

MEDIA RELEASE

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Busy shearing weekend in Canterbury

The second round of a series to select two blade shearers to represent New Zealand at the 2019 World shearing and woolhandling championships will be a feature of a busy two days of shearing competition in the South Island this weekend.

There will be two competitions on Saturday at Cheviot in North Canterbury, and Mayfield, near Ashburton, and the blade shearing will be held on Sunday at the Sefton Shears, near Rangiora.

The competition at Cheviot starts at 9am tomorrow, and includes the last Open, Senior and Junior woolhandling in the South Island this season, while shearing at Mayfield starts at 10am.

The Sefton Shears on Sunday start at 9.30am, and provide one of the last chances for younger shearers to qualify for the H.D.Dawson North Canterbury Development Circuit finals which will be held at Methven the following week, with top prizes of trips to the New Zealand Shears in Te Kuiti on April 5-7.

The shows had three different Open final winners last year with Brett Roberts, of Mataura, winning at Cheviot, former World and Golden Shears Open champion winning at Mayfield, and Ant Frew, of Pleasant Pt, winning at Sefton.

The blades final at Sefton last year was won by New Zealand team member Phil Oldfield, of Geraldine, who was third in the Open team selection round at Reefton by national team teammate Tony Dobb, of Fairlie, and by son Allan Oldfield.

The Open woolhandling at Cheviot last year was won by former two-times World teams title winner Tina Rimene

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