

Vaughan Nash Competition - Information Pack

The Vaughan Nash is a national handcraft competition. It celebrates creativity, skill, and presentation in both traditional and modern crafts. Each entry must include five handmade items, displayed together as one exhibit. The items should demonstrate a variety of craft techniques and be arranged to look good as one exhibit and be themed on '**Festivals**'.

The Vaughan Nash competition will be **exhibited** at the new **Members' Gathering** (formerly the National Conference) in the **Apex Hotel, Dundee** on the **11th & 12th of September 2026**.

Eligibility

- Open to all SWI members across Scotland.
- Entries must be from a team of at least two members (no individual entries).
- Teams can include members from the same or different Institutes/Federations.
- Each team's entry must include exactly five items with five different varieties of crafts

Please note: each entry will be judged on variety of crafts demonstrated, so we encourage teams to showcase five different craft techniques (i.e if your team were to submit a knitted article for item 1, you could then submit a crochet article for an 'any technique' item, but if you were to submit another knitted article for own choice, you would be marked down on variety of crafts.

Judging criteria

Individual items:	Marks allocated
1. A knitting or crochet technique	20
2. A sewing technique (patchwork, applique etc.)	20
3. Any craft technique	20
4. Any craft technique	20
5. Any craft technique	20
As one exhibit (i.e all 5 items displayed together)	
Variety of crafts	5
Appearance	5
Interpretation of theme	5
Total	115

The following prizes will be awarded:

- **1st Place** - Vaughan Nash Silver Medal
- **2nd Place** - Vaughan Nash Bronze Medal
- **Nancy Macmillan Trophy** - Best individual piece of work out with the winning team

Important notes

- A maximum display area of 30x30" will be provided, covered with a white tablecloth. Please ensure your items fit within this space.
- Include a photo of your preferred display layout with your entry.
- Each team must pack their items securely in boxes.
- We aim to coordinate with Federations to set up local drop-off and collection hubs, making it easier and more cost-effective for members to enter.
- All entries will be judged and exhibited at the new Members' Gathering (formerly the National Conference) in the Apex Hotel, Dundee on 11th & 12th September 2026.

Members will be to drop-off and set-up their entries during the following dates/times:

- Thursday 10th September - 6pm - 8pm
- Friday 11th September - 8am – 9am

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED - as all entries are being judged at the Members' Gathering, please ensure that all exhibits are set-up and ready for judging to commence at 9.30am on Friday 11th September.

Please note:

- A maximum of two members per team may be present during set-up. There is limited space in the exhibition room so please try to be as efficient as possible when setting up.
- If you are unable to set up your own display, please include a photo showing how your display should be arranged. Our volunteer team will use this to set up your exhibit on your behalf.