



**Fun, Learning and  
Achievement**

Final  
July 2025  
Double Area  
Eliminator

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competition Programme 2025-2026

### NFYFC Machine Sheep Shearing

In accordance with BISCA

#### RULES



#### Competition Aim

To provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate the acquired skill in shearing sheep.

#### Learning outcomes

How to plan and use practical skills in handling sheep, shearing equipment and to demonstrate animal husbandry.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

#### 1. DATE & VENUE

1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at the Great Yorkshire Show 2026 – **Dates are Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 subject to invitation from the GYAS.**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026 – Subject to confirmation by GYAS**

#### 2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Counties may enter two competitors per 600 members or part thereof in Area Finals.

2.2. Areas will have double entry and be represented by **two** competitors per 3,000 members or part thereof in the National Final. (Northern Area 4, Eastern Area 2 and East Midlands 2, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 4, South East Area 2 and Wales 4)

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. The individual competitor must be 16 years and over and 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2025, and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC. The minimum qualification for competitors is a British Wool "Blue Seal" or an equivalent qualification from a recognised sheep shearing training provider. Copies of qualifications to be inspected on the day of the competition prior to shearing. This competition is open to those over the age of 16 with a Blue Seal or equivalent. If someone under the age of 16 has been awarded the Blue Seal they are eligible to compete in the competition at the discretion of NFYFC & British Wool. Organisers must ensure that they have qualified Judges for competitions run by YFC at all levels. If competitors are not shearing to the required standard, then the Judge will ask them to stop, and they can take no further part in the competition.

#### 4. SUBSTITUTION

4.1. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

#### 5. PROCEDURE

5.1. Refer to the latest British Isles Shearing Competition Association (BISCA) rules which are available from NFYFC. BISCA rules as of February 2024 are attached below.

5.2. Competitors must wear suitable clothing and footwear.

5.3. The number of sheep to be shorn in the NFYFC are as follows:-

Age Category	Heats	Semi-Finals	Finals
Under 28	3	4	Between 5 and 8

5.4. Competitors will be required to assist in sorting sheep and wrapping wool for other competitors. Any remaining

unshorn sheep from the competition must be sheared prior to competitors leaving.

6. **AWARDS**

- 6.1. NFYFC Award and Prize Cards to the winning team.
- 6.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to teams placed 2nd and 3rd.
- 6.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all individual members in the NFYFC final.

Please see the BISCA Rules from the British Wool Board website - <https://www.britishwool.org.uk/shearing/bisca/>