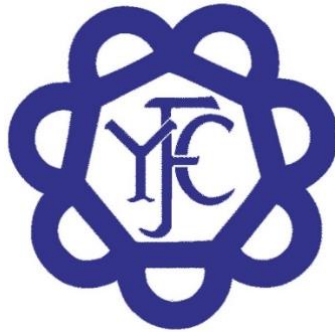


**HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG  
FARMERS' CLUBS**



**LIVE AND CARCASE STOCK JUDGING 2023**

On

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Carcase to be held at: Unit 1 Longmeadow Industrial Estate, Ewyas Harold, Hereford, HR2 0UA by kind permission of The Powell Family and all at Neil Powell Master Butchers.

**Live to be held at: TBC**

**Sign In timings may be changed depending on entries, a confirmed timetable will be released once we have received all entries**

**COMPETITION RULES**

## **IMPORTANT GUIDELINES**

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

- a) The closing date for entries to be received at the County Office is:

**9PM ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT 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 on the day must have a **VALID CURRENT MEMBERSHIP for 2023-2024**
- 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 form.
- f) Please make sure all competitors are aware of the competition rules and times.
- g) **HELPING MEMBERS WITH ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL or LEARNING REQUIREMENTS.** HFYFC seeks the inclusion of the full membership in its endeavours. 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 to maximize the benefit to the individual.

## **TROPHIES**

<b>Trophy Name</b>	<b>Contributing Competitions/Awarded to</b>
No trophies are awarded for this competition	

## **COMPETITION TIMETABLE**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Sign in timings may be changed depending on entries, a confirmed timetable will be released once we have received all entries**

<b>Class No</b>	<b>Competition</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	Pig Judging – Live & Carcase	9:00am (TBC)
2	Lamb Judging – Live & Carcase	9:00am (TBC)
3	Beef Judging – Live & Carcase	9:00am (TBC)

## **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 the 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 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023
  - Intermediate – Open to members 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2023
  - Junior – Open to members 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2023
  - , 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. Neither 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 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.
19. Unacceptable behaviour by competitors or supporters which brings YFC into disrepute; or which may be deemed to adversely affect other competitors/ performers will be penalised. This includes maintaining a respectful attitude towards all judges, stewards, officers and any other event helpers.

**EXHIBITS MAY NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL PRIZE GIVING HAS TAKEN PLACE, UNDER PENALTY OF DISQUALIFICATION**

## **AUTUMN LIVE AND CARCASE JUDGING COMPETITION RULES**

### **CLASS 1 - PIG JUDGING (LIVE & CARCASE)**

1. Open to up to 4 teams of 3 from each Club, 1 age 28 years, 1 age 21 years and 1 age 16 years of age and under on 1st September 2023. The same competitor may compete in all three classes – pigs, lambs and beef - but may **ONLY** compete in **ONE** age category in each class.
2. Each competitor will assess **ONE RING OF LIVE PIGS** in the afternoon session and afterwards give reasons on the live animals. In the morning session each competitor will judge the **CLASS OF CARCASES**. The live inspection and the carcase judging will be regarded as two separate sections of the competition, the marks being added together.
3. The carcasses and the live animals will be designated A, B, X and Y.
4. In the carcase judging competitors will be required to arrive at their placings by using the following scale of marks as an aid:

#### **Conformation**

Legs, short-boned and well filled	30
Loin width and fullness inc. eye muscle	30
Colour of lean, not too dark and texture fine-grained	5

#### **Fat**

Depth of fat over legs and loin – correct proportions	20
Depth of fat on breasts in correct proportion	10
Ribs, light with high lean to fat ratio	5

**TOTAL** **100**

5. Handling of the carcasses will not be permitted.
6. **TIMING** – Up to two minutes will be allowed for each competitor to give their reasons to the Judge in both the live and carcase sections. Competitors should be comparative rather than descriptive when stating their reasons. Two marks will be deducted for each fifteen seconds (or part thereof) that a competitor goes over the allotted two minutes. The marks will be deducted from the competitor's total.

### **7. TIMING FOR EACH RING**

#### **Live Assessment**

Ten minutes judging - handling allowed (in groups) - *Placings card to be handed to steward on exit of ring*

#### **Carcase Judging & Classification**

Ten minutes judging - *Placings card to be handed to steward on exit*

8. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards.
9. 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.

### **10. SCALE OF MARKS**

#### **Live Reasons**

Placing	50
Accuracy of reasons	25
Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
<b>Live Total</b>	<b>100</b>

#### **Carcase Reasons**

Placing	50
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Accuracy of reasons	25
Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
<b>Carcase Total</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Live and Carcase total</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>

11. Valid membership cards will be required by all competitors and must be shown to the Stewards.
12. Competitors must wear white coats, clean Wellingtons and suitable headwear at all times.
13. Those competitors wishing to practice carcase classification will be given the opportunity to grade the carcasses at the competition. This will be marked but the points will not be counted towards the overall competition.

