

Class 42 & 43 - Sheep Shearing –Intermediate & Senior

Entries:	Each County – (Gloucestershire, Herefordshire & Worcestershire) may make two entries in this competition.
Marks:	Maximum 100 marks per competitor. To be calculated by deducting penalty points from 100.
Award:	For Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire only: (Highest placed Senior & Intermediate competitor from each Federation) Maximum of 200 marks towards the Lord Lieutenant Cup per county. Maximum of 100 marks towards the Milton Junior Cup per county. Maximum of 200 marks towards the Gloucester And District Valuers Cup per county.
Important:	Any members under 18 years of age on the competition day must complete a signed parental consent form and bring a photocopy as well. One is to be handed to the show Office on the morning of the show. The Parental Consent form will be checked and exchanged for a wristband that the competitor MUST wear. Stewards are to check that any members that are Under 18 are wearing a wristband before the start of the competition. The second copy is to be kept hold of by the Under 18 for the duration of the competing day. If a Parental Consent is not handed into the Show Office for a member that is Under 18, they will not be able to compete in the Show.
Note:	Competitors from Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire will be required to hold the Blue Seal certificate of competence and this will be required to be shown when booking in for this competition.

Rules:

1.	Senior competitors must both be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2022. Competitors will be required to show their current membership cards.
2.	Intermediate competitors must both be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2022. Competitors will be required to show their current membership cards.
3.	Maximum time allowed: FIFTEEN MINUTES – SENIOR COMPETITION TWENTY MINUTES – INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION
4.	Each competitor will be required to shear two sheep in any recognized style within the time allowed. a) Senior - Competitors will be allowed 15 minutes each to catch and shear. Competitors taking more than the time allowed will be penalized at a rate of 1 mark for every 30 seconds or part thereof taken over time. Competitors will be required to wrap their wool after the allocated time. b) Intermediate - Competitors will be allowed 20 minutes each to catch and shear. Competitors taking more than the time allowed will be penalized at a rate of 1 mark for every 30 seconds or part thereof taken over time. Competitors will be required to wrap their wool after the allocated time.
5.	The Chief Shearing Steward may stop any competitor who shows signs of difficulty or incompetence.
6.	The draw for individual pen numbers will be held prior to the competition.
7.	A draw for heats and stands will be made before the start of each competition.
8.	Competitors may ask for any sheep considered to be sub-standard to be rejected before the heats commence. The Chief Shearing Steward's decision shall be final.
9.	Competitors must wear suitable clothing and footwear. The Chief Shearing Steward will administer this ruling at all times.
10.	Competitors will be allowed to take two loaded handpieces on to the boards and no time will be allowed for stoppages caused by either handpiece or the competitor's own sheep escaping. If any stoppages occur through faults in the machine or down-tube, or through other competitors' sheep escaping, a time allowance will be made or a re-run given, at the Chief Shearing Steward's discretion.
11.	No competitor will be allowed in his or her pen except in the presence of a Judge and with the consent of the Chief Shearing Steward.

12.	Each competitor may be allowed one person in his or her pen to act as second. The second may only assist the competitor by holding the sheep with all four feet on the ground but must not switch the machine on or off.
13.	Without assistance each shearer must: a) Start and stop (after each sheep) his machine. b) Shear his sheep, and c) Put each shorn sheep away properly.
14.	Competitors will wait on the boards with one hand on the closed door for the word "GO". Each competitor will be separately timed from the word "GO" until he has switched off his machine after shearing his last sheep.
15.	Each competitor's board penalties will be calculated by dividing the total number of Judges' strokes by sheep shorn.
16.	Each competitor's pen penalties will be calculated by dividing the average Judges' strokes by sheep shorn.
17.	The Chief Shearing Steward, in consultation with any Judge, has the right to disqualify any competitor whose work or conduct on the boards is detrimental to the good reputation of competition shearing.
18.	The Chief Shearing Steward's ruling on any matter not covered by these rules shall be final.
19.	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.
20.	Any spare sheep will be shorn by competitors after the competition.