



hebridean sheep society

Hebridean Sheep Society Judges` Management Group (JMG) Terms of Reference and Schedule

This group is a subcommittee of the HSS Board of Trustees. It was formed in November 2023 with the remit to

1. Manage the list of *Hebridean Sheep Society Approved Hebridean Sheep Judges* [Judges List] in accordance with the Society`s *Policy for Society Approved Judges*.
2. Propose and confirm judge nominations/appointments to shows.
3. Act as liaison between agricultural shows and the Society in respect of judges` nominations/appointments.
4. Organise ram assessments at official shows and sales.
5. Manage judging standards.

Current Members (Jan 2024)

Helen Brewis, Coordinator judges and shows.

Darren Cassie, Adviser England and Wales.

Jonathan James, Adviser Scotland, including the Isles.

David Braithwaite, Convenor.





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Nominating judges for shows: actions and timetable

Judge nominations for shows	WHAT	WHO	WHEN
	The performance of judges is reviewed, and an agreement is reached about which judges require support and which should be retired (if any).	JMG	November/December
	The current year's Judges List is dated and published in the Handbook.	HB	January/Feb
	The names of the judges wishing to remain on the list for the following year's show season is determined.	HB	Feb/March of the preceding year.
PROVISIONAL LIST Status; Confidential	A fully populated Provisional List for the following year, is presented to the Board.	JMG	May of the year preceding the show year.
APPROVED LIST Status; Confidential	The meeting agrees an Approved List.	HSS Board	May
	All the nominees on the Approved List are contacted [for the first time] and asked to confirm their availability. Any reasonable adjustments are made.	JJ Scotland (inc Isles) DC England and Wales	May - July
CONFIRMED LIST Status; Under close review JMG only	A Confirmed List is created.	JMG	July
	The Confirmed List is ratified by the Board.	JMG table. HSS Board ratifies.	August of the year preceding the show year.
Status; List open for wider circulation	Shows are contacted and advised of the HSS judge nominee and where appropriate, nominee reserve judges.	HB	September/October preceding the show year.

