



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2015 - 16

Status FINAL
March 2015
REGIONAL Eliminator

NFYFC Public Speaking

16 & under

RULES

Competition Aim

To encourage members aged 10 – 16 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 and Regional Finals, the National Final will be held at Competitions Day on Saturday 2nd July 2016 at Stafford County Showground.
- 1.2. Regional Finals for North and South of England will be held on Saturday 19th March 2016. Venues to be confirmed.

2. REPRESENTATION

- 2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in the Area Finals.
- 2.2. Areas will be represented in the Regional Finals by one County team per 3,000 members or part thereof.
- 2.3. Representation at the National Final (after Regional Finals) by one County team per 6,000 members or part thereof. (**Northern 2; Southern 2; Wales 1**)

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. A team shall consist of **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 16 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 shall consist of a Chairman, Speaker and Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.
- 5.2. The procedure will follow that of a normal meeting.
- 5.3. Fifteen minutes before his or her team is due to compete; the Chairmen will be introduced to the speaker.
 - 5.3.1. The Speaker will provide written notes giving the subject chosen and personal background (e.g. school, special interests, YFC membership, Club Offices held, activities within the Club, etc.). These notes to be written on the card provided and handed to the Chief Steward at the beginning of the competition and will be **available** for the Chairman and Judges. To note that Power Point may be used as a visual aid for the Speaker but they are not to be used for the whole speech and can only be used to enhance the speech. I.e. this is **NOT** a business presentation competition.



- 5.3.2. The Speaker, who will be the guest of another team, will choose his/her own subject. The Speaker will then answer a question put by the Proposer and then a question from the judging panel.
- 5.3.3. The chairman will invite the judges to put one question to the speaker who will then respond.
- 5.3.4. The Proposer will be seated in the body of the hall. He/she will take up some point in the Speaker's address, comment, agree or disagree and ask one pertinent question on the subject matter of the address. He/she will give the Vote of Thanks to the Speaker after all questions have been dealt with.
- 5.4. No communication, written or verbal between any of the team members, or the audience, will be permitted, and to do so will result in **immediate disqualification**.
- 5.5. Competitors may take notes FOR REFERENCE on to the platform as long as these notes are written on POSTCARDS. However, excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used by teams while on the platform, except for visual aids intended to add to the understanding of the subject by the audience.
- 5.6. 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
Speaker	6 minutes
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (question)	no time limit
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (thanks)	1 minute

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time by any member of the team. The judges may also deduct marks if the timings are below half of what is expected.

7. SEATING

- 7.1. Stewards are to make sure that competitors are seated as a team and in a designated area, separate from parents and supporters.

8. SCALE OF MARKS

Speaker	Presentation of speech and ability to speak	20
	Content of speech and knowledge of subject	20
	Answer to questions	10
		<u>50</u>
Chairman		30
Proposer of Vote of Thanks		20
		<u>50</u>
TEAM TOTAL		<u>100</u>

9. AWARDS NFYFC FINAL

9.1. NFYFC Regional Finals

- 9.1.1. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to teams placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd on the day of the Regional Finals
- 9.1.2. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members taking part in the Regional Finals

9.2. NFYFC Final

- 9.2.1. At the NFYFC Final the team placed 1st will be awarded **Case IH Trophy** and Prize Cards
- 9.2.2. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd will be awarded Prize Cards



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

9.2.4. At the NFYFC Final individual trophies will also be awarded to the Chairmen, Speaker and Vote of Thanks who have received the highest marks on the day of the final.

10. **NOTES**

10.1. **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.

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

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

