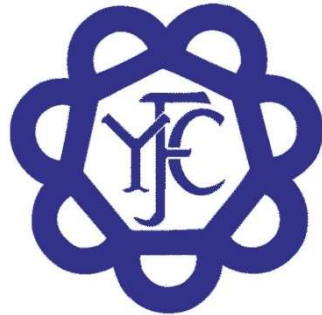


**HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG
FARMERS' CLUBS**



PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY 2023-24

to be held on

Sunday 3rd December 2023

at

TBC

COMPETITION RULES

END OF YEAR TROPHIES

Trophy Name	Contributing Competitions/Awarded to
Hereford Times Efficiency Shield	The overall results will count towards the Efficiency Shield – this is the overall competitions trophy for the year
Junior Competitions Cup	Junior Reading, Junior Speaking and Member of the Year (17 years & under) will count towards the Junior Competitions Cup
Intermediate Competitions Cup (CL Coxon Cup)	Call My Bluff, Situations Vacant (16 to 21 years) and Member of the Year (17 years & under) will count towards the Intermediate Competitions Cup

Due to the unlimited numbers of entries allowed in Junior Reading, Situations Vacant and Member of the Year classes, only the points awarded to the top placed competitor/team, will go towards the trophies above.

COMPETITION SPECIFIC TROPHIES

Trophy Name	Contributing Competitions/Awarded to
The Howsden Cup	Awarded to the overall winning for Class 1 – ‘Junior Reading’
The Daphne Owens Cup (Cup Missing)	Awarded to the overall winning club for Class 2 – ‘Junior Speaking’
The Toynee Challenge Cup	Awarded to the overall winning Club for Intermediate Braintrust
The Senior Speaking Cup	Awarded to the overall winning Club for Senior Debating/Senior After Dinner Speaking (swaps each year)
Junior Member of the Year Cup	Awarded to the member gaining the highest points in Class 7 – Junior Member of the Year
Senior Member of the Year Cup	Awarded to the member gaining the highest points in Class 8 – Senior Member of the Year

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

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

- A) Closing date for entries to be received at the County Office is: **9PM ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 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 must have a **VALID CURRENT MEMBERSHIP.**
- C) One entry form is enclosed per Club. This is for completion and to be returned to the County Office by the deadline. Please complete and return the entry form in excel format. All rules and entry forms are emailed to Club Chairmen and Secretaries in advance.
- D) 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.
- E) Please make sure all competitors are aware of the competition rules and times.
- F) **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 in order to maximize the benefit to the individual.

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

HFYFC Public Speaking 2023 – Timetable

Class	Competition	Time
1	NFYFC Reading – 14 & Under	9.30am
2	NFYFC Public Speaking – 16 & Under	TBC
3	NFYFC Brainstrust – 21 & Under	TBC
4	NFYFC MACE Debating – 28 & Under	TBC
5	NFYFC Situations Vacant – 16-21 Years	TBC
6	NFYFC Situations Vacant – 22-28 Years	TBC
7	NFYFC Member of the Year – 17 Years & Under	TBC
8	NFYFC Member of the Year – 18 Years & Over	TBC
9	Disco Dancing – 28 & Under	TBC

NOTE TO CLUBS & ALL COMPETITORS:

- A full timetable will be released after all entries have been returned to the County Office.
- Entries in all classes will be given individual time slots prior to the competition day County training can be provided upon club request.

Please contact the County Training Officer (Jess Radnor) if you require any training and please also indicate on the entry form which training your club would require.

CLASS 1: NFYFC Junior Reading – 14 & Under

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with NFYFC General Rules. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions>

COMPETITION AIM

To encourage members aged 10-14 to demonstrate their presentation and communication skills by working as a team to read selected passages to an audience

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Reading and communication skills including expression, diction, clarity and sense, teamwork and presentation.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. A team shall consist of **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 14 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
- 1.2. At the county round, each club may enter an **unlimited** number of teams

