

The Royal Northern Agricultural Society

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**ROYAL NORTHERN
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SPRING SHOW**

SCHEDULE and RULES for the **ROYAL NORTHERN SPRING SHOW**

in association with Aberdeen & Northern Marts
to be held within

THAINSTONE CENTRE, INVERURIE, AB51 5XZ

(By courtesy of ANM Group Ltd.)

WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 2026

Showground open at 8am

**All Livestock MUST arrive prior to 8a.m. on Show Day and
remain till after 3p.m.**

Only entries on <https://showingscene.com/events/royal-northern-spring-show-feb-2026> will be accepted along with the entry fees. Please read the Rules before completing. Where a member's rate is claimed the Annual Subscription of £20, due on 1st January 2026 must have been paid or be paid with the entry.

Rule 9 will be strictly applied.

Entries must be lodged at <https://showingscene.com/events/royal-northern-spring-show-feb-2026> not later than the 20th January 2026.

**Please contact Mrs Fiona Davidson on 07795 570
359 or secretary@rnas.info if you cannot enter
online.**

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SHOW CONVENERS 2026

Section 1 Horses & Ponies Helen Hunter, Fiona Smith

Section 2 Exhibition Cattle Scott Mathers, Robbie Newlands, Robert Manson, David Watson

Bulls Robert Manson, Alistair Prentice

Section 3 Carcase Cattle Euan Munro, Jimmy Dick, Noel Gall

Section 4 Sheep Keith Mitchell, Cameron MacIver, Rachael Reid

Section 5 Cereals Mike Morrice, Claire Green

Section 6 Roots Harriet Ross, David Ross

Section 7 Silage & Hay Harriet Ross, David Ross

Section 8 S.W.I. Jenny Laing, Rachel Anderson

Section 9 SAYFC Competitions –

Stockjudging Janelle Anderson, Iain Wilson

Box of Produce Harriet Ross, David Ross

Industrial Rachel Anderson, Jenny Laing

Health & Safety Officers Brian Ross, Fiona Davidson

Trade Stands Gordon Murray, Scott Mathers

Car Park Danny Skinner, Neil Keir, Robert Manson, Colin Booth

Traffic Control Harriet Ross, Mike Morrice

Gates Maureen Duncan, Iain Robertson

Website, Facebook & Twitter Claire Green, Carlene Mackay

RNCI Emma Shepherd, Phil Wigglesworth

Veterinary Surgeons on call Donview Veterinary Centre, Burghmuir Place, Inverurie

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Also thanks to all Exhibitors, and Members at the 2025 Royal Northern Spring Show and the following regular Sponsors of RNAS Events, Competitions and Projects:

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Turriff Agri Parts Ltd RNAS/Apprentice Award

