

National Junior Arts & Crafts 2023

“Golden Shears”

The Golden Shears World Championships return to the Royal Highland Show in 2023, a once in a generational experience! Golden Shears is a Sheep Shearing & Woolhandling World Championships which showcases the art, skill and techniques it takes to be a world champion.

The following items are to be made, exhibited and displayed, with marks allocated for each as followed.

1. A4 Poster (Computer generated)	20 marks
2. Knitted item	20 marks
3. Winners Sash (sewn article)	20 marks
4. Further article	20 marks
5. Appearance & Display	<u>20 marks</u>
TOTAL	100 mark

ELIGIBILITY

1. Teams must consist of a minimum of two members. Team members must not have reached their 19th birthday by the date of the Competition. Only One member is allowed to enter each article and Only two team members will be permitted to set up the appearance and display section.
2. Formers winners of this competition can compete again but teams may not consist of more than 50% of former winners
3. Clubs can amalgamate to form a District team.

SCORING CRITERIA

In judging each article, the judges will be asked to allocate marks as follows: -

Handcraft Articles

Workmanship	10 marks	
Design & Use of Colour	3 marks	
Suitability of Materials	3 marks	
Degree of Difficulty	4 marks	20 marks

Cookery/Confectionery

Appearance	5 marks	
Texture	7 marks	
Flavour	8 marks	20 marks

Appearance & Display

Appearance & Display	15 marks	
Interpretation of Theme	5 marks	20 marks

PROCEDURE

1. If the theme has a sewn or knitted article, the following rules apply. Articles made from knitting yarn must be presented for judging along with a label and yarn sample. Sewing machines may be used, knitting machines are NOT allowed to be used. Cross stitch is not a sewn article and should be entered in further article section. A sewn article is an item joined or attach by stitches.
2. Tables will be provided to support display boards. A board measuring 2ft 6" square together with a backboard measuring 2ft 6" wide and 3ft only in height should be supplied by the Club for display purposes. These should not overlap at the sides. No sides will be allowed.
3. A drape in front of the table is permissible. Please note that backings must be self-standing and may be covered before the Show, but with no additional attachments. Any attachments must be done in the setting up time. Teams will be allowed to fold backboard covers over the board.
4. Only One member is allowed to enter each article and Only two team members will be permitted to set up the appearance and display section. All judged articles must be displayed.
5. Exhibits must be lodged at the Young Farmers Centre at time stated on calling advice. Entries arriving after this time will be penalised. Five points for the first 15 minutes then between 15 – 30 minutes late, a further 5 points. Thereafter the team will be disqualified from the competition.
6. Articles must be displayed in exactly the same manner as they are to be presented to the Judges with the exception of clothing items. Items of clothing should not be displayed on any mannequins during the judging of the articles. It's down to the discretion of the team whether or not mannequins are then used during the appearance and display.
7. Judging will commence at 11.30 am and should be completed by 3.30 pm. Clubs will then set up their exhibits for the judging of the Appearance & Display at 4.00 pm. One hour has been allocated to set up for the Appearance & Display section.
8. Exhibits should be removed BETWEEN 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm (on the last day of the RHS). Clubs must dispose of all perishable items but can leave packed up at their own risk items and backboards. These must then be collected within 4 weeks of the show.
9. Judges will be nominated by SWI.

ENTRIES

1. Clubs will be permitted to enter **one team**. Alternatively, a District Association may enter one team and in the event of additional space becoming available additional teams may be permitted.

2. In the opinion of and at the Chief Stewards discretion a competitor or team will be disqualified for wrongful conduct by word or act which is likely to bring the event and/or the YFC into disrepute.
3. The Association will arrange for insurance cover up to a maximum of £300.00 per entry in respect of loss or damage to entries in this competition. Clubs who wish their entries insured beyond this figure must inform the National Office accordingly and give particulars of the amount required at least 14 days prior the date of the contest.

Entry Deadline: Friday 26th May 2023
Competition Date: Sunday 18th June 2023

Entry Fee: £25
Entry Criteria: Club to National