



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

Status FINAL  
02 March 2015  
Eliminator

**NFYFC Young Stockman of the Year**  
**16 & under**  
**RULES**

**Competition Aim**

To provide members the opportunity to put their training to the test by judging high quality livestock 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. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Farm Skills Weekend at a venue to be confirmed on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**2. REPRESENTATION**

2.1. Counties may enter up to **eight** competitors in the Area Eliminators per 600 members or part thereof.

2.2. Areas will be represented by **two** competitors per 3,000 members or part thereof in the Competition Final.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

3.1. Competitors 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 the competitor through to the National Final has to withdraw from the competition, then the next highest placed competitor from the Area Round will be invited, by the Area Committee, to represent the Area. NFYFC must be notified at the earliest opportunity of the substitution.

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

**5. PROCEDURE**

**NOTE: All competitors and competition organisers to note on-farm/action market bio-security controls and advise participants and stewards ahead of the event. For example suitable footwear for footbaths.**

**5.1. AREA EVENT**

5.1.1. Competitors will be required to judge four rings of stock (4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Commercial Breeding Ewes, 4 Butchers Pigs) and each member will give reasons on all four rings of stock.

5.1.1.1. If pigs are unavailable for use they will be substituted by 4 Butchers Lambs.

5.1.2. Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, X, Y.

5.1.3. Competitors will be required to complete a simple multi-choice Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire. NFYFC to provide questionnaires for Area Finals.

5.2. **FINAL EVENT**

5.2.1. Competitors will be required to judge four rings of stock (4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Commercial Breeding Ewes, 4 Butchers Pigs) and give Reasons on all four rings of stock.

5.2.1.1. If pigs are unavailable for use they will be substituted by 4 Butchers Lambs.

5.2.2. Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, X, Y.

5.2.3. Competitors will be required to complete a simple multi-choice Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire.

5.2.4. Competitors will be required to identify cuts of meat.

6. **TIMING – AREA ROUNDS AND FINAL**

6.1. Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes to judge each ring of stock and at least 5 minutes for preparing reasons.

6.2. Competitors will be allowed up to 2 minutes for stating their reasons on each ring of stock to the Judge. Competitors exceeding this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of 2 marks for each 15 seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.

6.3. Competitors will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes to complete both the Animal Health and Husbandry questionnaire and meat identification task.

7. **SCALE OF MARKS**

7.1. **AREA ROUNDS**

Stockjudging:	Placing on 4 rings (4 x 50)	200
	Reasons on 4 rings (4 x 50)	200
Questionnaire		100
<b>Total marks per competitor</b>		<b>500</b>

7.2. **NATIONAL FINAL**

Stockjudging:	Placing on 4 rings (4 x 50)	200
	Reasons on 4 rings (4 x 50)	200
Questionnaire		100
Identify cuts of meat		100
<b>Total marks per competitor</b>		<b>600</b>

8. **AWARDS**

8.1. Area Event: Areas to organise their own awards if they wish

8.2. Final:

8.2.1. HSBC Challenge Trophy and NFYFC Prize Card to the winner.

8.2.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to competitors placed 2nd and 3rd

8.2.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to competitors placed from 1st to 10th

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.**

9.2. **NFYFC will provide all judging cards for the Area Rounds and Final.**

- 9.3. **During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards and the questionnaire provided.**
- 9.4. **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.**
- 9.5. 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.
- 9.6. NFYFC reserve the right to amend the Rules relating to the stock to be used for the National Final if circumstances dictate.
- 9.7. 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.
- 9.8. Competitors must provide themselves with white coats, which must be worn during the period of the competition and at the Presentation of Awards.
- 9.9. This competition WILL carry points towards the NFU Trophy.
- 9.10. Members will be disqualified if they are not at the Presentation of Awards without prior permission being granted.