



**Classification:** Open to a team of three competitors aged between 11 and 24 years in the year of the event (i.e. born between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1993 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009), with at least one competitor being 18 or under (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999). Competitors' ages may be checked. As many teams as possible will be accommodated to enable the show to give a wide coverage of today's British sheep industry. Places will be awarded on a first come first served basis together with the discretion of the organisers whose decision is final. Confirmation of entry will be notified by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017, together with guidelines for the competitors. Skills expected to be demonstrated include trimming, dressing and final presentation. A stockjudging task will be included as will the discipline of sheep parading by two members of the team whilst the other will participate in a public interview. The interview may take place at any appropriate point of the day. The promotion stands will also be judged throughout the course of the day with no specific timings.

**Entry Fees:** An entry fee of £150 (incl VAT) is payable per team and must accompany a completed entry form. The closing date will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**Procedure:**

1. The competitors are to be entered by groups such as breed societies or associations, marketing outfits or other industry supporters. These groups will act as 'Team Sponsors'.
2. Each team will provide and work with two sheep born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and appropriate to the chosen breed/type. All sheep to be untrimmed. This is to standardise the work to be carried out because of the obvious differences between longwooled, shortwooled, upland and primitive breeds for example. Only females or castrates (no rams) are permitted. Provision will be made for MV and non-MV stock.
3. Arrival of stock and stand building can commence from 7.30am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017.
4. Each team will be allocated an area of about 1.5m wide by 3m deep and to a height of 2.4m, with a 2x2m shell scheme also provided. These dimensions are the maximum area in which they can present the sheep and promotional material. These dimensions will be confirmed at the time of confirmation of entry. Additional adjacent space will be available for kit storage. Competing teams must not encroach upon space of other competitors.
5. Teams will be instructed by the stewards with regard to the timings of the various sections of the competition.
6. Competitors will be identified by numbers issued for the duration of the event.
7. Special prize for the best under 16 year competitor.

**Guide Timetable:** From the time competitors and their animals arrive on site, the stewards will observe the actions of the teams as to their work and preparation leading up to the start of the challenge. An anonymous scrutineer for your challenge will award points accordingly for this section. In effect, teams will therefore be competing from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the event

**Tuesday 22nd August**

Arrival from 7.30am, stockjudging to take place at 4.00pm. Evening entertainment will begin at 7.00pm.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

The day will start at 8.00am until 5.00pm with the competition finishing at the discretion of the chief steward.

(Further timings to be included in the exhibitor pack).

**Marking System:**

The Scrutineer	150
Preparation & Presentation	275
Pen Presentation & Promotion	225
Stock Judging Placing and Reasons	125
Ring Craft and Etiquette	125
Interview	100
Total max available per team	1000

**(More information will be included in the exhibitor pack).**

**Further Conditions:**

1. The trimming and preparation of sheep will take place in the allotted and enclosed areas. Judges will be present throughout the proceedings and may ask questions of the team members. All competitors must follow the instruction of the Chief Steward and Judges.
2. The sheep do not have to be the property of the team members or the team sponsors, but must be under the sole responsibility of the team members for the duration of the competition.
3. The sheep must not have been trimmed prior to the event but can, if desired, can arrive in a cleaned up state – washing is acceptable but no trimming.
4. All feedstuffs and feeding equipment must be provided by the team. An amount of straw will be available.
5. All electrical equipment should have been tested by an approved electrical engineer prior to the event. A power source will be provided.
6. Competitors will not be allowed outside assistance other than that given by the Young Stars Stewards and at their discretion.

Appropriate General Rules and Conditions apply.

**The decisions of the Judges and Chief Steward will be final.**



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