

BritSpin 2019 – Presentation and Measuring of Yarn

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For 2019 we are allowing singles to be submitted for those wishing to produce single ply yarns, but please note that **singles must be wound from the bobbin for measuring**. We are also allowing art yarns to be submitted, but please make careful note, before you start spinning, of the **extra rules for art yarns**. These are to ensure fairness for all spinners.

- **Preparation** of your fibre or fleece before the event begins is allowed as long as that does not involve any spinning or twisting of the fibre or fleece.
- **All plied yarn** that is to be counted towards individual and team totals must be plied, wound from the bobbin/spindle and measured before the end of the event.
- **Singles** must be wound from the bobbin/spindle and measured before the end of the event.
- All lengths must be submitted in **metres**.

All entries must be spun, plied (for plied yarns), wound and measured by the spinner.

Calculating the number of BritSpin metres in your finished yarn

The equation is:

Length of wound-off plied yarn x Number of plies + 1x Length (for plying credit)

- **All components of your yarn to be included in your BritSpin length must begin the event as fibre or fleece. Existing singles spun before the event or commercial thread/yarn can't be included in the BritSpin length calculation** (see note below on art yarns).
- **Plying credit is given to each plied skein only once!**
- If you use Navajo (chain) plying, that counts as a 3 ply yarn.
- If submitting a single ply yarn, that counts just as the measured length of your wound-off single.

Art Yarns

You can incorporate any beads, other objects, locks of fleece or anything that does not artificially increase the length of your yarn above the length you are spinning.

Any singles formed of materials that do increase the length of your yarn should be treated as pre-spun or commercial yarn/thread – see below.

If you are plying your spun single(s) with a commercial yarn or a yarn you spun before the start of BritSpin (eg for a core), then **you cannot include that commercial or pre-spun yarn/thread into your calculation for the BritSpin spun length**.

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For example, if your art yarn comprises 2 singles spun during BritSpin plied together with a commercial thread/yarn on which you've threaded beads, then your calculation of the total BritSpin length of your finished yarn would be:

= length of 2 singles (spun during event) + 1x length of the finished yarn (for plying credit)

If your art yarn comprises one single spun during BritSpin plied with a commercial/pre-spun thread/yarn, then your calculation of the total BritSpin length of your finished yarn would be:

= length of 1 single (spun during event) + 1x length of the finished yarn (for plying credit)

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If you need any help in calculating your BritSpin metres then please just ask.