

SCOTTISH SMALLHOLDER FESTIVAL

Sheep Show Class Schedule

An RBST Young Shepherd of the Year qualifier

Organised by



**Saturday 18th October 2025
The Highland Hall, Royal Highland Centre EH28 8NB**

Scottish Smallholder Festival 2025

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Details

Steward: Nicola Cook email sheep@festival.scot

Judges: As indicated in details for classes.

Entry fees

For classes 1-18, £12 (including VAT at 20%) for the first sheep and £6 (including VAT at 20%) per sheep thereafter.

There is no entry fee for Special Classes (Wool on Hoof, Best Horns and Young Handlers) but sheep entered in Wool on the Hoof and Best Horns must have been entered in classes 1-16. This condition does not apply to Young Handlers classes.

Entry fees will only be refundable in the event of the Festival being cancelled for reasons beyond the organiser's control.

Class Prizes

For classes 1-18:

Prize cards and rosettes will be awarded to 1st to 4th places and prize money awarded for 1st to 3rd places:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
£10	£5	£3

Show Championship Prizes

- Champion: Scottish Smallholder Festival Perpetual Trophy, £25, prize card, rosette
- Reserve Champion: £15, prize card and rosette
- Best ewe lamb: £10, prize card and rosette
- Best ram lamb: £10, prize card and rosette
- Best Wool on the Hoof: £10, prize card and rosette
- RBST Scotland National Championship Qualifier: £25, prize card and rosette

Special Prizes

Perpetual prizes, trophies and any special prizes relating to a specific class are detailed with that class.

RBST Scotland National Championships

Each livestock show at the Festival – sheep, goats, and pigs – will generate its own rare breed Champion and these three animals will go head-to-head to compete to be the RBST Scotland National Champion. For clarity, qualifying breeds are identified as Priority or At Risk on the RBST Watchlist 2025.

A Champion from British rare equine breeds will qualify from a separate event. The Champion for each of the four species will receive prize money of £25 and a rosette.

The National Champion will receive prize money of £75, a trophy and a rosette.

The Reserve National Champion will receive prize money of £50 and a rosette.

Rules:

1. All classes are held under the general rules and conditions of the Festival. You will be required to confirm that you have read and agreed to abide by them on the entry form.
2. Entries close at 23:59 on 30th September 2025. Entries should be made online on our website festival.scot. Please email competition@festival.scot if you experience any difficulties, giving your contact telephone number and which show / competition you are seeking to enter and a member of the Festival team will be in touch as quickly as possible.
3. All sheep must be registered or be eligible for registration in the appropriate Flock Book, except those entered in Young Handler classes.
4. No animal may compete in more than one class unless specifically stated in the class descriptor.
5. There are no facilities for MV accredited sheep.
6. Each exhibitor will receive further information about attending the Festival during week commencing Monday 9th October.
7. Straw, Hay, Sawdust and water will be available at the venue, but exhibitors must supply their own feed, forage, and other bedding if required.
8. **Judging will commence at 9:30am; classes will be run over two rings – it is the responsibility of the competitor to be in the correct ring for judging.**

Classes

Class Number	Class	Judge
Northern Short-tailed Breeds (e.g. Boreray, Castlemilk Moorit, Gotland, Manx Loaghtan, North Ronaldsay, Shetland, Soay etc.) NB: Icelandics and Hebrideans not eligible to compete in this class and should enter classes 3 through 6 as appropriate.		
1	Ram born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
2	Ewe born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
Icelandic Breed Classes in association with the ISBOBI		
3	Ram born on or after 1st January 2025	Suzanne Meikle
4	Ewe born on or after 1st January 2025	Suzanne Meikle
Hebridean Breed Classes in association with the Hebridean Sheep Society		
5	Ram born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
6	Ewe born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
Any Other Breed not eligible for any other class (e.g. Zwartbles, Texel, Dutch spotted)		
7	Ram born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
8	Ewe born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC

British Hill, Heath or Upland Breeds (e.g. Blackface, Cheviot, Herdwick, Jacob, Kerry Hill, Norfolk Horn, Portland, Welsh Mountain etc.)		
9	Ram born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
10	Ewe born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
British Longwool Breeds (e.g. Border Leicester, Bluefaced Leicester, Teeswater, Lincoln Longwool, Wensleydale etc.)		
11	Ram born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
12	Ewe born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
British Down Breeds (e.g. Hampshire, Ryeland, Coloured Ryeland, Suffolk, Poll Dorset etc.)		
13	Ram born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
14	Ewe born on or after 1st January 2025	TBC
Valais Blacknose Breed Classes (in association with the Valais Blacknose Society)		