## **AUTUMN LIVE AND CARCASE JUDGING COMPETITION RULES**

### **CLASS 2 - LAMB JUDGING (LIVE & CARCASE)**

1. Open to up to 4 teams of 3 from each Club, 1 age 28 years, 1 age 21 years and 1 age 16 years of age and under on 1st September 2023. The same competitor may compete in all three classes – pigs, lambs and beef - but may **ONLY** compete in **ONE** age category in each class.
2. Each competitor will assess **ONE RING OF LIVE LAMBS** in the afternoon session and afterwards give reasons on the live animals. In the morning session each competitor will judge the **CLASS OF CARCASES**. The live inspection and the carcase judging will be regarded as two separate sections of the competition, the marks being added together.
3. The carcasses and the live animals will be designated A, B, X and Y.
4. In the carcase judging competitors will be required to arrive at their placings by using the following scale of marks as an aid:

#### **Confirmation**

Legs, short-boned and well filled	30
Loin width & fullness inc. eye muscle size	30
Colour of lean, not too dark and texture fine-grained	5

#### **Fat**

Depth of fat over legs and loin – correct proportions	20
Depth of fat on breasts in correct proportion	10
Ribs, light with high lean to fat ratio	5

**TOTAL** **100**

5. Handling of the carcasses will not be permitted.
6. **TIMING** – Up to two minutes will be allowed for each competitor to give their reasons to the Judge in both the live and carcase sections. Competitors should be comparative rather than descriptive when stating their reasons. Two marks will be deducted for each fifteen seconds (or part thereof) that a competitor goes over the allotted two minutes. The marks will be deducted from the competitor's total.
7. **TIMING FOR EACH RING**

#### **Live Assessment**

Ten minutes judging - handling allowed (in groups) - *Placings card to be handed to steward on exit of ring*

#### **Carcase Judging & Classification**

Ten minutes judging - *Placings card to be handed to steward on exit*

8. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards.
9. 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.

### **10. SCALE OF MARKS**

#### **Live Reasons**

Placing	50
Accuracy of reasons	25
Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
<b>Live Total</b>	<b>100</b>

**Carcase Reasons**

Placing	50
Accuracy of reasons	25
Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
<b>Carcase Total</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Live and Carcase total</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>

11. Valid membership cards will be required by all competitors and must be shown to the Stewards.
12. Competitors must wear white coats, clean Wellingtons and suitable headwear at all times.
13. Those competitors wishing to practice carcase classification will be given the opportunity to grade the carcasses at the competition. This will be marked but the points will not be counted towards the overall competition.



## **AUTUMN LIVE AND CARCASE JUDGING COMPETITION RULES**

### **CLASS 3 - BEEF JUDGING (LIVE & CARCASE)**

1. Open to up to 4 teams of 3 from each Club, 1 age 28 years, 1 age 21 years and 1 age 16 years of age and under on 1st September 2023. The same competitor may compete in all three classes – pigs, lambs and beef - but may **ONLY** compete in **ONE** age category in each class.
2. Each competitor will assess **ONE RING OF LIVE BEEF CATTLE** in the afternoon session and afterwards give reasons on the live animals. In the morning session each competitor will judge the **CLASS OF CARCASES**. The live inspection and the carcase judging will be regarded as two separate sections of the competition, the marks being added together.
3. The carcasses and the live animals will be designated A, B, X and Y. **Depending on the abattoir the beef carcasses may be quartered, i.e. cut in half lengthways and cut in half again between the hindquarter and the forequarter which will be hanging separately.**
4. In the carcase judging competitors will be required to arrive at their placings by using the following scale of marks as an aid:

#### **Conformation**

Shape of Buttock	10
Thickness of rump/loin	15
Depth and area of eye muscle	10
Shape of forequarter	10
Thickness of shoulder area	5
<i>(neat, compact, blending well with f¼)</i>	
Colour/quality and texture of lean	10
<i>(e.g. fine, coarse grain, bright "cherry" red marbling)</i>	

#### **Fat**

Distribution of fat throughout carcase	10
Amount of fat over eye muscle	15
Amount of fat over brisket	5
Colour, quality and texture of fat	10
<i>(e.g. white/creamy/yellow/firm/oily)</i>	

**Total** **100**

5. Handling of the carcasses will not be permitted.
6. **TIMING** – Up to two minutes will be allowed for each competitor to give his or her reasons to the Judge in both the live and carcase sections. Competitors should be comparative rather than descriptive when stating their reasons. Two marks will be deducted for each fifteen seconds (or part thereof) that a competitor goes over the allotted two minutes. The marks will be deducted from the competitor's total.

### **7. TIMING FOR EACH RING**

#### **Live Assessment**

Ten minutes judging - handling allowed (in groups) - *Placings card to be handed to steward on exit of ring*

#### **Carcase Judging & Classification**

Ten minutes judging - *Placings card to be handed to steward on exit*

8. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards.

9. 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.

**10. SCALE OF MARKS**

**Live Reasons**

Placing	50
Accuracy of reasons	25
Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
<b>Live Total</b>	<b>100</b>

**Carcase Reasons**

Placing	50
Accuracy of reasons	25
Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
<b>Carcase Total</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Live and Carcase total</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>

11. Valid membership cards will be required by all competitors and must be shown to the Stewards.
12. Competitors must wear white coats, clean Wellingtons and suitable headwear at all times.
13. Those competitors wishing to practice carcase classification will be given the opportunity to grade the carcasses at the competition. This will be marked but the points will not be counted towards the overall competition.