



SHEARING & WOOLHANDLING COMPETITION

2025 PERTH ROYAL SHOW SCHEDULE



ROYAL
AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY
of WA

“TO PROMOTE THE SPORT OF SHEEP SHEARING BEFORE THE PUBLIC AND IN TURN ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH AND PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE WITHIN THE INDUSTRY.”

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.

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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 centres 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:

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2025 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

Dinninup Upper Blackwood

Dyson Jones Corrigin Shears

Katanning Shears

Kojonup Blue Wool Shears

Koorda Shears

Perth Royal Show

Pingelly Shears

Wagin Woolorama

Williams Gateway Expo

IMPORTANT INFO

ENTRIES OPEN:

5.00pm Thursday 10 July 2025

ENTRIES CLOSE:

5.00pm Monday 15 September 2025

ENTRY FEES:

Sheep Shearing

RASWA Non-Members: \$50.00 per entry

RASWA Members: \$45.00 per entry

Novice Shearing: \$20.00 per entry

Wool Handling

RASWA Non-Members: \$40.00 per entry

RASWA Members: \$35.00 per entry

Novice Wool Handling: \$20.00 per entry

ONLY ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL COMPETITIONS IN 2025

All entry fees are GST inclusive and non-refundable

MEMBER DISCOUNT:

To be entitled to the Royal Agricultural Society members' entry fee you must have paid your 2025 membership subscription prior to lodging the entry.

ENTER ONLINE:

<https://entries.perthroyalshow.com.au>

COMPETITION ENQUIRIES:

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WA SHEARING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION INC

SHEARING AND WOOLHANDLING PROGRAM

Jim Horwood Pavilion
Saturday 27 September 2025
PLEASE ARRIVE BY 8am FOR REGISTRATION
Starting time 8.30am

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Time: 8.30AM 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 Woolhandling
FINAL – Novice Shearing
FINAL – Intermediate Shearing
FINAL – Senior Woolhandling
FINAL – Senior Shearing
FINAL – Open Woolhandling
FINAL – Open Shearing

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.

CONDITIONS

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The General Show Regulations apply to all competitions of the Show. These Conditions apply to the Sheep Shearing and Woolhandling Competition only. If there is inconsistency between the General Show Regulations and these Conditions for the Sheep Shearing and Woolhandling competition, these Conditions prevail.

Upon acceptance of an entry the Exhibitor is irrevocably contracted to be bound by the General Show Regulations and these Conditions.

A copy of the Society's General Show Regulations may be obtained on application or downloaded from the website <http://perthroyalshow.com.au/general-regulations>.

An Exhibitor who breaches any General Show Regulation or Sheep Shearing and Woolhandling Conditions may be disqualified, or suspended for any period, fined or otherwise penalised.

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.

LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

The attention of Exhibitors is drawn to General Regulations 17, with reference to the Society's Liability and Indemnity

SECTION CONDITIONS

1. INSURANCE

- 1.1 All persons attending or participating in this competition are liable for their own insurance cover and welfare. When an Exhibitor is officiating as a Judge at the Show and wishes to present animals for sale the Exhibitor is prohibited from exhibiting for judging purposes on that occasion.

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:
 - 2.5 Must be eligible for an Australian passport (i.e possess an Australian birth certificate or be a naturalised Australian).
 - 2.6 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.
- 2.7 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.

CLASSES

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

Intermediate - Best Quality Points
\$50, Sash

Class 2 Senior
First : \$300, Sash, Product;
Second : \$200, Trophy, Sash;
Third : \$150, Trophy, Sash;
Fourth : \$75, Sash; **Fifth :** \$75, Sash; **Sixth :** \$75, Sash

Senior - Best Quality Points
\$50, Sash

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, Sash

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.

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, Prize;
Second : \$125, Sash; **Third :** \$50, Sash; **Fourth :** \$50, Sash; **Fifth :** \$50; **Sixth :** \$50

Encouragement Award For The Novice Shearer
\$50, Sash

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, Sash

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

Class 7 Open
First : \$300, Sash; **Second :** \$200, Sash; **Third :** \$100, Sash; **Fourth :** \$75, Sash



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