



SHEEP TO SHAWL COMPETITION RULES

TEAM: A team will consist of 8 members. One weaver, one carder, one educator/public relations person, and five positions that will perform spinning, plying, and go-fer helper. Except for the weaver, the carder, and the educator/public relations person, the remaining 5 members may change tasks during the competition to mitigate body stress. One spinner may act as pleyer when necessary. All team members may help with fiber preparation. No formal break time will be provided; therefore, one member may swap out with any position when needed. Step away personal breaks are permissible during the competition, no more than one member at a time. All members can participate in finishing. **FOUR HOURS** allowed from start to finish.

EQUIPMENT: Each team will provide its own equipment: Looms, hand cards, manual drum card, pre-warped loom, shuttles, bobbin winders all manually operated, etc. **ONE** electric spinner will be allowed per team - -battery operated only. (No electric cords please).

YARNS AND FIBER: Teams will provide their own warp of any animal fiber, either handspun or commercial yarn. Commercial yarns are acceptable for warp; however, extra points may be given for handspun. Teams will also provide their own weft fiber with no preparation other than washing and/or dyeing. (Teasing, picking, and/or blending are done during competition.) Weft may be natural, dyed and/or a blend of "wool" from any animal fiber.

WEAVING BASICS: The minimum weaving sett is 8 ends per inch with a required 4 shaft pattern of the team's choice. The minimum picks per inch is 6 per inch off loom. A sample of the fiber used for a handspun warp, and pre-dyed yarns or fiber shall be presented with the weaver's notes. See below. The loom shall be pre-warped, no header woven in.

The completed shawl must be a minimum 1440 square inches which is approximately 20 inches by 72 inches excluding fringe. Points will be deducted if less than required square area. This completed smaller product may be judged if requested.

Weaver's notes: At a minimum weaver's notes shall include the weaving draft, fiber content with description/identification including a sample of warp, fiber content with description/identification including a sample of weft spun during competition, and a description of the finished intended use of product.

Public Information: Each team may dress in any style appropriate for the competition, costumes or team ensembles are encouraged. Each team will prepare a story board poster for display with information regarding its guild, team and/or area. This poster will also feature an explanation of the weaving project/pattern with fibers and yarn samples attached which may include the weaver's notes. Points will be awarded for the completeness and imagination of the display.

Spinning and weaving: The weft yarn may not exceed 3 times the diameter of the warp yarn.

Off loom finishing: A fringe treatment is not required, however, the ends must be appropriately finished, in the judge's opinion, for the completed project's intended use.