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Smallholding & Countryside Festival

Blade Shearing & Woolhandling Schedule

18 & 19 Mai / May 2024



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Competitors will be asked to assist the judges and stewards with scribing and carrying the wool trays.

AMODAU CYFFREDINOL AR GYFER POB DOSBARTH GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ALL CLASSES

1. The RWAS is affiliated to the GSWC and BISCA. The Blade Shearing competitions will be run under world rules and the Woolhandling competitions will be run under BISCA rules. **Blade shearers must put their blades in the holders to indicate they have finished.**
2. Competitors must arrive at the Shearing Section on the Showground **and report to the reception desk in person, one hour** before the time stated in the schedule for the commencement of their competition. Failure to do this may result in the competitor concerned not being allowed to compete. **The reception desk will close 30 minutes prior to the start of all competitions regardless of whether all competitors have registered their arrival.**
3. All reporting times in this schedule will be strictly adhered to.
4. Prize money will ONLY be able to be claimed via your RWAS Account. You will need to provide a valid email address when completing your entries online in order for the Society to validate the process.
5. The decision of the Chief Steward of the day shall be final.
6. Any competitor found tampering with the sheep may be disqualified.
7. Competitors take part at their own risk.
8. Competitors are only permitted to participate under their own names and cannot nominate another competitor to compete in their place.
9. Competitors will not be allowed to wear trade vests etc., other than those issued by the Chief Steward.
10. No late entries will be accepted.
11. The draw will be done on a first entered, last heat system.
12. Competitors must wear suitable footwear and clothing.
13. Where necessary, rules and regulations as printed in the Society's Festival Livestock Schedule and Safety Policy Document, available on the website, will apply.
14. A disputes panel has been established to deal with any practical issue which might arise on the day of the competitions. The panel will consist of the Chairman, Referees, Chief Steward, Judge and Competitor's representative concerned.
15. **Any formal** protest must be made in writing within fifteen minutes of the results of the competition being displayed together with a £25 deposit per objector. The Protest Committee will consist of the Honorary Festival Director, the Chief Steward, the Referee concerned and the Chairman of the Shearing Committee. If the protest is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Protest Committee, then the deposit may be forfeited to the funds of the Society.
16. Competitors should note that sheep may have been dipped within four weeks prior to the Festival; however, every effort will be made to ensure that they have not been dipped within this period.
17. All organisers, competitors and sheep suppliers will uphold all bio-security protocols currently applicable at all times.

BEIRNIAID • JUDGES

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RHAGLEN DIGWYDDIADAU • PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The Society reserves the right to make alterations to the time and order as may be necessary. Please note that the timings given below are approximate only; please check timings on the day of the competition

Dydd Sadwrn 18 Mai • Saturday 18 May

Demonstrations

10.30 am	Blade Shearing Demonstration
11.30 am	Woolhandling Demonstration
1.30 pm	Blade Shearing Demonstration
2.30 pm	Woolhandling Demonstration
3.30 pm	Blade Shearing Demonstration
4.30 pm	Woolhandling Demonstration

Dydd Sul 19 Mai • Sunday 19 May

Competitions

8.45 am	Demonstration for Novice Woolhandlers
9.00 am	Novice Woolhandling Competition - Heats
9.45 am	Intermediate Woolhandling Competition - Heats
10.15 am	Open Woolhandling Competition – Heats
11.00 am	Novice Woolhandling Competition – Final
11.20 am	Intermediate Woolhandling Competition – Final
11.40 am	Open Woolhandling Competition – Final
12.00 noon	Wales v England v Scotland Woolhandling Test Match Woolhandling presentations of awards to follow
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Novice Commercial Blade Shearing
2.00 pm	Open Commercial Blade Shearing – Heats
3.00 pm	Intermediate Blade Shearing
3.30 pm	Open Commercial Blade Shearing – Final
4.00 pm	Blade Shearing Team Competition – Teams selected on the day Blade Shearing presentation of awards to follow

CYSTADLAETHAU CNEIFIO Â GWELLAU BLADE SHEARING COMPETITIONS

Competitors are only allowed to compete in one of the Blade Shearing class.

DOSBARTH • CLASS 1

Tâl Ymgeisio • Entry Fee: £10.00

**CNEIFIO MASNACHOL Â GWELLAU I DDECHREUWYR
NOVICE COMMERCIAL BLADE SHEARING**

**The Society acknowledges with thanks the sponsorship this competition by
HUWS GRAY, BUILDING MATERIALS CENTRE and supported by LISTER**

To commence at 1.30 pm, Sunday 19 May

Competitors must report by 12.30 pm

This class will be judged by BISCA Judges only.

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st £55 & Lister Bag; 2nd £45; 3rd £40; 4th £30; 5th £20; 6th £15

Open & Intermediate standard Blade Shearers are not allowed to enter the Novice competition. Once a competitor has won two Novice competitions (accumulated), they will be required to enter the Intermediate class. Competitors to shear one ewe and there will be no separate final. One time penalty point for every 20 seconds will apply.

