



## 2023 Grassland Sheep Exhibition Shearing Competition

Event date: July 22-23, 2023

Entry Closing date July 10, 2023

Event Location: Humboldt Uniplex in Humboldt Saskatchewan

This is a friendly competition. Two shearers side by side -- who can shear sheep in the best time and with the most skill.

**LIABILITY:** The Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders' Association, the Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board and their directors, owners and employees accept no liability that may occur. Accidents at sheep shearing competitions are very rare, but all competitors enter and compete at their own risks.

Shearing Competition Classes:

Novice Class: Ability to shear up to 40 sheep in a day

Intermediate Class: Ability to shear up to 41-99 sheep in a day

Senior Class: Ability to shear 100 plus sheep in a day

Provincial Class: Team of 2 shearers from a province in competition with another province, no gender or age restrictions. Referee will determine the class shearers will compete in.

Entry fee for event: \$40.00

**Entry Form and entry fee due by July 10, 2023**

We will be hosting a shearing competition judging clinic @ 3:00pm Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> for those interested in learning how to judge a shearing competition.

Competition prize amounts will be in coordination with the number of entries, and sponsorship secured.

Competition Rules:

1. A referee will be appointed.
2. Judges will be appointed.
3. The referee or judge has the right to switch off the machine or disqualify any competitor whose work or conduct on the shearing board is detrimental to the image of competition shearing-Referee may stop a competitor during an event if clearly not competitive time wise.
4. Competitors may judge at a contest where they are competing, but not in the class in which they are participating.
5. Competitors in competitions must be suitably attired and this will include footwear (i.e. sandals or open toe shoes are prohibited). Earphones and iPods must not be worn while competing. The referee will administer this ruling.
6. Novice Class Shearers are required to submit with entry form a reference from an experienced shearer or two producers who they have shorn for or a combination there of.
7. A draw for Heats will be made prior to all competitions. Finalists shall draw for stands as they take the board.

8. Where practical a draw for stands must be made after sheep are in the catching pens, for finals. In the case of a left-handed machine shearer, that competitor's sheep will be moved to left-hand stand if one is available.
9. Competitors must provide their own hand-pieces, combs, cutters blade shears and sharpening equipment
10. Competitors will each be allowed two loaded hand- pieces or two blade shears which are their responsibility and no time will be allowed for stoppage caused by their hand-piece, blade shears, or sheep escaping from the competitor on the shearing board. Should any stoppages occur through the fault of the machine or through another competitor's sheep escaping, a time allowance will be made, or a re-run given, only at the Referee's discretion. The organizing Committee will allow competitors to use up to three hand pieces in events with three or more breeds/wool types.
11. Competitors may enter their pen in the presence of a Judge, to sort and inspect their sheep. Plucking of wool before and/or after time (during if by pen assistant) will incur a penalty.
12. Competitors may appeal to the Referee to have any sheep they consider sub-standard replaced before the heat commences. The Referee's decision is final. Any sheep rejected by the Referee must be withdrawn from the entire event.
13. Without assistance each competitor must:
  - Start and stop their machine.
  - Collect their sheep from a standing position within the catching pen
  - Put each sheep out the porthole after shearing.
  - Switch their hand-piece off between sheep.
14. An authorized holder is permitted in the catching pen. This person may not tip or lift the sheep for the competitor or switch the machine on or off. No unauthorized persons are permitted in the catching pen and no officials can assist a competitor in anyway, except where safety is a concern.
15. Competitors must wait on the board and may place hand/s on the closed door/s to await the word 'GO' from the Starter.
16. In any tie the highest quality points wins.
17. Any disputes will be taken to the competition committee of which the referee shall be Chairman. The committee's decision is final
18. Each shearer will have a separate timekeeper and a stopwatch or other suitable timing device and will be taken from "GO" until the machine is switched off after completing final sheep.
19. Before the start of the competition the Chief Referee will announce whether socks are to be taken off or left on, clarify where crutching starts and finishes, and signify any penalty to be applied accordingly [see 19 (5)]
20. Shearing Penalties
  - a. One penalty stroke for not throwing the belly clear
  - b. One penalty stroke for a cleared belly where it interferes with another competitor
  - c. Up to 2 strokes for obvious belly or brisket wool not removed, excluding side fringes
  - d. a) One penalty stroke for not breaking the neck wool b) One penalty stroke for deliberately breaking of the fleece on the first hind leg of full wool sheep.
  - e. Up to four penalty strokes per leg for failing to remove socks (referees discretion)
  - f. Skin cuts where the flesh is exposed or broken will incur a minimum of 5 strokes
  - g. A competitor is automatically penalized by the addition of 3 whole points per offence added to their normal penalties on which they:
    - a. Cut a teat and impair the breeding ability of the ewe
    - b. Cuts and seriously damages the sheath on a wether
    - c. Cuts a hamstring
    - d. Cuts any sheep to the extent that it requires surgical attention. (Referee may require a minor cut to be stitched without imposing the above penalty)
  - h. Up to 20 penalties for rough handling sheep, per offence, Judge and Referees decision in consultation.
  - i. 2 Penalty strokes per offence for:
    - a) Plucking before and after time (applies to shearer and pen assistant)
    - b) Not putting sheep out the porthole.



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### ENTRY FORM

Shearers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify the Class(s) you will be entering:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Novice Class**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Intermediate Class**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Senior Class**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Provincial Class** – Option to determine provincial teams at the event prior to provincial heats

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to attend the Shearing Competition Judging Clinic

Send Entry Forms and payment of \$40.00 to:

Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board  
2213C Hanselman Court  
Saskatoon, SK S7L 6A8  
Tel: 306-933-5582  
Fax: 306-933-7182  
Email: [sheepdb@sasktel.net](mailto:sheepdb@sasktel.net)

Novice Class References Required

Reference from experienced shearer: Signature \_\_\_\_\_

or

Reference from two producers the entrant has shorn for:

Signature #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature #2 \_\_\_\_\_