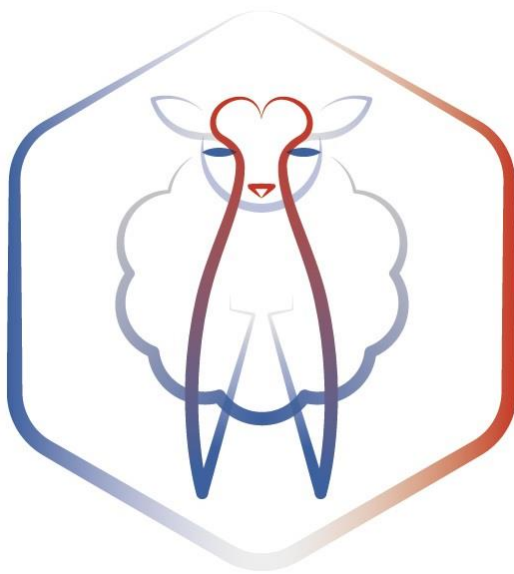


FRENCH WOOLHANDLING COUNTRY SPECIFICS 2019



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World Woolhandling Championship Rules

This document, in conjunction with the Golden Shears World Championship Regulations (REGS) and World Woolhandling Championship Rules (WWCR), will serve as the official world woolhandling rules for the 2019 World Championship.

Key Parameters Report

(As required under the World Woolhandling Championship Rules 2017)

World Woolhandling Country Specifics 2019

Woolhandling Facilities	Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules
Woolhandling Equipment	Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules
Timing system	Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules
Scoring system	<p>Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules, with explanations:</p> <p>1. TIME PENALTIES (WWCR 4.4)</p> <p><i>a. The time penalty calculation will be that once the hand is raised as a sign of finish, there will be one penalty point every ten seconds up to the sealed time, then one penalty point every five seconds after that.</i></p> <p><i>b. Sealed Time is a fixed period of time to complete a heat/semi/final, and is considered to be achievable, but challenging. The Referee will confirm the sealed time.</i></p> <p>c. Although we are nominating the Sealed Time in this document, the Referee has the right to adjust these times prior to the start of the Championship. This will be confirmed following an assessment of the condition of the competition sheep and fleeces. This needs to be done closer to the actual time. Confirmation of the Sealed Time will be posted on the official noticeboard in the stadium on day 1 of the Championships. It is the responsibility of Managers to seek this confirmation.</p> <p>FULL WOOL: sealed time of sixty seconds</p>
Woolhandling Referee Referee	<p>Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules</p> <p>Woolhandling Referee: Julie Resneau</p> <p>May appoint up to four assisting officials</p>
Judges	<p>Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CHIEF Shearing Referee: Colin McGregor
Sheep Steward	<p>Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sheep Steward: to be decided
Resident Shearers	<p>Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shearing Coordinator: to be decided
Objective Measurements	Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules, with further clarifications included pages 5, 6 & 7

Wool Description: as relevant to World Championship 2019

1. **The fleece** is the main body wool.
2. **The oddments** are all the other parts kept separated from the fleece. They are of various quantities, depending on the breed of sheep shorn and each fleece itself. It is NOT recommended to competitors to break big parts of a fleece if it has a large contaminated part (ex: cots, deep yellow areas, seedy backs...). The fact of rolling the fleeces must allow for their individual classing.

Denomination	Description
Belly Wool	Wool shorn from the sheep's belly. Not to include fleece wool.
Frib	Stained, often crusty wool from the brisket/top of belly wool.
Eye clips	From the head area; shorter length with medulated fibres.
Short Wool	Crutch, second cuts, floor sweepings.
1 st Pieces	Skirtings from the perimeter of the fleece.
Colour faults	Black spots, blood, urine stain, raddle / paint marks. May be placed in the same bin.
Other faults	Dags, skins, sticks... Anything other than wool.
Competition Rules	Rules are as per the World Woolhandling Rules with further rules and clarifications included here pages 4-5.
Disputes	Compliant with World Woolhandling Rules

* Referee to advise on fribs prior to World event.