All new competitors entering this competition for the first time must attend a training course on the morning of the competition to obtain an RWAS Certificate of Competency as a minimum requirement before they will be allowed to compete at the Festival.

DOSBARTH • CLASS 2

Tâl Ymgeisio • Entry Fee: £10.00

**CNEIFIO MASNACHOL Â GWELLAU I CANOLRADD
INTERMEDIATE COMMERCIAL BLADE SHEARING**

**The Society acknowledges with thanks the sponsorship this competition by
HUWS GRAY, BUILDING MATERIALS CENTRE and supported by LISTER**

To commence at 3.00 pm, Sunday 19 May

Competitors must report by 2.00 pm

This class will be judged by BISCA Judges only.

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st £60 & Lister Bag; 2nd £55; 3rd £45; 4th £35; 5th £25; 6th £20

For competitors who have won two novice competitions (accumulated) and have not competed in any Open Commercial Blade Shearing Finals. Competitors to shear two ewes and there will be no separate final. One time penalty point for every 20 seconds will apply.

DOSBARTH • CLASS 3
CNEIFIO AGORED MASNACHOL Â GWELLAU
OPEN COMMERCIAL BLADE SHEARING

Tâl Ymgeisio • Entry Fee: £15.00

**The Society acknowledges with thanks the sponsorship this competition by
HUWS GRAY, BUILDING MATERIALS CENTRE and supported by LISTER**

To commence at 2.00 pm, Sunday 19 May
Heats 2.00 pm

Competitors must report by 1.00 pm
Final 3.30 pm

This class will be judged by BISCA Judges only.

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st £120 & Lister Bag; 2nd £100; 3rd £85; 4th £65; 5th £50; 6th £30.

Novice & Intermediate competitors must not enter this competition. Competitors to shear three ewes in the heats and five ewes in the final. One time penalty point for every 20 seconds will apply.

This Competition is a qualifier for the Welsh Open Blade Shearing Circuit. See details below.

DOSBARTH • CLASS 4
CYLCHDAITH CNEIFIO Â GWELLAU MASNACHOL AGORED CYMRU
WELSH OPEN COMMERCIAL BLADE SHEARING CIRCUIT

Tâl Ymgeisio • Entry Fee: £5.00

Ceisiadau Olaf • Closing Date: 14 May 2024

**The Society acknowledges with thanks the sponsorship of this competition by
NSA CYMRU / WALES**

- This circuit is for Welsh Open standard commercial blade shearers.
- Entries close **14 May 2024**.
- The highest placed competitor will receive 1 point, 2nd place 2 points etc. In the event of a draw, the person with the highest number of '1' points wins.
- Competitors must compete in a minimum of **five** out of the eight qualifying competitions with the top five results counting.
- In the event of an unforeseen issue arising at any of the qualifying competitions which affects the results, the points for that competition will not be counted and the competition will be excluded from the qualifying list. An official complaint must be sent to one of the three Welsh Area Judges, stating reasons and any supporting evidence. The three Welsh Area Judges will investigate the incident and rule on the complaint. If the complaint is upheld the minimum number of qualifying competitions will be reduced by one.

Qualifying Competitions:

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| • Royal Welsh Smallholding & Countryside Festival | - | 19 May 2024 |
| • Staffordshire County Show | - | 29 & 30 May 2024 |
| • Royal Bath & West Show | - | 30 May – 1 June 2024 |
| • Llysfasi Shears | - | 7 June 2024 |
| • Gelert Shears | - | 6 July 2024 |
| • Cothi Shears | - | 19 July 2024 |
| • Sioe Frenhinol Cymru • Royal Welsh Show | - | 22 – 25 July 2024 |
| • Corwen Shears | - | 26 & 27 July 2024 |

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st £70, Circuit Gwellfiau Cymru (Trophy) and be part of the Welsh Blade Shearing Team; 2nd £60; 3rd £50; 4th £40; 5th £30; 6th £20.

Cystadleuaeth Tîm Cneifio â Gwellau Blade Shearing Team Competition

**The Society acknowledges with thanks the sponsorship this competition by
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To commence at 4.00 pm, Sunday 19 May

A competition will be held on the day for a team of two blade shearers. The top six open blade shearers and the top six novice or intermediate shearers will compete as a team or two. A draw for the teams will take place on the day. The open competitors will shear three ewes and the novice or intermediate competitor will shear two ewes.

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st Team sashes; 2nd Team sashes; 3rd Team sashes

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CYSTADLAETHAU TRIN GWLÂN WOOLHANDLING COMPETITIONS

**DOSBARTH • CLASS 5
CYSTADLEUAETH TRIN GWLÂN DECHREUWYR
NOVICE WOOLHANDLING COMPETITION**

Tâl Ymgeisio • Entry Fee: £10.00

**The Society acknowledges with thanks the sponsorship of this competition by
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To commence at 9.00 am, Sunday 19 May
Heats 9.00 am

Competitors must report by 8.00 am
Final 11.00 am

This competition is confined to competitors of novice standard and non classified competitors. Once a competitor has won two Novice competitions (accumulated), they will then be classified as an Intermediate standard competitor. Competitors may only compete in one competition.

