

LISTER SCOTTISH JUNIOR MACHINE SHEARING COMPETITION
Royal Highland Show – 2026

ELIGIBILITY

1. The Competition is confined to full bona fide members of Young Farmers Clubs affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmer's Clubs. All competitors must ensure they have attained their Blue Seal from the BWMB. Those who do not have their Blue Seal can apply to attend a course by telephoning 01877 339657. These courses are run in several different locations in Scotland and a charge may be applicable. Please note that if you do not have your Blue Seal you WILL NOT be able to compete in the National Final or any subsequent round of this competition. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE CHECKED AGAINST BWMB RECORD SYSTEM.
2. Competitors must not have attained their 28th birthday by the date of the National Final to enter the Senior Section. Previous winners of the Lister Silver Handpiece are ineligible to compete in the following year's competition. Any Members between 28 – 30 can compete but will be entered into the associate section and not be eligible to win the Lister Silver Handpiece.

PROCEDURE

1. Competitors will shear either three Blackface or three Scotch Mules. No competitor may clip in both sections of the competition.
2. Within the Blackface and Scotch Mules Sections we will have Junior, Senior, Women and Associate Categories. All competitors within the one section will compete at once, it will just be at the results members will be split into Junior, Senior, women and Associate.
3. Each member, working on his own, will shear three sheep using machine shears. Competitors will be provided with the necessary equipment, but should supply their own handpieces. The type of comb is at the shearer's discretion.
4. Sheep will be caught by the catcher in the pen. Each competitor must provide his/her own catcher.
5. Serious injury will lead to immediate disqualification. The judges are authorised to disqualify competitors for bad workmanship at any stage in the competition.

SCORING

The judges will score each Competitor on the following scale:-

- (a) Work on the Boards: Each Competitor's board penalties will be calculated by dividing the total number of judges strokes by sheep shorn.
 - (b) Finished Pen: Each Competitor's pen penalties will be calculated by dividing the average Judges strokes by sheep shorn.
 - (c) Time:
 - (d) Each Competitor's time penalties will be calculated by dividing the total time taken (in seconds):
In the heats by 20
In the semi-finals by 30
In the final by 40.
- All competitors will be timed to the nearest whole second.

Competitors receiving 13 or more penalties for either work on the boards or finished pen will be eliminated.

In the final, Competitors receiving more than 13 penalties for either work on the boards or finished pen will not qualify for a prize.

The Competitor with the lowest penalties in the final of a competition shall be the winner of that competition, with other places decided in like manner. In the event of a tie the competitor with the lowest penalties for the finished pen will take precedence. If there is still a tie, the competitor with the lowest penalty for work on the boards will take precedence.

The Lister Silver Handpiece

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Competitors in each Section (except Associates) of the Machine Shearing Contest will be eligible to compete in the Lister Scottish Junior Championship contest for the Lister Silver Handpiece, which has been awarded by Messrs R A Lister & Co Ltd. Contestants will have to shear two Blackface and two Scotch Mule Sheep. The competition will take place immediately after the two preliminary sections have been completed.

Competition Date: Friday 19th June 2026

Competition Deadline: Friday 22nd May 2026