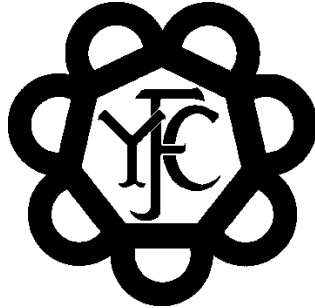


**HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF
YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**



**68th Annual County
HEDGING MATCH 2018**

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2018

Sponsored by

AT

Stall House Farm, Vowchurch, Herefordshire, HR2 0QD

8.30am for a 9am start

By kind permission of the Layton Family

***Rules & Schedule
Secretary Copy***

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

Please read carefully and follow instructions clearly in order to avoid any mistakes or confusion.

a.) Closing date for entries to be received at the County Office is by:

9pm on MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

We realise that some of the names on your form may change after this date. Providing the changes are notified to the competition Steward this will cause no problem.

b.) All competing members must have a **VALID CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD INCLUDING A PHOTO**. If new membership cards are required, the authorised membership forms must be received by the County Office no later than the deadline date above, along with the Entry Forms. Please note that all membership forms received at the Office must be signed by the member, as well as a Parent/Guardian if under 18 and must be signed and dated by the authorised Club Officer.

c.) Two sets of schedules are enclosed for each Club. A booklet set is for the Club Secretary's reference and the A4 stapled set is for dismantling and passing on rules to the competing members, you may need to copy extra.

d.) One entry form is enclosed per Club. This is for completion and to be returned to the County Office by the deadline, you can make a copy for your records in the back of the booklet copy where the entry form is included or please ask for a spare form to fill in. You can also complete an online copy from email or the website.

All rules and entry forms are emailed to Club Chairmen and Secretaries in advance and posted out if not collected from the Office by a Club representative.

e.) Any trophies relating to this competition held by any Club member must be returned to the County Office by the above deadline date along with the entry forms and no later than the Monday of the competition week.

f.) Please make sure all competitors are aware of the competition rules and times.

g.) **HELPING MEMEBRS WITH ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL or LEARNING REQUIREMENTS**

HFYFC seeks the inclusion of the full membership in its endeavors. Should a member require assistance to compete at a County Final due to any additional physical or learning requirements, every effort shall be made to ensure inclusion of any member with dignity, respect and confidentiality. HFYFC requests prior knowledge of assistance required in order to maximize the benefit to the individual.

RULES

Competitors to book in at 8:30am to start at 9:00am.

Please remind competitors of the following:

COMPETITORS WANTING TO USE CHAINSAWS CAN ONLY DO SO IF THEY PRODUCE A VALID CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE ON THE DAY. COMPETITORS USING CHAINSAWS MUST WEAR ALL NECESSARY SAFETY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT – FAILURE TO DO SO WILL MEAN INSTANT DISQUALIFICATION.

A training session will be available for competitors at the site on the Sunday before the competition (21st Jan 2018), please confirm if required on your Entry form.

Clubs will need to confirm definite entries by 5pm on Thursday 11th January 2018.

COMPLETED SIGNED MEMBERSHIP FORMS & PHOTOS WILL NEED TO BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM FOR THOSE TAKING PART – TO BE IN BY 9pm ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ALL TROPHIES RELATING TO THIS COMPETITION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY OFFICE ALONG WITH THE ENTRY FORM BY 9pm ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018.

Entry forms can be emailed to countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk or given in with Membership forms and trophies at the YFC Centre, Beech Business Park, Tillington Road, Hereford, HR1 4DG. Office opening times: Mondays 1.30pm-9.30pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am-6pm.

End of Year Trophies

Points from this competition will be awarded to the following end of year trophies 2017/18



NFU Trophy



*Hereford Times
Efficiency Shield*



*CL Coxon – Int.
Competitions
Cup*

Marks will be awarded to the County Efficiency Shield at the rate of **100** for the highest score, reducing by **10** marks down to 10th position. An extra **10%** of the marks will be added on for entering.

The Club gaining the highest marks in **Classes 1, 2 and 3** will be awarded the Agricultural Valuers Association Trophy. The Pencombe Agricultural Society Cup will be awarded to the Club gaining the highest marks in **Class 3**.

SCHEDULE:

CLASS 1 U26 SINGLES - UNAIDED 9.00am

Open to members 26 years of age and under on 1st September 2017

Competitors will be required to stake, pleach and heather approximately 6 metres.

Competitors in this class MAY NOT receive assistance from anybody.

Marks will be awarded as follows:

Back (20), Stake (20), Pleach (20), Heather (20), Finish (20)

Maximum Marks 100

CLASS 2 U26 PAIRS - UNAIDED 9.00am

Open to any TEAM of TWO members 26 years of age and under on 1st September 2017

Competitors will be required to stake, pleach and heather approximately 8 metres.

