



Greencastle Wool Show

# Sheep to Shawl 2025 Rules

## General Information

Location: Indoor Arena in the Farm Bureau Building (Located near the dairy barn and fiber arts building)

Entry Submission Times: **Saturday** 9am- 1pm.

Time of Judging: 1:30pm on Saturday

Judges: To Be Determined

**Overview/objective:**

**6 members of a team will take a washed fleece and spin it, ply it, then weave it into a shawl in 4 hours.**

## Team and Shawl Requirements

### 1. Membership:

A team will be composed of 5 spinners and 1 weaver. It is up to the team to designate a team pleyer. Members may be of any age. Minors must have a parent/guardian present for the duration of the competition. Parent/guardian does not need to be a team member.

Typically there is:

- One designated weaver
- One designated pleyer
- Four spinners

\*The pleyer may also spin singles if they see fit.

\*All members may card or flick the fleece.

### 2. Shawl requirements:

- Both warp and weft must be spun by members of the team.
- The warp must be completed and on the loom prior to the competition start.
- The weft must be spun entirely during the 4 hours provided for competition.
- The shawl must be finished within 4 hours, including fringe. Any finishing method may be used.
- The shawl must be within the appropriate measurements:

•Width: 20 to 24 inches

Length: 74 to 76 inches excluding fringe

### 3. Fiber Contents and Dyes:

- The content of the warp AND weft should be 100% sheep's wool
- The WARP may be dyed any colors using any dyeing methods
- The WEFT must be spun from a washed or unwashed, UNDYED fleece
- Spinners can use hand cards or flickers to prepare the fleece during the competition. (no drum carders)
- The fleece should be skirted prior to the competition

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## What to Bring:

- A pre-warped loom using hand spun wool yarn, warp weights, warping tools, shuttles, a rug to place under the loom
- Cards, combs, slickers, etc
- 5 spinning wheels or drop spindles plus a rug to place under the wheel
- A basket to hold your extra bobbins
- Lazy kate, ball winder, bobbin winder, measuring tape, scissors, etc

## Facilities:

- Enclosed arena
- No climate control
- Concrete floor (used to show 4H animals)
- No outlet access (no e-spinners)
- Typically no restroom access - port-o-lets will be outside

## Breaks

- Members may take breaks as needed throughout the event, such as visiting the restroom. However, time will NOT stop.

## Judging

- There will be two judges who will evaluate the shawls based on a set criteria.
- Examples of the criteria are as follows:
  - Consistency
  - Tension
  - Method
  - Style
  - Wear-ability
  - Appropriate use of fibers, dyes, and patterns
  - Shawl meets appropriate measurements
  - Shawl is complete in the time given

## Entry Fees:

- Each team will submit a \$60 fee to enter the contest

## Prizes:

- First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded to the top three teams. Each member will receive a ribbon.
- Shawls will be auctioned off and the money will be given to each team

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