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1. The title of the book (including ISBN number) to be used will be notified to each team three weeks prior to the day of the competition Final.
- 2.2. The team of three members will be required to read aloud a passage selected and provided by the Judge, in English and in front of an audience.
- 2.3. The passages to be read will be given to finalists by the Chief Steward **on the day of the competition.**
- 2.4. A draw will be made for the order of appearance prior to the competition.
- 2.5. All teams will be held in the preparation room until it is their turn to compete to avoid an unfair advantage as all teams are reading the same text. Therefore, competitors and their trainer will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before competing.
- 2.6. Competitors have the choice to read from the book or from the card provided or from an electronic device such as a Kindle supplied by the competitor.
- 2.7. The Chairmen to introduce the team and give a brief background about the book.
- 2.8. Each member of the team (including the Chairman) will be required to read a different passage from the book, but each team will read the same set of passages as the other teams.
- 2.9. Teams will be given 30 minutes before they compete to read through the passages with their trainer in the preparation room.
 - 2.9.1.1. Members may read through their given passages in the preparation room.
 - 2.9.1.2. Books are allowed in the preparation room beforehand.
 - 2.9.1.3. One Trainer per team is allowed into the preparation room.
- 2.10. Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language. Teams are reminded that this is a Public Speaking Competition and marks are awarded for speeches - characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.

3. TIMING

- 3.1. Chairman (opening) = **2 minutes**
- 3.2. Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time.
- 3.3. Members reading will not have an allocated time.

4. **SCALE OF MARKS**

Chairman – Introduction	15	15
READING OF PASSAGE		
Teamwork/Overall Presentation/Appearance	15	15
READER 1:		
Diction	10	
Clarity	10	
Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)	10	30
READER 2:		
Diction	10	
Clarity	10	
Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)	10	30
READER 3:		
Diction	10	
Clarity	10	
Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)	10	30
Total marks		120

5. **NOTES**

- 5.1. Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams
- 5.2. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.
- 5.3. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing – no jeans!)

Information for subsequent rounds

6. **Date & Venue**

- 6.1. The first placed team at the county round will go through to represent the County at the West Midlands Area Finals on Sunday 18th March 2024 at the Staffordshire County Showground (Date is TBC)
- 6.2. After the Area Finals, the National Finals will be held on Competitions Day, Saturday 6th July 2024 at Staffordshire County Showground.

7. **REPRESENTATION**

- 7.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in National Finals.

8. **SUBSTITUTION**

- 8.1. If 2 members of the original team are unable to compete at the next round the next highest scoring team will represent area/region.
- 8.2. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

CLASS 2: NFYFC Junior Public Speaking – 16 & Under

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with NFYFC General Rules. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions>

COMPETITION AIM

To encourage members aged 10-16 to think clearly, speak persuasively and listen to the opinions of others critically and constructively. (Taken from the English-Speaking Union)

LEARNING OUTCOME

Public speaking skills; effective listening, knowledge of subject, confidence and communication skills

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. A team shall consist of **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
- 1.2. At the county round, each club may enter up to **two (2)** teams

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1. The team shall consist of a Chairman, Speaker and Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.
- 2.2. The procedure will follow that of a normal meeting.
- 2.3. Fifteen minutes (15) before his or her team is due to compete; the Chairmen will be introduced to the speaker.
 - 2.3.1. The Speaker will provide written notes giving the subject chosen and personal background (e.g. school, special interests, YFC membership, Club Offices held, activities within the Club, etc.). These notes to be handed to the Chief Steward at the beginning of the competition and will be **available** for the Chairman and Judges. To note that Power Point may be used as a visual aid for the Speaker, but they are not to be used for the whole speech and can only be used to enhance the speech. I.e. this is **NOT** a business presentation competition.
 - 2.3.2. The Speaker, who will be the guest of another team, will choose his/her own subject. The Speaker will then answer a question put by the Proposer of Vote of thanks and then a question from the judging panel. There is to be no questions asked from the floor/audience. A total of two questions will be asked.
 - 2.3.3. The chairman will invite the judges to put one question to the speaker who will then respond.
 - 2.3.4. The Proposer will be seated in the body of the hall. He/she will take up some point in the Speaker's address, comment, agree or disagree and ask one pertinent question on the subject matter of the address. He/she will give the Vote of Thanks to the Speaker after all questions have been dealt with.
- 2.4. No communication, written or verbal between any of the team members, or the audience, will be permitted, and to do so will result in **immediate disqualification**.
- 2.5. Competitors may take notes FOR REFERENCE on to the platform as long as these notes are written on POSTCARDS. However, excessive, and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used by teams while on the platform, except for visual aids intended to add to the understanding of the subject by the audience.
- 2.6. Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language. Teams are reminded that this is a Public Speaking Competition and marks are awarded for speeches - characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.