Competitors in this class MAY NOT receive assistance from anybody.

Marks will be awarded as follows:

Back (20), Stake (20), Pleach (20), Heather (20), Finish (20)

Maximum Marks 100

CLASS 3 U21 PAIRS - UNAIDED 9.00am

Open to any TEAM of TWO members 21 years of age and under on 1st September 2017

Competitors will be required to stake, pleach and heather approximately 8 metres.

Competitors in this class MAY NOT receive assistance from anybody.

Marks will be awarded as follows:

Back (20), Stake (20), Pleach (20), Heather (20), Finish (20)

Maximum Marks 100

CLASS 4 U26 PAIRS - AIDED 9.00am

Open to any TEAM of TWO members 26 years of age and under on 1st September 2017

Competitors will be required to stake, pleach and heather approximately 6 metres.

Competitors in this class MAY receive assistance.

Marks will be awarded as follows:

Back (20), Stake (20), Pleach (20), Heather (20), Finish (20)

Maximum Marks 100

Prize cards will be awarded for competitors/teams placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in all classes.

Each Club may enter any number of members to take part in each of the Classes, but only the highest marks will count towards the trophies.

Stakes will be provided by the hosts. Heatherings to be supplied by the competitors.

RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR HEDGING

1. The competitions are open to bona fide members of Young Farmers' Clubs affiliated to the Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs. Each club in the county may enter any number of members to take part in each of the classes but only the highest marks will count towards the trophies. Photo ID membership cards will be required.
2. Each competitor in the hedging classes to stake, pleach and heather the stated length in the time allocated. **Competitors will be on the site by 8.30am**, when the draw will be made. Any team not present at the time will be disqualified. This rule will be strictly adhered to.
3. Any competitor starting to hedge must complete, even if after the allocated time.
4. Clubs withdrawing a competitor or competitors from the match (unless they have given seven days' notice of their intention to do so) or clubs whose competitors fail to hedge after having entered, or fail to complete the hedging of their allotted length shall be penalised by a fine of £10.00.
5. Any competitor who fails to show a valid membership card on the day on the competition will incur a fine of £5.00.
6. Prizes and Shield Marking - prizes will be awarded as noted in the details of each Class and, in addition to those prizes, marks will be awarded to the County Efficiency Shield at the rate of **100** for the highest score, reducing by **10** marks down to 10th position. An extra **10%** of the marks will be added on for entering.
7. The Club gaining the highest marks in **Classes 1, 2 and 3** will be awarded the Agricultural Valuers Association Trophy. The Pencombe Agricultural Society Cup will be awarded to the Club gaining the highest marks in **Class 3**.
8. The Federation will not hold itself responsible for any accident to any competitor or other persons attending the match.
9. The Federation will not hold itself responsible for any deviation from the schedule owing to weather conditions or other circumstances.
10. In the case of disputes as to ages of competitors, a birth certificate must be produced. All competitors should hold a valid photo ID membership card, which they will be asked to produce before being allowed to hedge.
11. The Federation reserves the right to withhold any prizes if there are insufficient entries or merit in any class.
12. All disputes will be settled by the committee, whose decision will be FINAL. Any objection must be lodged with the **Chief Steward** in writing on the day of the Match, together with a fee of £5, which will be forfeited to the funds if the objection is deemed frivolous.
13. **Competitors in Classes 1, 2 and 3 may not receive assistance from anybody, including stewards. Those who are felt not to be competent without assistance will be moved to Class 4, at the discretion of the Chief Steward. All stewards using a chainsaw in Class 4 MUST have a valid chainsaw certificate which must be brought on the day.**
14. Height of finished hedge to be stated on the day of the match.
15. Stakes will be provided for competitors and these must be used.
16. Competitors must provide their own heatherings.
17. Late starters will finish in the time stated. One mark will be deducted for every five minutes taken over the allotted time.
18. The **Chief Steward** may, at his/her discretion, remove any obstacle with a chainsaw.