FRENCH RULES

I) General rules, global picture

- 1) Competitors compete at their own risk.
- 2) Competitors must provide their own gear (plastic or wooden sweeps).
- 3) Competitors must wear appropriate clothing (closed footwear, no caps/hats).
- 4) A judge has the right to interrupt and / or stop a competitor whose behaviour or work is inappropriate.
- 5) A draw must be done before the start of the competition to set the stands and order of the competitors.
- 6) Competitors have the opportunity to inspect the sheep before the start of the competition and request for a sheep to be changed if it seems below the standards. The final decision is taken by the referee. Competitors can decide of the order in which his sheep are shorn, unless it is a multi-breed competition.
- 7) Each competitor will attend one shearer. Shearers must shear on a synchronised pace. There cannot be any contact between the shearer and the competitor once the competition has started. Any obvious assistance from the shearer will be penalised, as well as any hindrance from the competitor to the shearer.
- 8) Competitor's board, floor area and slatted table must be clean at the start, it is permitted to bring someone onto the board to help set up (« buddies »).
- 9) Each time a shearer brings a sheep onto the board, the shearing area must be clean.
- 10) The slatted table must be used to skirt and roll the fleece and must be clean between each throw. Penalties will apply where the thrown fleece is not flat and fully exposed on the table, where fleece is hanging over and off the table, and where the fleece is not the right way up (tips up only).
- 11) Each fleece must be rolled from the britch to the neck and secured with a neck tuck-in. A rolled fleece placed into the allocated container is deemed to be finished and can be removed by an accredited assistant.
- 12) Any waiting fleece to be placed on a clean floor area free of contamination.
- 13) Oddments must be placed into their appropriate bins at all times and before the competitor signals they have finished.
- 14) The competitor must respect the limits of their working area. Any wool placed and left by the competitor outside of the competition area will be penalised unless retrieval is immediate.
- 15) Should any stoppage occur through the fault of the machine or a sheep escaping, a time allowance or a re-run (in another heat), will be given according to the referee's decision. The competitor must stop work during the interference.
- 16) On completion, the work area must be left clean.

- 17) Competitors must not interfere with their wool after they have signalled that they have finished.
- 18) Competitors must not interfere in the judging area.
- 19) The referee will have the overall responsibility for the running of the competition. Disputes must be forwarded to the referee within 15 minutes after the results are posted.

II) Method of judging

- 1) Competitors are judged on their working techniques by judges « at the front » and on the quality of their work by judges « at the back ». The judges at the back will analyse each fleece; all oddments; and also judge the rolling of the fleece.
- 2) The time starts simultaneously on completion of shearing and stops for each competitor when they signal that they have finished by raising their hands to clearly signal this. The time in seconds is then divided by 1 point every 10 seconds during the sealed time, and by 1 point every 5 seconds after.
- 3) Time, board and table points are entered onto an official document. The competitor with the lowest aggregate score is the winner.
- 4) In the event of a tie, the competitor with the least quality points (judging of fleeces and oddments at the back) is the winner. If there is still a tie, the competitor with the least board (at the front) points is the winner.
- 5) Particular criteria can be given to the competitors according to the context of each competition, as well as the sealed time that must be notified before the start of each competition.

IV) Penalties

OBJECTIVE MEASURES

Abbreviations	Size	Points
CC	Credit card (85x55 mm)	1 point
A4 (for throws only)	A4 (300x200mm)	1 point
DP	Penalties on the judge's discretion	
FP	Fixed penalties	5 or 10 points
MO (mistakes in the oddments)	100x150 mm	3 points
MF (mistakes in the fleece)	100x150 mm	4 points
Black wool, paint, urine, skin or dags (either in the fleece or oddments)	CC	5 points