15	Ram born on or after 1st January 2025	Robbie Taylor
16	Ewe born on or after 1st January 2025	Robbie Taylor
Breeds currently in the Priority or At Risk categories on the RBST Watchlist (see Appendix A)		
17	Ram born 2024 or earlier.	TBC
18	Ewe born 2024 or earlier. Ewes born 2023 or earlier must have raised lambs in 2025	TBC

Championships

Class Number	Class	Judge
Best Icelandic (in association with the ISBOBI)		
19	Winners of classes 3 and 4	Suzanne Meikle
Best Hebridean (in association with the Hebridean Sheep Society)		
20	Winners of classes 5 and 6	TBC
Best Valais Blacknose (in association with the Valais Blacknose Society)		
21	Winners of classes 15 and 16	Robbie Taylor
Best Ram Lamb in show		
22	Winners of classes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 & 15	TBC
Best Ewe Lamb in show		
23	Winners of classes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16	TBC
Show Championship		
24	Winners of classes 22 and 23	TBC

Special prizes

The Rosedean Salver for the Best Coloured Ryeland

Gifted by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Champion, The Rosedean Salver will be presented to the highest placed Coloured Ryeland ram lamb in 2025.

RBST Scotland National Championship & Qualifier

The highest placed sheep from a breed on the RBST Watchlist (see Appendix A) in Classes 1-2 and 9-14 and the winners of Classes 17 and 18 will compete for the title of RBST Scotland National Sheep Champion and will represent sheep in the RBST Scotland National Inter species Championship.

Prize cards will be awarded to 1st to 4th places; the Champion will receive a special rosette and £25 prize money.

Class Number	Class	Judge
25	RBST Scotland National Championship	TBC

Special Classes

Wool on the Hoof

Open to any sheep already entered in classes 1-16. Please note “Wool on the Hoof” winners do not qualify for the overall Championship.

Prize cards and rosettes will be awarded to 1st to 4th places.

Class Number	Class	Judge
26	Hill and upland breeds	TBC
27	Northern short-tailed breeds	TBC
28	Closewool breeds	TBC
29	Longwool breeds	TBC

Special prize

The winners of classes 26-29 will compete for the **Scottish Smallholder Festival Tankard**, prize card and rosette for the Best Wool on the Hoof:

Class Number	Class	Judge
30	Best Wool on the Hoof	TBC

Best Horns

Open to any sheep already entered in classes 1-16. Please note “Best Horns” winners do not qualify for the overall Championship.

Prize cards and rosettes will be awarded to 1st to 4th places.

Class Number	Class	Judge
31	Best Horns	TBC

Special prize

The class winner will receive the **Wester Gladstone Trophy**, a perpetual trophy kindly presented by Gordon and Juliet Johnston, Wester Gladstone

Young Handlers

Handlers to be judged on their ability to handle and show their sheep and on their knowledge and understanding of sheep and sheep care. Sheep do not have to have been already entered in the preceding classes and do not have to be registered or eligible for registration. Age taken at the date of the Festival.

Prize cards and rosettes will be awarded to 1st to 4th places. All young handlers will receive a rosette for participation.

Class Number	Class	Judge
32	Under age 8 years	TBC
33	Junior (age 8-12)	TBC
34	Senior (age 13-16 years)	TBC

RBST Young Shepherd of the Year

The winners of Young Handlers classes 33 and 34 will be eligible to take part in the RBST Young Shepherd Competition 2025.

If the Class winner has already qualified, the next highest placed eligible competitor not previously qualified can go forward. RBST qualifying age categories (the age of the child on the day of qualifying) apply.

It is the handler that qualifies regardless of what sheep breed they are showing.

The venue for the Grand Final for the 2025 RBST Young Shepherd competition is yet to be announced. Further details will be provided in each qualifier pack.

Appendix A

Breeds identified as **Priority** or **At Risk** on the RBST Watchlist 2024-2025

- Balwen
- Border Leicester
- Boreray
- Castlemilk Moorit
- Cotswold
- Derbyshire Gritstone
- Devon and Cornwall Longwool
- Devon Closewool
- Dorset Down
- Dorset Horn
- Hill Radnor
- Leicester Longwool
- **Lincoln Longwool**
- Llanwenog
- Lonk
- Manx Loaghtan
- Norfolk Horn
- **North Ronaldsay**
- Oxford Down
- Portland
- Soay
- Teeswater
- Torwen Badgerface Welsh
- **Welsh Mountain Pedigree**
- Wensleydale
- Whiteface Dartmoor
- **Whitefaced Woodland**