



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
Competitions Programme 2015 - 16

Status FINAL
March 2015
Eliminator

NFYFC Reading

14 & under

R U L E S

Competition Aim

To encourage members aged 10 – 14 to work as a team and develop their public speaking skills.

Learning outcomes

Communication skills, presentation skills and personal development skills.

1. **DATE AND VENUE**

1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held on Competitions Day, Saturday 2nd July 2016 at Staffordshire Showground.

2. **REPRESENTATION**

2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Events.

2.2. Areas will be represented by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof in the Final Competition.

3. **ELIGIBILITY**

3.1. A team shall consist of **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 14 years of age or under on 1 September 2015 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

3.2. Competitors are required *in person* to produce on the day of each round of the competition (County/Area/Regional and National) their current and signed Membership Card, with suitable photograph, or a fine of **£20** will be imposed for non-production.

4. **SUBSTITUTION**

4.1. If more than half the original team (2 members) are unable to compete at the next round the next highest scoring team will represent area/region.

4.2. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

5. **PROCEDURE**

5.1. The team of three members will be required to read aloud a passage selected and provided by the Judge, in English and in front of an audience.

5.2. The title of the book (including ISBN number) to be used will be notified to each team three weeks prior to the day of the competition Final (by the 13th June 2016).

5.3. The passages to be read will be given to finalists by the Chief Steward **on the day of the final.**

5.4. A draw will be made for the order of appearance prior to the competition.

5.5. All teams will be held in the preparation room until it is their turn to compete to avoid an unfair advantage as all teams are reading the same text. Therefore competitors and trainers will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before competing.

5.6. Competitors have the choice to read from the book or from the card provided or from an electronic device such as a Kindle supplied by the competitor.



- 5.7. The Chairmen to introduce the team and give a brief background about the book.
- 5.8. Each member of the team (including the Chairman) will be required to read a different passage from the book, but each team will read the same set of passages as the other teams.
- 5.9. Teams will be given 30 minutes before they compete to read through the passages with their trainer in the preparation room. Please bear in mind that the preparation room will be shared by all teams.
- 5.9.1. Members may read through their given passages in the preparation room.
- 5.9.2. Books are allowed in the preparation room beforehand.
- 5.9.3. Trainers are allowed into the preparation room.
- 5.10. **Any participants requiring reading aids (dyslexia screens, spectacles etc) must provide their own. Please note that all passages will be printed black text on white paper.**
- 5.11. NFYFC is an inclusive organisation that encourages and supports the participation of all our members. If you require any additional support or resources to participate effectively in any element of this competition please contact the competitions department two weeks prior to the competition final to allow us to work with you so that specific arrangements can be made.

6. TIMING

Chairman (opening)

2 minutes

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time.

Members reading will not have an allocated time.

7. SCALE OF MARKS

Chairman – Introduction

15

15

READING OF PASSAGE

Teamwork/Overall Presentation/Appearance

15

15

READER 1:

Diction

10

Clarity

10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)

10

30

READER 2:

Diction

10

Clarity

10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)

10

30

READER 3:

Diction

10

Clarity

10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)

10

30

Total marks

120

8. AWARDS

8.1. NFYFC Final

8.1.1. At the NFYFC Final the team placed 1st will be awarded **a Trophy** and Prize Cards

8.1.2. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd will be awarded Prize Cards

8.1.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members at the National Final

9. NOTES

9.1. **IMPORTANT:** Competitors are reminded to read carefully the General Rules relating to National Competitions if they are taking part in this Competition. These are available from the NFYFC website or your County Office.

9.2. This competition **WILL** carry points towards the NFU Trophy

9.3. Members will be disqualified if they are not at the Presentation of Awards without prior permission being granted.