2.7. Speakers are asked to be mindful of the topic chosen for their speeches as this is a junior competition.

3. **TIMING**

Chairman (opening)	2 minutes
Speaker	6 minutes
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (question)	no time limit
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (thanks)	1 minute and 30 secs

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time by any member of the team. The judges may also deduct marks if the timings are below half of what is expected.

4. **SEATING**

4.1. Stewards are to make sure that competitors are seated as a team and in a designated area, separate from parents and supporters, throughout the competition.

5. **SCALE OF MARKS**

Speaker	Presentation of speech and ability to speak	20
	Content of speech and knowledge of subject	20
	Answer to questions	10
		50
Chairman		30
Proposer of Vote of Thanks		20
TEAM TOTAL		100

6. **NOTES**

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- 6.2. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.
- 6.3. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)

Information for subsequent rounds

7. **Date & Venue**

- 7.1. The first placed team at the county round will go through to represent the County at the West Midlands Area Finals on Sunday 18th March 2024 at the Staffordshire County Showground (Date is TBC)
- 7.2. After the Area Finals, the National Finals will be held on Competitions Day, Saturday 6th July 2024 at Staffordshire County Showground.

8. **REPRESENTATION**

8.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in National Finals.

9. **SUBSTITUTION**

- 9.1. If 2 members of the original team are unable to compete at the next round the next highest scoring team will represent area/region.
- 9.2. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

CLASS 3: NFYFC Brainstrust – 21 & Under

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with NFYFC General Rules. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions>

COMPETITION AIM

Team, public speaking competition. To encourage members aged 21 and under to actively discuss chosen topics on rural affairs and general knowledge, answer questions on that topic and summarise accordingly.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Public speaking skills; effective listening, confidence and communication skills including relevance, range of discussion.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. A team shall consist of 4 members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
- 1.2. At the county round, each club may enter up to **two (2)** teams.

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1. The team shall consist of a Chairman and a panel of three members. Draw for order of appearance will be made prior to the day. All competitors must be present 20 minutes before going onto the platform; the Chairman will be given a choice of sealed envelopes. One will be chosen which will contain six question topics, three of a general knowledge and three on rural affairs, from which he/she will select three for discussion by the team. One question must be selected from each section plus one other. The Chairman will have no prior communication with the team about the questions he/she has selected to be discussed. ***No written communication on the topics to be discussed may be given to the Panel or any use of a mobile phone at any time. The penalty will be automatic disqualification.***
- 2.2. The Chairman will be responsible for introducing the panel to the audience, putting each question to the panel, summarising their answers, concluding the meeting, timing, control of the panel and coverage of each question.
- 2.3. The competition should be treated as a formal meeting.
- 2.4. Competitors may make their own notes FOR REFERENCE on the platform, but excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used while on the platform.
- 2.5. Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language. Teams are reminded that this is a Public Speaking Competition and marks are awarded for speeches - characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.

3. TIMING

- 3.1. Twenty (20) minutes will be allowed each team from the commencement of the Chairman's introduction and the teams will be expected to keep to the timing stated.
- 3.2. Time penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.

4. SCALE OF MARKS

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Opening introduction & handling questions</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>Handling of panel including timing</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>Summing-up of discussions</u>	<u>10</u>

	<u>Closure of Meeting</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>Ability and style</u>	<u>10</u>
		<u>50</u>
Panel	<u>Quality, relevance & range of discussion</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>Each question: Co-operation and team work</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>35 x 3</u>	<u>105</u>
Panel	<u>General deportment and style</u>	<u>15</u>
Overall	<u>Audibility</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>Overall impression of team</u>	<u>20</u>
		<u>45</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>200</u>

4.1. The judges will have before them a duplicate copy of the question topics from which the selection was made for the team that is competing.