**Black wool criteria to be advised prior to World events.*

1) Board penalties

Faults	Ab.	Comments
Start with a clean work area. (Counter on 0.)	CC	The competitor can check the counter with the judge.
Collect belly wool before it gets in the shearer's way or contaminates the fleece.	FP – 10 pts	For a forgotten belly. The shearer has to take the belly wool right off.
Collect the whole crutch, and tail wool.	CC	Avoid any contamination of the fleece wool.
No attempt to collect the crutch, and tail wool.	FP – 10 pts	The competitor must be there before the end of the undermine.
Collect the eye clips before they touch the fleece.	CC	Avoid any contamination on the fleece wool.
All oddments must be placed in bins.	DP – 1 to 5 pts	Oddments missing bins at any time will be penalised unless retrieval is immediate.
No oddment piles on shearing board.	FP – 5 pts	Oddments to be placed in bins.
No skirting of 1 st Pieces on the shearing board.	FP - 5pts per offence	1 st Pieces to be skirted on the table only.
Clean the shearing board between each sheep.	CC	Avoid any contamination on the fleece wool. The pen door has to shut between each sheep.
Failing to clear fleece before next sheep is pulled out by the shearer.	FP - 10 pts	Shearer hindrance.
Use of the fleece to clean the board.	FP – 10 pts	No contamination of the fleece.
Fleece placed on a contaminated floor.	CC	Not placed on Lox or any other wool.

Please note: The belly wool is deemed to be an *Oddment*. It is not to be added to the fleece.

2) Table penalties

Faults	Ab.	Comments
Faults on the throw.	A4	The neck must be at the top of the table. Thrown fleece to be free of folds, overlaps or overhangs.
Fleece to be rolled from britch to neck	FP - 5 pts	To secure fleece with a neck tuck –in.
Placing of rolled fleece into containers	DP- 0 to 5 pts	Rolls must be placed into their containers, not thrown.
Table must be cleaned before the next throw.	CC	No wool to be left on table.

Please note: Processing faults are not removed from the fleece.

Cleaning penalties

Faults	Ab.	Comments
All the wool must be placed into bins at the end of the work time.	FP – 5 pts	There can only be wool on the ground if all the bins are already used. If there has to be some, it must be placed on a clean area and shown to the judge at the end.
General cleaning at the end.	CC	The whole of competitor's working area must be clean.

3) General work penalties

Faults	Ab.	Comments
Wool out of the competitor's area.	FP – 5 pts	Competitors must retrieve any wool if placed/thrown outside their area to avoid penalty points.
Hindrance to the shearer by the competitor.	FP – 5 pts per offence	The competitor must take care not to get in the shearer's way.
Assistance from the shearer.	FP - 5 pts per offence	No request can be made other than belly wool placement and order of sheep shorn.
No competitors to be on the shearing board.	FP – 5 pts per offence	The competitor must keep one foot on the ground at all times.
No contact with wool after the end of work time.	FP – 10 pts	Do not touch wool after time has been signalled. Possible disqualification after warning.
Intrusion into the outside judging area	FP – 5 pts	No competitors are allowed in the judges' area, unless in response to a specific request by the referee. Possible disqualification after warning.

4) Judging at the back

Faults	Ab.	Comments
Fault in the rolling of the fleece.	DP - 0 to 10 pts	The roll must present a parallel and compact aspect and be secure. All the surface must show the inside of the fleece, rolled in line with the back line, and be secured with the neck.
Mistakes in the fleece.	MF	All the fleeces are analysed; mistakes are added on the grid.
Mistakes in the oddments.	MO	All the oddments are analysed; mistakes are added on the grid.
Contaminants in the fleeces or oddments.	CC – 5 pts	Black wool, paint, urine, skin or dags present in either the fleeces or the oddments.

**Black wool- shearer must have called the fault, confirmed by board judge*



COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Abbreviations	FW Texel full wool, more than 10 months wool

Events Schedule

	FW	Bins/Trays
Round 1	3	6/1
Round 2	3	6/1
Semi Final	5	6/1
Final	7	6/1
Team Final	10	6/1

Le Dorat, May 13, 2019