RULES – GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. All entries to be the bona fide property of the exhibitor except in the case of stallions hired for the season, which will be considered the property of the person to whom hired and which may be shown with the written permission of the owner. Such permission must be attached to the entry. The Directors reserve the right to refuse any entry without stating any reason and also to combine classes if the number of entries in any one class does not justify separate competition. Any judge will have the right to withhold awards if the quality of any entry does not merit an award. If there are less than three exhibitors involved in any group of classes, that group may be withdrawn. Animals must have been in the ownership of Exhibitors for 30 days prior to the show.
 2. A competitor may show more than one animal in any class and will be entitled to payment of all prizes gained. Any animal having won a prize at a previous show of the Society may again compete for prizes (specials or otherwise). Except where otherwise specially provided for no animal will be allowed to compete in more than one class.
 3. **Horses & Ponies - may now enter more than one section, although exhibitors must make a choice in the event that sections may run concurrently. Classes will not be held to facilitate a horse or pony already competing in a different section**
 4. **Under 16 exhibitors or exhibitor's children to be accompanied by an adult at all times within the Show rings and Lairage areas.**
 5. Exhibitors of any entry not for public sale on the day of the competition by ANM Group to the Secretary on the entry form. The sales shall be subject to the Mart Conditions of Sale.
 6. No animal suffering from infectious disease or brought from stock so suffering will be permitted to enter the Showyard. Any exhibitor contravening this rule will be liable in payment to the Society, the sum of £100 as and for liquidate damages. The Society shall have powers to appoint a qualified veterinary surgeon to examine and report on all or any animal exhibited and to act on such report without question as they may think proper.
 7. The Society shall not be liable for any loss or damage to person or property which exhibitors or the general public may sustain at the Show or in transit to or from the Show nor for any loss suffered as a result of cancellation or abandonment of the Show due to inclement weather or an outbreak of infectious disease among stock in the area or any loss suffered as a result of regulations or other actions for the control of infectious disease.
 8. The arrangements for the Show will be conducted by a Committee of the Society and Conveners, and Members appointed by the Directors shall be in attendance on the Judges while the Judging is in progress. As soon as the Judges shall determine which entry or entries are, in their opinion, in the event of no challenge being made, entitled to Prizes, the attending members shall affix the Prize to same. No tickets so placed shall be removed unless by order of the Committee. If any Prize Ticket be removed the parties so offending shall be proceeded against as the Committee may appoint. All trophies are for annual competition. They will be insured by the Society and, on acceptance, winners will be required to sign for trophies.
 9. **Horses and Ponies.** All horses and ponies entered in classes with conditions as to height may be measured by the official veterinary surgeon before being judged except those with life certificates or annual certificates if under six years old, issued by the joint committee of Pony and Light Horse Societies, or in the case of Shetland Ponies with certificates issued by the Shetland Pony Society. These certificates must be produced to the official veterinary surgeon on request and the Society reserves the right to measure and if necessary disqualify any animal whether or not a certificate is produced. Half an inch will be allowed for normal shoes, no allowance for tips or charlier shoes. No subsequent alteration of shoes will be permitted. In the case of Highland Ponies who may be measured without shoes the height limit in such cases being reduced by half an inch. Horses and Ponies will be measured in natural positions.
- No animal will be measured in a stretching position. Protests with reference to height of horses and ponies will be entertained only from Exhibitors in the classes concerned and must be lodged in writing with the Show Secretary by 12.30pm on the day of the Show and must be accompanied by a deposit of £25 which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Horse ages: In the northern hemisphere a horse is considered to have its birthday on 1st January.
10. No challenge of the entries, classification of stock, or of the awards of the Judges, shall be competent after 1pm on the day of the Show and any protests must be lodged with the Secretary in writing before that hour, along with £25 which will be forfeited if the protest is dismissed. The attending members and the Sub-Committee will meet in the Secretary's Office in the Showyard at 1pm to dispose of any protests which may be lodged and the objectors must attend to support their protests. The Judgement of a majority of those present shall be decisive.
 11. Entries on the official entry form must be lodged with the Secretary by the closing date indicated on the Schedule and Rules Booklet. Entry cheques must accompany the entry and entries submitted without the appropriate cheque may be refused. Cash must not be sent. The reduced entry fee for members can only be claimed by Life Members or if the current calendar year's annual subscription has been paid to the Society. Reduced entry fees are allowed only on the basis of individual membership, ie no composite entries will be accepted.
 12. **ALL EXHIBITION CATTLE, PRIME CATTLE AND PRIME HOGGS MUST BE IN PLACE AT THAINSTONE CENTRE ON THE PREVIOUS DAY FOR WEIGHING AT 1-2pm.**
- UNTRIMMED: LAMBS/HOGGS & BREEDING SHEEP MUST BE SHOWN IN THEIR NATURAL STATE. ANY LAMBS/HOGGS DRESSED, BRUSHED OR TRIMMED IN ANY WAY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
13. Members will be admitted to the Show without payment on displaying their membership ticket. Any money paid at the gate will not be refunded. Admission tickets may be purchased at <https://tickets.rnas.org.uk/events> prior to the Show. **Anyone not displaying an admission ticket or membership ticket will be required to pay admission money at the going rate. (Horse and pony entrants - see special note in section 1)**
 14. Animals must be identified and transported in accordance with current legislation. There must be compliance with all current requirements including documentation.
 15. Livestock Removal Time - After 3 p.m.