5. **NOTES**

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- 5.2. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.
- 5.3. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)

Information for subsequent rounds

6. **Date & Venue**

- 6.1. The first placed team at the county round will go through to represent the County at the West Midlands Area Finals on Sunday 18th March 2024 at the Staffordshire County Showground (Date is TBC)
- 6.2. After the Area Finals, the National Finals will be held on Competitions Day, Saturday 6th July 2024 at Staffordshire County Showground.

7. **REPRESENTATION**

- 7.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in National Finals.

8. **SUBSTITUTION**

- 8.1. If 2 members of the original team are unable to compete at the next round the next highest scoring team will represent area/region.
- 8.2. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

CLASS 4: NFYFC Mace Debating – 28 & Under

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with NFYFC General Rules. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions>

Competition Aim

To encourage members aged 28 or under to work as a team and develop their debating skills.

Learning outcomes

Develop knowledge of controversial issues and world affairs, while enhancing speech writing, public speaking, analytical thinking skills and confidence.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. A team shall consist of **FIVE (5)** members, who must all be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
- 1.2. At the county round, each club may enter up to **two (2)** teams

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1. The team will comprise of a Chairman, two speakers for the Proposition and two speakers for the Opposition.
- 2.2. The teams will be split so that the Chairman from Team A will work with the two propositions from Team B and the two oppositions from Team C.
- 2.3. Debating subjects will be provided twenty one days prior to the competition.
- 2.4. The Chairman and Debaters must be available to meet each other at least thirty minutes before competing time, to enable the Chairman to prepare his/her introductory notes.
- 2.5. Points of Information
 - 2.5.1. These are central to the interactivity of the debate and demonstrate ability to engage in arguments (approx 25% of the teams marks are for listening and response)
 - 2.5.2. These cannot be made during the first and last minute of the main speeches or during the summary speeches, this time is known as protected time.
 - 2.5.3. Points of Information are included in the time limit.
- 2.6. Rebuttal
 - 2.6.1. Addressing the other side's arguments during your own speech is known as rebuttal
 - 2.6.2. The aim or rebuttal is to undermine the oppositions case and leave your own case looking stronger
 - 2.6.3. Rebuttal can be at any time during the speech but make sure the audience and adjudicators are clear that you are addressing the others sides arguments
- 2.7. The Vote shall be taken by a show of hands.
- 2.8. The Chairman shall announce the result of the Vote and declare the meeting closed.

3. SCALE OF MARKS

Chairman

30

- Expression and delivery (5)
- Organisation and prioritisation (5)
- Accuracy of timing (10)
- Overall control of debate (10)

First Proposition - Main Speeches (1st Speaker)

40

- Expression and delivery (10)
- Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)
- Reasoning and evidence (10)
- Listening and response (10)

First Opposition - Main Speeches (1st Speaker)	40
Expression and delivery (10)	
Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (10)	
Listening and response (10)	
Second Proposition - Main Speeches (2nd Speaker)	40
Expression and delivery (10)	
Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (10)	
Listening and response (10)	
Second Opposition - Main Speeches (2nd Speaker)	40
Expression and delivery (10)	
Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (10)	
Listening and response (10)	
Opposition Summary Speech - Summary Speeches	20
Expression and delivery (5)	
Organisation and prioritisation (5) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (5)	
Listening and response (5)	
Proposition Summary Speech - Summary Speeches	20
Expression and delivery (5)	
Organisation and prioritisation (5) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (5)	
Listening and response (5)	
Total per team	230
(Includes Chairman, 2x Opposition Speakers 2x Proposition Speakers and 2 x Summary Speeches)	

Information for subsequent rounds

9. **Date & Venue**

- 9.1. The first placed team at the county round will go through to represent the County at the West Midlands Area Finals on Sunday 18th March 2024 at the Staffordshire County Showground (Date is TBC)
- 9.2. After the Area Finals, the National Finals will be held on Competitions Day, Saturday 6th July 2024 at Staffordshire County Showground.

10. **REPRESENTATION**

- 10.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in National Finals.

