



International “Back to Back” Wool Challenge

Promoting Wool Worldwide and Fundraising for Cancer Research

Challenge Rules

OBJECTIVE

To complete the sweater (jumper), following the International Wool Challenge rules and pattern exactly, within one (1) day.

RULES

1. A team consists of eight (8) members: one (1) blade shearer, seven (7) handspinners/handknitters with up to seven (7) non-electric spinning wheels; one (1) sheep, any colour or breed but must not be housed or coated for two (2) months prior to shearing for the Challenge.
2. With the exception of the shearer, team members are permitted to exchange roles with one another throughout the day and perform whichever function is required, e.g. a team member may start as a spinner and then be utilised as a knitter as the day progresses, knitters or spinners may wind wool.
3. An independent timekeeper and assessor are required to verify the time and ensure the sweater has been completed as per the Challenge pattern.
4. ALL TASKS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY HAND ONLY
Scissors, handcarders, flickers or combs are not permitted. A HAND ball winder tool may be used.
5. The continuous time starts when the shearer, holding the sheep, begins shearing. Shearing can begin from any part of the sheep.
6. Only team members may touch the wool.
7. Spinners may start spinning as soon as the wool is available.
8. Two wool singles are plied for a 'double knit' of approximately 8 ply yarn.
9. Assemble the sweater using oversew stitch and the same yarn which has been used to knit the sweater.
11. Time ends when the completed sweater is handed to the timekeeper.
12. The winning team shall be the one which completes the sweater, in accordance with the Challenge rules, in the shortest recorded time.

IWC Contact Details

For any questions or more information regarding the Challenge, please contact the IWC International Co-ordinator.

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