HFYFC GENERAL RULES

- 1 The competitions listed herein are open to members of Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) holding a valid, current YFC membership card. (Valid is classed as being of the correct year, having a signature and passport photograph of the member attached to the card.)
- 2 Any member who fails to produce a valid membership card will be able to purchase a temporary membership card from the office on the day, provided they are already a member. The card will cost £5 and will only be valid for the purpose of entering competitions on that day. Failure to produce a valid membership card will mean that the member will be unable to compete in the competition.
- 3 Age ranges for competitions are as follows:
Senior – Open to members 26 years of age or under on 1st September 2017
Intermediate – Open to members 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2017
Junior – Open to members 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2017, and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.
- 4 Health and Safety requirements must be adhered to at all times.
- 5 Competitors must act in accordance with HFYFC policies, where applicable.
- 6 No alcohol is to be consumed by competitors before or during competitions. Any member judged to be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance will not be permitted to continue with the competition and may be disqualified.
- 7 The use of mobile phones during competitions is prohibited.
- 8 A white coat must be worn unless otherwise specified.
- 9 No competitor can enter the same competition in different age ranges.
- 10 All work must be that of the competitor who has booked in.
- 11 All work must have been made in the last 12 months.
- 12 Competitors must arrive on time and report to the competition steward **before** the start time of the competition to book in with necessary equipment to complete the competition.
- 13 In the event of a conflict between the competition rules and the general rules, the competition rules will govern.
- 14 All staged items must remain the responsibility of the competitor. HFYFC nor the site host accepts any liability for loss, damage or theft of any item.
- 15 No staged items or exhibits can be removed before prize giving at the penalty of disqualification.
- 16 For entries not according to schedule, 25% of marks awarded will be deducted. This includes any exhibits oversize.
- 17 The Chief Steward and Competitions Chairman reserve the right to cancel or amend any competition or rule at any time.
- 18 In all competitions, the decision of the Chief Steward and the Competitions Chairman will be **final**.

HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

HEDGING MATCH 2017-18

ON SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 2018 – 9.00AM sign in 8.30am

To be held at:
STALL HOUSE FARM, VOWCHURCH, HEREFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR2 0QD

ENTRY FORM

VALID MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE REQUIRED ON THE DAY. **COMPLETED SIGNED MEMBERSHIP FORMS & PHOTOS WILL NEED TO BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM FOR THOSE TAKING PART, ALONG WITH ANY TROPHIES RELATING TO THIS COMPETITION IF APPLICABLE.**

ENTRIES, MEMBERSHIP FORMS & TROPHIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9PM ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

A training session will be available for competitors at the site on the Sunday before the competition (21st Jan 2018), if members want to take part in this please tick this box and indicate how many members will attend this _____

NAME OF CLUB:	
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CLASS 1 - Open to any number of members 26 years of age or under on 01.09.17. Use extra sheet if needed.

CLASS NO: 1		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Singles - Unaided
1.	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS NO: 1		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Singles - Unaided
2.	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS NO: 1		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Singles - Unaided
3.	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS NO: 1		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Singles - Unaided
4.	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS NO: 1		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Singles - Unaided
5.	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS 2 - Open to any TEAM of TWO members 26 years of age or under on 01.09.17. Use extra sheet if needed.

CLASS NO: 2		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Pairs - Unaided
Team A	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO
	NAME:	

	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO
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CLASS NO: 2		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Pairs - Unaided
Team B	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO
	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS NO: 2		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Pairs - Unaided
Team C	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO
	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS NO: 2		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Pairs - Unaided
Team D	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO
	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS 3 - Open to any TEAM of TWO members 21 years of age or under on 01.09.17. Use extra sheet if needed.

CLASS NO: 3		CLASS NAME: Under 21 Pairs - Unaided
Team A	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO
	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS NO: 3		CLASS NAME: Under 21 Pairs - Unaided
Team A	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO
	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS NO: 3		CLASS NAME: Under 21 Pairs - Unaided
Team A	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO
	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS NO: 3		CLASS NAME: Under 21 Pairs - Unaided
Team A	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO
	NAME:	
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO

CLASS 4 AIDED - Open to any TEAM of TWO members 26 years of age or under on 01.09.17. Use extra sheet if needed.

CLASS NO: 4		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Pairs - Aided	
Team A	NAME:		
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO	
	NAME:		
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO	

CLASS NO: 4		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Pairs - Aided	
Team B	NAME:		
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO	
	NAME:		
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO	

CLASS NO: 4		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Pairs - Aided	
Team C	NAME:		
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO	
	NAME:		
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO	

CLASS NO: 4		CLASS NAME: Under 26 Pairs - Aided	
Team D	NAME:		
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO	
	NAME:		
	HAS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:	YES / NO	

PLEASE ADD ANY ADDITIONAL COMPETITOR/S NOT COMPETING FOR POINTS ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF REQUIRED AND STATE THAT THEY ARE NOT HAVING POINTS. THANK YOU.

Date		Signed	
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ENTRIES, MEMBERSHIPS & TROPHIES MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE COUNTY OFFICE BY 9pm on MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Entry forms and rules are also available on the website at www.hfyfc.org.uk and can be scanned and emailed to countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk by the deadline date. Please scan as **one** entry document not separate pages, and name what it is and for what Club.

Please note the website is not accessible at the moment as it is being re-designed, rules are available from the County Office.

Please remind competitors that they MUST wear protective clothing when using a chainsaw and produce a valid certificate of competence.