



# **GOLDEN SHEARS COMPETITION 2016-17**

## **COMPETITION RULES**

Please read carefully before entering.

1. Entrants either must be on programmed UK Company Training, or enrolled on a Further or Higher Education Course in the UK of which tailoring or apparel making is a part. No entrant with more than a total of seven years of Further or Higher Education and Industrial training will be eligible.
2. Age Limit 30.
3. Each competitor may enter a co-ordinating outfit consisting of at least two garments.
4. No entry may have been entered in a previous Golden Shears Competition.
5. Garments may be for menswear or womenswear.
6. All entries must conform to the following sizes (STRICTLY ADHERED TO – PLEASE REFER TO MEASUREMENT CHARTS PROVIDED ON PAGE 4)

Women's wear	10
Men's wear	40
7. All work must be carried out by the Entrant, but may be done so under the direction of Tutors/Trainers.

8. **Each garment shall bear only the competitor's entry number. Under no circumstances shall any other identifying mark appear on any garment, design, pattern, nor its coat hanger, covering and packaging.**
9. All entries must be accompanied by the **illustrated design and pattern** which must be made by the entrant and used to cut the garments. Each garment must be clearly marked, but only with the competition entry number.
10. **All Entry Forms must be submitted no later than Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2016.**
11. All completed garments, illustrated design work and working patterns, to be received at the London College of Fashion, 182 Mare St, London E8 3RE (Marked for the attention of Jasmeen Azeem, Site Administrator) on the dates as follows:-  
  
By Post, Courier or by hand: Between December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 only.  
  
**ALL COSTS OF POSTAGE AND PACKING OR COURIER CHARGES TO BE MET BY THE ENTRANT AT ALL TIMES.**
12. Each garment must be numbered for identification purposes: the numbered ticket to be attached to the outside of each garment on front left side.
13. Finalists may borrow their outfits for portfolio/interviews, etc., between Stages One and Two, providing they give a signed undertaking the clothes will be returned in exactly the same condition as they were when released. Any changes will disqualify the entry.
14. Competitors, who do not qualify for the Final Judging will be notified and requested to collect their garments from the University of the Arts - London College of Fashion after the first stage of Judging. Finalists must collect their garments immediately after the Gala Catwalk Show.
15. All judges will be selected from non-participating Companies.

16. The Golden Shears reserves the right to use garments to publicise the Competition and the Trade at its discretion.

**JUDGING – STAGE ONE**  
**(50% of the total marks awarded)**

The garments will be judged and marks given for interpretation of design, accuracy of cutting and craft tailoring skills. Approximately twenty-four outfits will go forward to the final stage of judging.

**JUDGING – STAGE TWO**  
**(50% of the total marks awarded)**

The best 24 garments will be modelled on professional models at a Gala Catwalk show on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Merchant Taylors' Hall. A different panel of Judges (from Stage One) will award Marks for style. These marks will be added to those previously gained in Stage One to ascertain the Winners.

**TROPHIES & PRIZE MONEY**

1. THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' GOLDEN SHEARS and £3,000 for the finest entry
2. THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' SILVER SHEARS and £2,500 for the runner-up
3. THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' SILVER SHEARS and £2,000 for the "Rising Star"
4. A CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY THE MASTER OF THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY AND THE CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES will be awarded to each competitor who qualifies for the Final Judging.

All Trophies will remain the property of the Golden Shears Committee and Merchant Taylors' Company but may be used for publicity purposes by the Winners and the Merchant Taylors' Company, at the Company's discretion.

The Winners will receive Replica Trophies for their retention.

**MEASUREMENT CHART**

**MENSWEAR:**

**40 Regular, Height 6 ft (183 cms)**

<b>Chest</b>	<b>40 inches</b>	<b>(100 cms)</b>
<b>Waist</b>	<b>34 inches</b>	<b>(86cms)</b>
<b>Hips</b>	<b>42 inches</b>	<b>(106 cms)</b>
<b>Cross Back (half)</b>	<b>8 ¼ inches</b>	<b>(21 cms)</b>
<b>Sleeve Length</b>	<b>25 ½ inches</b>	<b>(65 cms) = From Crown to Cuff</b>
<b>Jacket length will depend on style – a regular length would be 31 inches (79 cms)</b>		
<b>Inside leg</b>	<b>34 inches</b>	<b>(86cms)</b>

**(The above measures fit both the K&L size 40 chest and 100 cm stands)**

**WOMENSWEAR:**

**UK Size 10, Height 5 ft 10 inches (177 cms)**

<b>Bust</b>	<b>34 inches</b>	<b>(86 cms)</b>
<b>Waist</b>	<b>27 inches</b>	<b>(68 cms)</b>
<b>Hips</b>	<b>36 inches</b>	<b>(92 cms)</b>
<b>Cross Back (half)</b>	<b>6 ¾ inches</b>	<b>(17 cms)</b>
<b>Sleeve Length</b>	<b>23 ½ inches</b>	<b>(59 cms) = depending on style = from Crown to Cuff</b>
<b>Jacket length will depend on style – a regular length would be 29 inches (73 cms)</b>		
<b>Inside Leg</b>	<b>33 inches</b>	<b>(84 cms)</b>
<b>Skirt length will depend on style</b>		

**(The above measures will fit on both the K&L size 12 and 10 stands)**

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