11. **SUBSTITUTION**

- 11.1. If 2 members of the original team are unable to compete at the next round the next highest scoring team will represent area/region.
- 11.2. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

CLASS 5: NFYFC Situations Vacant – 16-21 Years

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with NFYFC General Rules. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions>

Competition Aim

To encourage YFC members to work as an individual to prepare a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Covering Letter for their chosen job advert. Prepare and take part in a competency-based interview.

Learning outcomes

Communication, planning, presentation and personal development skills.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. Competitors must be between the ages of 16 years of age and 21 years of age on 1st September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC. This means competitors have attained their 16th birthday on the 1st September 2023 and may be 22 on the day of the national final.
- 1.2. At the county round, each club may enter an **unlimited** number of competitors.

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1. The Competitor will be required to choose their own job advertisement to apply for, which is relevant to them. The advert must have been advertised within the last 12 months prior to the competition date.
- 2.2. All Applicants must submit the original job advertisement with a reference as to where and when the advert was published together with a CV and covering letter by **9pm on Monday 20th November**
- 2.3. The CV must not be more than 2 sides of A4 paper.
- 2.4. The Covering Letter must not be more than 1 side of A4 paper
- 2.5. For the National Final, applications must be submitted to HFYFC no later than Friday 31st May, 2024.
- 2.6. The Competitor will then be requested to attend an interview which will consist of specific questioning about the job being applied for and relevant requirements relating to the advertisement. Questions will also focus on life experiences and will be structured around the form "Tell me about a time when you" (E.g: "Tell me about a time when you had to meet a deadline). Applicants should consider the Situation (What was happening), Task (What was required), Action (What did YOU do) and the Result (What was the outcome) when answering.

3. SCALE OF MARKS –

CV	50
Covering Letter	40
Relevance and Quality of Advert	10
Interview	100
• Knowledge of the Industry/Organisation	
• Ability to answer questions concisely	
• Overall Impression / Appearance / Presentation	
Total marks	200

4. **NOTES**

- 4.1. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)

Information for subsequent rounds

5. **Date & Venue**

- 5.1. The first placed competitor at the county round will go through to represent the County at the West Midlands Area Finals on Sunday 18th March 2024 at the Staffordshire County Showground (Date is TBC)
- 5.2. After the Area Finals, the National Finals will be held on Competitions Day, Saturday 6th July 2024 at Staffordshire County Showground.

6. **REPRESENTATION**

- 6.1. Counties may enter one competitor per 600 members or part thereof in National Finals.

7. **SUBSTITUTION**

- 7.1. If the winning member is unable to compete at the next round, the next highest placed member will represent area/region.
- 7.2. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

CLASS 6: NFYFC Situations Vacant – 22-28 Years

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with NFYFC General Rules. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions>

Competition Aim

To encourage YFC members to work as an individual to prepare a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Covering Letter for their chosen job advert. Prepare and take part in a competency-based interview.

Learning outcomes

Communication, planning, presentation and personal development skills.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Competitors must be between the ages of 22 years of age and 28 years of age on 1st September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC. This means competitors have attained their 22nd birthday on the 1st September 2023 and may be 29 on the day of the national final.
- 5.2. At the county round, each club may enter an **unlimited** number of competitors.

6. PROCEDURE

- 6.1. The Competitor will be required to choose their own job advertisement to apply for, which is relevant to them. The advert must have been advertised within the last 12 months prior to the competition date.
- 6.2. All Applicants must submit the original job advertisement with a reference as to where and when the advert was published together with a CV and covering letter by **9pm on Monday 20th November**
- 6.3. The CV must not be more than 2 sides of A4 paper.
- 6.4. The Covering Letter must not be more than 1 side of A4 paper
- 6.5. For the National Final, applications must be submitted to HFYFC no later than Friday 31st May, 2024.
- 6.6. The Competitor will then be requested to attend an interview which will consist of specific questioning about the job being applied for and relevant requirements relating to the advertisement. Questions will also focus on life experiences and will be structured around the form "Tell me about a time when you" (E.g: "Tell me about a time when you had to meet a deadline). Applicants should consider the Situation (What was happening), Task (What was required), Action (What did YOU do) and the Result (What was the outcome) when answering.

