



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

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Direct

**NFYFC Dairy Cattle Linear Assessment**  
26 & under  
R U L E S

**Competition Aim**

To provide members with the opportunity to put their training to the test by judging high quality live stock and presenting their findings to industry experts. Members then have the opportunity for feedback and advice from the industry experts.

**Learning outcomes**

Judging skills including: observation, understanding of the make-up of the animal, market demands. Communication skills, presentation skills and personal development skills.

1. **DATE & VENUE**

1.1. The National Final will be held, at the Great Yorkshire Show on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016** subject to confirmation by YAS.

2. **REPRESENTATION**

2.1. Counties may enter one competitor per 600 members or part thereof.

3. **ELIGIBILITY**

3.1. Competitors must be 26 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. **PROCEDURE**

4.1. The competitor will be required to assess four dairy cows (breed to be notified) using the linear method of assessing characteristics. Competitors are also required to place these cattle in order of merit as to their suitability for milk production and breeding herd replacements.

4.2. Competitors to give positive reasons to the Judges to justify their placings.

4.3. The cattle will be designated A, B, X, Y.

4.4. Competitors may operate as one batch.

5. **TIMING**

5.1. Thirty minutes will be allowed for stock inspection/assessment, handling and preparing reasons.

5.2. Following cards being marked, competitors will be called at random to state their reasons to the Judge. The competitor will be allowed up to two minutes to state his/her reasons. Competitors who exceed the time limit will incur penalties at a rate of two marks for each fifteen seconds or part thereof.



## 6. SCALE OF MARKS

Correct Assessment	<b>100</b>
<i>(1 point will be deducted for each point of variation from the Master Judge's score)</i>	
Placings	50
Accuracy of Observations	25
Positive Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
<b>TOTAL PER COMPETITOR</b>	<b><u>200</u></b>

## AWARDS

- 6.1. **Harold Jackson Perpetual Challenge Trophy**, NFYFC Prize Card to the winner.
- 6.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to competitors placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 6.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>
- 6.4. The highest scoring county team to receive The Farmer and Stockbreeder Trophy and NFYFC Awards. The second and third placed teams will also receive NFYFC Awards.

## 7. NOTES

- 7.1. **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.
- 7.2. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards provided.
- 7.3. **When stating reasons, competitors may use only the NOTES SECTION on the official cards provided. These notes are intended for reference only and the competitors who read their notes verbatim to the Judges will be penalised.**
- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. NFYFC reserve the right to amend the Rules relating to the stock to be used for the National Final if circumstances dictate.
- 7.6. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges and Stewards under penalty of disqualification.
- 7.7. **Competitors must provide themselves with white coats, which must be worn during the period of the competition and at the Presentation of Awards.**
- 7.8. This competition **WILL** carry points towards the NFU Trophy.
- 7.9. Members will be disqualified if they are not at the Presentation of Awards without prior permission being granted.