The top three competitors will qualify to compete in the final. A minimum of three ewes will be used for the heats and a minimum of four ewes will be used for the final. Each competitor will attend two shearers. Woolhandlers to provide their own brooms.

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st £75 & Lister Bag; 2nd £65; 3rd £55; 4th £40; 5th £30; 6th £20

DOSBARTH • CLASS 6
CYSTADLEUAETH TRIN GWLÂN CANOLRADD
INTERMEDIATE WOOLHANDLING COMPETITION

Tâl Ymgeisio • Entry Fee: £10.00

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To commence at 9.45 am, Sunday 19 May
Heats 9.45 am

Competitors must report by 8.45 am
Final 11.20 am

This competition is confined to competitors of Intermediate standard. Once a competitor has won two Novice competitions (accumulated), they will then be classified as an Intermediate standard competitor. Once a competitor has won two Intermediate competitions (accumulated), they will then be classified as an Open standard competitor. Competitors already classified as Open standard are not allowed to enter this competition. Competitors may only compete in one competition.

The top three competitors will qualify to compete in the final. A minimum of four ewes will be used for the heats and a minimum of five ewes will be used for the final. Each competitor will attend two shearers. Woolhandlers to provide their own brooms.

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st £90 & Lister Sports Bag; 2nd £75; 3rd £65; 4th £50; 5th £40; 6th £30

DOSBARTH • CLASS 7
CYSTADLEUAETH TRIN GWLÂN AGORED
OPEN WOOLHANDLING COMPETITION

Tâl Ymgeisio • Entry Fee: £15.00

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To commence at 10.15 am, Sunday 19 May
Heats 10.15 am

Competitors must report by 9.15 am
Final 11.40 am

This competition is confined to competitors of Open standard. Competitors may only compete in one competition. If there are 18 or more competitors in the heats, the top six competitors will qualify for a semi-final with the top three qualifying for the final. However if there are less than 18 competitors in the heats, then the top three competitors will qualify for the final and there will be no semi-final.

Each woolhandler will attend two shearers and will handle the wool from a minimum of five ewes in the heats and a minimum of seven ewes in the final. Woolhandlers are to provide their own brooms.

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st £120 & Lister Bag; 2nd £100; 3rd £85; 4th £65; 5th £50; 6th £30

This Competition is a qualifier for the Welsh Open Woolhandling Circuit. See details below.

DOSBARTH • CLASS 8
CYLCHDAITH TRIN GWLÂN AGORED CYMRU
WELSH OPEN WOOLHANDLING CIRCUIT

Tâl Ymgeisio • Entry Fee: £5.00

Ceisiadau Olaf • Closing Date: 14 May 2024

The Society acknowledges with thanks the sponsorship of this competition by
NSA CYMRU / WALES

- This circuit is for Welsh Open standard woolhandlers.
- The highest placed competitor will receive 1 point, 2nd place 2 points etc. In the event of a draw, the person with the highest number of '1' points wins.
- Competitors must enter the circuit by **14 May 2024** and compete at a minimum of **five** out of the eight qualifying competitions with the top five results counting.
- Any Open competitor who was classified as an intermediate competitor in the previous year will be allocated an average score calculated from their best three competition results in the Circuit to provide a result for Corwen Shears and Bont Shears.
- In the event of an unforeseen issue arising at any of the qualifying competitions which affects the results, the points for that competition will not be counted and the competition will be excluded from the qualifying list. An official complaint must be sent to one of the three Welsh Area Judges, stating reasons and any supporting evidence. The three Welsh Area Judges will investigate the incident and rule on the complaint. If the complaint is upheld the minimum number of qualifying competitions will be reduced by one.

Qualifying Competitions:

- Royal Welsh Smallholding & Countryside Festival - 19 May 2024
- Staffordshire County Show - 29 & 30 May 2024
- Llysfasi Shears - 7 June 2024
- Royal Three Counties Show - 14 – 16 June 2024
- Cothi Shears - 19 July 2024
- Sioe Frenhinol Cymru • Royal Welsh Show - 22 - 25 July 2024
- *Corwen Shears - 26 & 27 July 2024
- *Bont Shears - 4 August 2024

**Results from 2023 Corwen Shears & Bont Shears will carry forward for the 2024 Welsh Open Circuit*

**Results from 2024 Corwen Shears & Bont Shears will carry forward for the 2025 Welsh Open Circuit*

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st £70, a perpetual Trophy and be part of the Welsh Woolhandling Team; 2nd £60; 3rd £50; 4th £40; 5th £30; 6th £20.

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**Gornest Prawf Trin Gwlân
Woolhandling Test Match**

The Society acknowledges with thanks the sponsorship of this competition by
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To commence at 12.00 noon, Sunday 19 May

A Woolhandling Development Team Test match will be held between Wales, England and Scotland.

Gwobrau • Prizes: 1st Team sashes; 2nd Team sashes; 3rd Team sashes