7. SCALE OF MARKS –

CV	50
Covering Letter	40
Relevance and Quality of Advert	10
Interview	100
• Knowledge of the Industry/Organisation	
• Ability to answer questions concisely	
• Overall Impression / Appearance / Presentation	
Total marks	200

8. **NOTES**

- 8.1. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)

Information for subsequent rounds

8. **Date & Venue**

- 8.1. The first placed competitor at the county round will go through to represent the County at the West Midlands Area Finals on Sunday 18th March 2024 at the Staffordshire County Showground (Date is TBC)
- 8.2. After the Area Finals, the National Finals will be held on Competitions Day, Saturday 6th July 2024 at Staffordshire County Showground.

9. **REPRESENTATION**

- 9.1. Counties may enter one entry per 600 members or part thereof in National Finals.

10. **SUBSTITUTION**

- 10.1. If the winning member is unable to compete at the next round, the next highest placed member will represent area/region.
- 10.2. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

CLASS 7: NFYFC Member of the Year – 17 years & Under

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with NFYFC General Rules. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions>

Competition Aim

To encourage junior YFC members to record and evaluate their YFC, educational and community contributions and achievements over the past year via a Curriculum Vitae, Presentation, and Interview.

Learning outcomes

Reflection, Self Evaluation, Communication, Presentation, and Interview skills

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. The competitor must be 17 years or under on 1st September 2023 and a full member of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
- 1.2. At the county round, each club may enter an **unlimited** number of competitors

2. PROCEDURE

2.1. PART 1 – SYNOPSIS FORM

- 2.1.1. Competitors will be required to submit to the county office a completed synopsis form to be no more than **2 sides of A4**, detailing their YFC activities. It is recommended that this form be used at County and Area level. (Special emphasis should be placed on their involvement at Club level).

2.1.2. This form is to be submitted by 9pm on Monday 20th November 2023

2.2. PART 2 – PRESENTATION & FORMAL INTERVIEW

- 2.2.1. The Competitor is requested to prepare a presentation using Microsoft power point software to include their experiences gained at YFC Club, County, Area, and National. They should also include activities outside of YFC.
- 2.2.2. The presentation should be based on experiences gained in the 12 months before the competition.
- 2.2.3. This presentation is to complement your Synopsis Form
- 2.2.4. Timing – no less than 3 and no more than 10 minutes.
- 2.2.5. The presentation will be made to the judges only.
- 2.2.6. On completion of the presentation judges will ask questions on the Synopsis Form, on the competitor's knowledge of YFC and/or current issues or news relating to young people.

3. SCALE OF MARKS (At the national final)

Synopsis Form	30
Presentation to judges (activities inside & outside YFC)	30
Formal Interview	30
Appearance	10
TOTAL MARKS	100

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over or under the allocated time of the presentation. The judges may also deduct marks if the timings are below half of what is expected.

4. **NOTES**

- 4.1. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)

Information for subsequent rounds

5. **Date & Venue**

- 5.1. The first placed competitor at the county round will go through to represent the County at the West Midlands Area Finals (Date/Venue is TBC)
- 5.2. After the Area Finals, the National Finals will be held on Competitions Day, Saturday 6th July 2024 at Staffordshire County Showground.

6. **REPRESENTATION**

- 6.1. Counties may enter one entry to the Area Round.

7. **SUBSTITUTION**

- 7.1. If the winning member is unable to compete at the next round, the next highest placed member will represent area/region.
- 7.2. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

CLASS 8: NFYFC Member of the Year – 18 years & over

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with NFYFC General Rules. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions>

COMPETITION AIMS To encourage YFC members to share their experiences as a Young Farmer, reflect and evaluate their contributions and achievements in YFC and the wider community through an application and interview process.
LEARNING OUTCOMES Communication skills, presentation skills and personal development skills

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. The competitor must be 18 years or over and 28 years or under on 1st September 2023 and a full member of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
- 1.2. At the county round, each club may enter an **unlimited** number of competitors

