

Te Whiringa circuit 2025

Senior grade shearing competition circuit

Executive Summary

The Te Whiringa circuit 2025 introduces a structured competition aimed at enhancing the skills, participation, and growth of senior shearers across multiple shows. Focused on sustainability, relevance, and creating a point of difference, the circuit offers shearers mentorship opportunities and employment incentives, driving both skill development and career advancement. The integration of Te Reo Māori into the event further enriches the circuit, promoting unity and cultural relevance within the shearing community. The circuit aligns with long-term goals to foster industry growth and collaboration.

Introduction

The Waimarino Shears is proud to introduce the Te Whiringa circuit 2025. “Te Whiringa” translates to “The Weaving of us all,” symbolising the unity, care, and relationships that form when shearers, competitions, and communities come together. This circuit embodies the values of Kotahitanga (unity), Manaakitanga (care and respect), and Whanaungatanga (relationships and kinship), creating a platform for shearers across the North Island to showcase their skills, learn, and grow in an environment of collective support.

Circuit structure

The Te Whiringa circuit will consist of (10) shearing competitions across the North Island. The Waimarino Shears is the last opportunity to gain circuit points before the final. The circuit will culminate in a final at the Waimarino Shears as well. To qualify for the final:

- Competitors must participate in at least 6 of the 10 competitions.
- Points will be awarded at each competition, with a competitor’s top 6 scores contributing to their final ranking.
- The top 4 competitors based on accumulated points will qualify for the circuit final at the Waimarino Shears.

Points system

Points will be awarded to competitors based on their placement from the heats only at each Te Whiringa circuit competition excluding the Waimarino Shears:

- 1st place: 12 points
- 2nd place: 11 points
- 3rd place: 10 points
- 4th place: 9 points
- 5th place: 8 points
- 6th place: 7 points
- 7th place: 6 points
- 8th place: 5 points
- 9th place: 4 points
- 10th place: 3 points
- 11th place: 2 points
- 12th place and thereafter: 1 point

Double points @ the Waimarino Shears

To reward participation, commitment and quality shearing, competitors have an opportunity to gain (**DOUBLE**) points at the end of the senior grade heats at the Waimarino Shears only.

- 1st place: 24 points
- 2nd place: 22 points
- 3rd place: 20 points
- 4th place: 18 points
- 5th place: 16 points
- 6th place: 14 points
- 7th place: 12 points
- 8th place: 10 points
- 9th place: 8 points
- 10th place: 6 points
- 11th place: 4 points
- 12th place and thereafter: 2 points

Prizes

To reward participation, commitment and quality shearing, a range of prizes will be up for grabs throughout the circuit. These will be awarded to the top qualifier of the senior grade heats at each Te Whiringa circuit competition. A list of prizes available at each competition will be provided once confirmed.

The winner of the Te Whiringa circuit will receive:

- A 6-week employment contract with Shear Pride in Western Australia Sep-Nov 2025 (return flights fully paid) valued @ \$2,000.00 *
- Mentorship sessions with an open grade shearer

**Should the winner become unavailable to commit to the employment contract – this prize will be offered down to 2nd place and thereon after to determine a recipient*

Prize money also awarded to the 4 winners

- Prize money – TPV \$1400, 1st \$600, 2nd \$350, 3rd \$250, 4th \$200

Fees

To participate in the Te Whiringa circuit:

- Competitions contribute a \$250 fee to cover prizes, administrative costs and support the running of the circuit.
- Competitors must pay an entry fee of \$50 to participate in the circuit.

Obligations for participating competitions

Participating competitions are required to:

- Promote circuit at your competition via social media and other media avenues
- Submit results from their senior heats for accurate points collation.
- Ensure their competition aligns with the circuit's standards for fairness and quality
- Forward all results and queries to waimarinoshears@gmail.com
- Provide your competition branding logo
- Select a representative/s to attend the finals at Waimarino for the day and presentations

Benefits for participating competitions

Competitions that join the Te Whiringa circuit can expect to benefit in several ways:

1. **Increased entries:** With competitors needing to participate in multiple shows, entry numbers for senior grade events will likely increase.
2. **Enhanced prestige:** Being part of a well-known circuit will elevate the status of each competition, attracting more media attention and spectators.
3. **Networking opportunities:** Hosting competitors from across the North Island will create opportunities to connect with shearers, judges, and industry professionals.
4. **Promotional boost:** The circuit's marketing efforts will highlight individual competitions, providing broader exposure.
5. **Contribution to shearing excellence:** By supporting skill development through the circuit, competitions contribute to the growth and sustainability of the shearing industry.

Budget

- Income – 10 competitions @ \$250 = \$2,500.00
- Income – 28 competitors @ \$50 = \$1,400.00
- Expenses- \$2,500 gear & mentorship package
- Expenses – \$1,400.00 Prize money (entry fee)
- Expenses – \$500 WS admin, comms, marketing & promotions

Confirmed competitions

The following list of competitions for the Te Whiringa circuit 2025 is now confirmed.

- Wairoa 18 Jan
- Taihape 25 Jan
- Dannevirke 31 Jan
- Rangitikei 1 Feb
- Aria 5 Feb
- Counties 16 Feb
- Taumarunui 21 Feb
- Apiti 22 Feb
- Kumeu 8 March
- Waimarino 15 March



Conclusion

The Te Whiringa circuit 2025 offers an exciting opportunity for competitors, competitions, and the wider shearing community. By participating in this circuit, competitions can expect increased participation, greater exposure, and the chance to contribute to the future of shearing excellence. We look forward to your involvement in this prestigious event, where unity, care, and growth are at the heart of the competition.