



ROYAL AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY of WA
**PERTH
ROYAL SHOW**

Sheep Shearing & Woolhandling Competition

2026 SCHEDULE



Acknowledgement of Country

The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout the West Australian region and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



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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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West Australian Competition Shearing Association (INC)

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.

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2026 RASWA State Circuit Championships

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Competitions

The Royal Agricultural Society of WA Shearing Circuit consists of the following competitions:

(The competition is 50% plus one to qualify)

- Newmont Boddington Shears
- Kojonup Blue Wool Shears
- Darkan Sheepfest
- Koorda Shears
- Dinninup Upper Blackwood
- Perth Royal Show
- Dyson Jones Corrigin Shears
- Wagin Woolorama
- Katanning Shears
- Williams Gateway Expo

Important Information

Entries Open

12pm Monday 6 July 2026

Entries Close

5pm Monday 14 September 2026

Enter Online

entries.perthroyalshow.com.au

ONLY ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL
COMPETITIONS IN 2026

Entry Fees

Sheep Shearing

RASWA Non-Members: \$55.00 per entry

RASWA Members: \$50.00 per entry

Novice Shearing: \$22.00 per entry

Wool Handling

RASWA Non-Members: \$44.00 per entry

RASWA Members: \$40.00 per entry

Novice Woolhandling: \$22.00 per entry

All entry fees are GST inclusive and non-refundable

Member Discount

To be entitled to the Royal Agricultural Society of WA Members' entry fee you must have paid your 2026 membership subscription prior to lodging the entry, and your membership number must be stated on the entry.

Enquiries

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Sheep Shearing & Woolhandling Program 2026

Saturday 26 september – starting time 8.00am

Only online entries will be accepted for all competitions in 2026.

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

Saturday 26 September - Jim Horwood Pavilion

Time: 7.45AM

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

GOLDEN SHEARS TEAM COMPETITION

Terms and Conditions

General Regulations

The General Show Regulations apply to all competitions of the Show. These Conditions apply to the Wool Competition only. If there is inconsistency between the General Show Regulations and these Conditions for the Wool 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 Wool 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 Show Regulation 17, with reference to the Society's Liability and Indemnity.

Sheep Shearing & Woolhandling 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:

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

Prize Money

Prize money won during the Perth Royal Show will be paid by EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer). Please complete your account details on the application for entry.

The Society aims to finalise all prize money payments by the end of November. Any prize money that remains unclaimed for more than six months will be considered forfeited by the Competitor.

Prize money as stated in the Schedule does not include GST. The prize money which the Society pays to successful Competitors ("you") depends on the information that you provide to the Society.

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.

Furthermore, you acknowledge your agreement to the following:

- You are requested not to issue a tax invoice to the Society in respect of prize money received.
- It will be necessary for you to notify the Society if you cease to be registered for GST: and
- The Society will notify you if it ceases to satisfy any of the requirements of determination.

If you provide your ABN but are not registered for GST, the Society will pay the prize money as detailed in the Schedule.

You must complete the Taxation Details on the Application Entry. Failure to do so will result in the Society deducting 47% of the successful Competitor's 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 Schedule.

Awards

The Society will not be responsible for awards or prize money not received by Exhibitors after 31 December 2026. If you have not received your award or prize money by 30 November 2026, please contact the Royal Agricultural Society of WA on (08) 6263 3100.

Promotion

No advertising or promotion on behalf of commercial business will be permitted on the Showground without the prior written consent of the Society's Chief Executive Officer.

Privacy Act Statement

The information provided by the Exhibitor in the application for entry is collected and used by the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia to organise and conduct competitions at the Show. We may publish details such as your name, address, and exhibit details in any Royal Agricultural Society of WA publication or communication. Such information may also be made available to and published by the media. We will not disclose your information without your consent for any other purpose unless required or authorised by law. You may request access to your personal information and, if necessary, request that our records of that information be corrected by writing to the Chief Executive Officer at the Royal Agricultural Society of WA, PO Box 135, Claremont WA 6910

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

Golden Shears Team Competition

The Golden Shears Teams Competition is a team-based event designed to showcase the combined skills of shearers and wool handlers.

1. Each team will consist of two shearers and two wool handlers.
2. No entry fee is required to participate in this competition.
3. Team selection will be undertaken by the RASWA Shearing Committee on Saturday 26 September 2026. Competitors selected will be those considered by the Committee to be the best shearers and wool handlers in the shed, to ensure competitive and well-balanced competition.
4. A total of three teams will be selected to compete.
5. Each shearer and wool handler will shear or handle three sheep.
6. The competition will be scheduled as the final event on the shearing program.
7. The competition will be judged in accordance with the standard judging requirements for shearing and wool handling, with the winning team determined by the combined performance of the shearers and wool handlers.
8. The decision of the judges and/or RASWA Shearing Committee will be final.

Class 8 **Team Competition**

First : Sash, \$300; **Second** : Sash, \$200;
Third : Sash, \$100



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