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1. **PART 1:** Competitors will be required to submit to the HFYFC office a completed synopsis form (attached) to be no more than **2 sides of A4**, detailing their YFC activities. Special emphasis should be placed on their involvement at Club level.
2.1.1. This form is to be submitted by 9pm on Monday 20th November 2023
- 2.2. **PART 2:** Competitors will be interviewed by the Judges. The interview will be formal but will be in a supportive atmosphere with the opportunity for competitors to demonstrate why they should be Senior Member of the Year.
- 2.3. **PART 3:** Competitors will be asked two questions on stage, one previously asked in the interview stage, and another based on the competitor's contribution to the YFC movement.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The objective of the competition is to select a member who has shown that they are involved in all aspects of the YFC Movement and who can be an ambassador for YFC. Judges will be looking for:
 - Involvement at Club level throughout the period of membership
 - Overall YFC involvement (i.e., Club, County, Area or National)
 - Specific involvement in activities in the previous 12 months (environment conservation, competitions, recruitment, programming, charity, sport, club officer)
 - General commitment to YFC - awareness of other members' interests in YFC and objective view of the future of the organisation
 - Knowledge of the YFC movement at Club, County, Area and National levels and to share that knowledge over the 12-month period following the final

4. SCALE OF MARKS – Total 100 marks from Formal Interview and Stage Interview (below for guidance only)

Synopsis form:	20
Ability to answer questions:	20
YFC Knowledge:	10
YFC Experience:	10
Appearance & Enthusiasm:	10
Other Knowledge & Experience:	10
On Stage Interview:	20
Total	100

5. **NOTES**

- 5.1. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario).

Information for subsequent rounds

8. **Date & Venue**

- 8.1. The first placed competitor at the county round will go through to represent the County at the West Midlands Area Finals on: Date & Venue TBC
- 8.2. After the Area Finals, the National Finals will be held on 20th or 21st April 2024, Date & Venue TBC.

9. **REPRESENTATION**

- 9.1. Counties may enter one entry to the Area Round.

10. **SUBSTITUTION**

- 10.1. If the winning member is unable to compete at the next round, the next highest placed member will represent area/region.
- 10.2. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

CLASS 9: NFYFC Disco Dancing

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with NFYFC General Rules. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions>

COMPETITION AIM

To provide members with the opportunity to participate in a physical activity to demonstrate their disco dancing skills in a competition environment

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Choreography and composition, movement, performing, confidence, decision-making, teamwork and personal development skills

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. The team may consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 members with at least 2 male and 2 female team members, all of whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and a full member of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
- 1.2. At the county round, each club may enter **one (1)** team

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1. The team should perform one Disco Dancing routine* for minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes.
- 2.2. Size of dance area to be approximately 10m x 10m

**Definition: "Freestyle Disco Dancing is the trendiest and most popular form of dance in the UK today. It involves runs, spins, kicks and leaps as well as many other diverse steps and movements with lots of different arm and hand actions. The music can be fast and "beaty" or slow and sensuous, allowing dancers of all ages to use freedom of expression to enhance their style" (taken from the International Dance Teachers Association website www.idta.co.uk - click on Styles).*

- 2.3. All music must be, at every round, a **Radio Edit – i.e., suitable and passed for radio broadcast to family (pre watershed) audiences.**
- 2.4. At the county competition, the team are to provide their own accessories and music – this may be on a mobile phone with aux cable, but we recommend also bringing it on CD should there be any issues.
- 2.5. A Keyboard/piano will not be available.

3. SCALE OF MARKS

Choreography	25
Musicality	15
Costume	10
Content & Variety	25
Overall performance of team	25
Total	100

Information for subsequent rounds

12. Date & Venue

- 12.1. The first placed team at the county round will go through to represent the County at the West Midlands Area Finals on Sunday 18th March 2024 at the Staffordshire County Showground (Date is TBC)
- 12.2. After the Area Finals, the National Finals will be held on Competitions Day, Saturday 6th July 2024 at Staffordshire County Showground.

13. REPRESENTATION

- 13.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in National Finals.

14. SUBSTITUTION

- 14.1. If 2 members of the original team are unable to compete at the next round the next highest scoring team will represent area/region.
- 14.2. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.