



## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2015 – 16

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### NFYFC Stockman of the Year

26 & under

#### RULES

##### 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. 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 Finals per 600 members or part thereof.

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

#### 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. 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 FINAL

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

5.1.1.1. If pigs are unavailable for use they can 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 an Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire, which will be provided by NFYFC.

## TIMINGS:

- 5.1.4. Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes to judge each ring of stock and at least 5 minutes for preparing reasons.
- 5.1.5. Competitors will be allowed up to 2 minutes for stating their reasons on each ring of stock to the judge. Competitors who exceed this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of two marks for each fifteen seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.
- 5.1.6. Competitors will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes to complete the Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire.

5.1.7. **Scale of Marks:**

Stockjudging:	Placing 4 rings x 50	200
	Reasons 4 rings x 50	200
Animal Health & Husbandry Questionnaire		100
<b>Total per competitor</b>		<b><u>500</u></b>

## 5.2. FINAL EVENT

- 5.2.1. Competitors will be required to complete a Written Project on Stock Management including Animal Health and Production Records. **The Project to be submitted to NFYFC two weeks prior to the date of the Final (19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016).** If a competitor has competed in the NFYFC final in a previous year, they are not to submit their previous project.
- 5.2.2. Competitors will be interviewed on the content of their project.
- 5.2.3. Competitors will be questioned by a Veterinary Surgeon on animal health and husbandry and will be required to demonstrate practical tasks as directed by the Veterinary Surgeon.
- 5.2.4. Competitors will be required to:
- 5.2.4.1. Place and give reasons on six beef animals judged as butchers animals
  - 5.2.4.2. Place and give reasons on six breeding ewes judged for breeding potential
  - 5.2.4.3. Place and give reasons on six butchers pigs judged for slaughter (should access to pigs be limited then it may be necessary to substitute with butchers lambs)
  - 5.2.4.4. Place and give reasons on six dairy animals as productive animals
- 5.2.5. Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, C, X, Y, Z. All rings will operate simultaneously.
- 5.2.6. Competitors will be allowed 15 minutes to observe each ring of stock and at least 5 minutes to prepare reasons.
- 5.2.7. Competitors will be allowed up to 3 minutes for stating their reasons on each ring of stock to the Judge. Competitors who exceed this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of two marks for each fifteen seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.
- 5.2.8. The interviews on the written project and animal health will each be of approximately 20 minutes duration.

## 6. SCALE OF MARKS

Selection of Stock	4 rings x 48	192
Accuracy and Reason	4 rings x 32	128
Comparison and Style	4 rings x 20	80
Written Project		100
Interview		100
Animal Health & Husbandry		100
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>700</u></b>



## 7. AWARDS

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

7.2. Final:

7.2.1. **The HSBC Silver Salver** and NFYFC Prize Card to the winner.

7.2.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to competitors placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

7.2.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to competitors placed from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

## 8. NOTES

8.1. **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.

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

8.3. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the Observation Cards provided.

8.4. NFYFC reserve the right to amend the Rules relating to the stock to be used for the National Final if circumstances dictate.

8.5. **When giving Observations, 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.**

8.6. 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.

8.7. **Competitors must provide themselves with white coats, which must be worn during the period of the competition and at the Presentation of Awards.**

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

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

