted in accordance with WACSA and National Rules, which may include drug and alcohol testing. The use of drugs, including alcohol or oxygen are banned in all competitions. Random drug tests may be required and if proved positive the shearer will be disqualified.

2.2 **Novice Shearing: Novice entrants must be able to shear a sheep unassisted and confidently within 10 minutes.** Teachers can only enter four (4) students from each College.

2.3 **RASWA State Circuit Championship:** Circuit winners in each division are determined by calculating highest points

from 50% plus one (1) of the previous seasons shows listed in the schedule. Competitors must shear at the Show to be eligible and may have been graded up in the current season. There will be no shear off the State Circuit Championship.

2.4 **International Challenge:** Qualifying finalists in the International Competition must be Australian defined as follows:

2.4.1 Must be eligible for an Australian passport (i.e possess an Australian birth certificate or be a naturalised Australian).

2.4.2 Supporting documentation must be presented prior to shearing in the selection final. Failure to produce such documentation will mean you will be disqualified from competing in the International selection at the Show.

2.4.3 Sheep to be a maximum of ten (10) Merinos. The two (2) winning members will be provided with team blazers by RASWA before the Show event, provided all conditions in point 2.4 are met.

SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIP

Class 1 Intermediate

First : \$250, Sash, Product; **Second :** \$175, Trophy, Sash; **Third :** \$125, Trophy, Sash; **Fourth :** \$75, Sash; **Fifth :** \$75, Sash; **Sixth :** \$75, Sash

Large Shearing Bag – sponsored by Top Gun Shearing Supplies

Intermediate - Best Quality Points

\$50, Sash sponsored by Australian Wool Innovation Limited

Class 2 Senior

First : \$300, Sash, Product; **Second :** \$200, Trophy, Sash; **Third :** \$150, Trophy, Sash; **Fourth :** \$75, Sash; **Fifth :** \$75, Sash; **Sixth :** \$75, Sash

Small Shearing Bag – sponsored by Top Gun Shearing Supplies

Senior - Best Quality Points

\$50 and Sash sponsored by WA Shearing Industry Association Inc

Class 3 Open

First : \$700, Trophy, Sash; **Second :** \$250, Trophy, Sash; **Third :** \$200, Trophy, Sash; **Fourth :** \$75, Sash; **Fifth :** \$75, Sash; **Sixth :** \$75, Sash

Open - Best Quality Points

\$50 and Sash sponsored by WA Shearing Industry Association Inc

RASWA STATE CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

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Intermediate
\$100, Sash

Senior
\$100, Sash

Open
\$100, Sash

NOVICE

Novice entrants must be able to shear a sheep unassisted and confidently within 10 minutes.

Class 4 Novice
First : \$200, Sash, Product; **Second** : \$125, Sash; **Third** : \$50, Sash; **Fourth** : \$50, Sash; **Fifth** : \$50; **Sixth** : \$50

Prize money sponsored by Coral Preston

Engraved Heineger Hand Piece with Combs and Cutters – sponsored by Peter Dring

Encouragement Award For The Novice Shearer
\$50 and Sash sponsored by WA Shearing Industry Association Inc

WOOLHANDLING

Woolhandlers can 'make or break' a wool clip and in today's financial climate farmers are looking to maximise returns for their product. It is vital, therefore, to have competent woolhandlers skirting and preparing the wool for pressing.

1. Stains, sweepings, dags, black wool and skin pieces must be removed from the fleece, but care taken not to over skirt. Belly wool is to be handled separately.
2. Woolhandlers will be judged on the way they pick up and throw the fleece and the way it is positioned on the table.
3. Black wool is taken out at the time on the board, however no fleece can be skirted on the board and only one (1) fleece is permitted on the table at any time.
4. Fleeces should be rolled to have a shoulder visible for judging. They will be timed on the last fleece from when the Shearer has pulled out of gear on the last sheep.
5. The broom or paddle must be put on the table to indicate the job is finished.

Class 5 Novice
First : \$125, Sash; **Second** : \$100, Sash; **Third** : \$75, Sash; **Fourth** : \$75, Sash

Encouragement Award For The Novice Woolhandler
\$50 and Sash sponsored by WA Shearing Industry Association Inc

Class 6 Senior
First : \$150, Sash; **Second** : \$100, Sash; **Third** : \$75, Sash; **Fourth** : Sash, \$75

Class 7 Open
First : \$225, Sash; **Second** : \$200, Sash; **Third** : \$100, Sash; **Fourth** : \$75, Sash

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WITHDRAWAL OF EXHIBIT BY THE SOCIETY

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