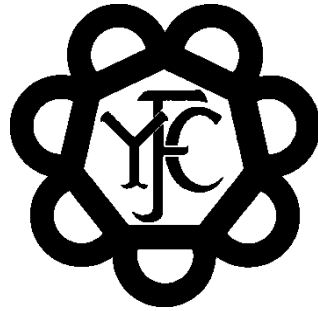


# HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS



## **PRE RALLY 2023-2024**

to be held on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

at Highlands Farm, Brimfield, Herefordshire, SY8 4NY by kind  
permission of Mr J Swain.

Dairy stock judging is to be held at New House Farm, Wyson Lane,  
Brimfield, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 4NP by the Stinton Family.

## **COMPETITION RULES**

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## **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 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024. 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** as defined under HFYFC General Rules.
- 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 in order to maximize the benefit to the individual.

**Note:** All Classes must be read in conjunction with the HFYFC General Rules and competitors should familiarise themselves with these rules prior to competing to avoid penalties, including entries not according to schedule.

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## **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. (Valid is classed as being fully processed and authorised and of the current year, a copy of the card can be a printed copy or electronic version shown on a device)
2. Failure to produce a fully processed and authorised valid membership 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 the 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. Alcohol will also not be used or displayed in any competition (unless specified in the competition rules). Empty bottles can be used for display purposes only.
7. The use of mobile phones by competitors during competitions is prohibited.
8. A white coat must be worn where specified.
9. No competitor can enter the same competition in different age ranges.
10. All work must have been made by members in the last 12 months.
11. All work must be that of the competitor who has booked in, if the entry is being booked in by somebody else then the person booking it in must have a copy of the competitor's card.
12. The entry to a competition cannot have been entered into a previous HFYFC competition.
13. Club or County names must not be displayed on any part of entries or displays (unless otherwise stated in the specific competition rules) – please be careful when using photographs including club tops.
14. Where more than one entry per club is allowed in a competition, where applicable, only the points of the highest scoring entry will count towards the cups and trophies and overall results.
15. 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.
16. In the event of a conflict between the competition rules and the general rules, the competition rules will govern.
17. All staged items or exhibits must remain the responsibility of the competitor. Neither HFYFC nor the site host accepts any liability for loss, damage or theft of any item.
18. No staged items or exhibits can be removed before prize giving, at penalty of disqualification.
19. The Chief Steward and the Competitions Chairmen reserve the right to cancel or amend any competition rule at any time.
20. In all competitions the decision of the Chief Steward and the Competitions Chairmen will be final.
21. Unacceptable behaviour or questionable material 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.

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## **Deductions**

### **22. Late entries**

- A. Any entry received by the County Office after the date and time specified on the rules for the competition, will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, and the decision will come from the County Chairman and Competitions Chairman, on whether they can compete and if any deductions will apply to the club's score.
- B. The member partaking in the competition is still eligible to get a prize card and compete at the next round.
- C. The deduction will occur after the prize cards have been written out. The deduction will apply to any trophy handed out on the day, overall day scores and the end of year trophies.

### **23. Transferring of classes**

- A. If a club wishes to transfer a member into a class (which previously had no entry) after the entries have been received by the County Office on the date and time specified on the rules for the competition a 25% deduction will incur for the CLUBS score. The member partaking in the competition is still eligible to get a prize card and compete at the next round. The deduction will occur after the prize cards have been written out and will apply to any trophy handed out on the day and the end of year trophies.

### **24. For entries not according to schedule**

- A. 25% of marks awarded will be deducted for all entries that are not according to the schedule - This includes any exhibits oversize, missing items (recipe/photos etc). If there are multiple things wrong with the entry, there will only be one deduction of 25% applied.
- B. 25% is deducted from the total score given by the judge, but if they still place after a deduction is awarded the Competitor will still be eligible to gain a prize card with the deducted score and will still be eligible to qualify for the next rounds where applicable.

### **25. In competitions with time limits**

- A. In competitions with time limits, the following marks will be deducted if the competitor overruns - (unless otherwise stated in rules – i.e., stock judging):

Competition Length	Penalty
Up to 30 minutes	5% of total marks per minute or part thereof
31-60 minutes	5% of total marks per two minutes or part thereof
61-120 minutes	5% of total marks per five minutes or part thereof
121 minutes & over	5% of total marks per ten minutes or part thereof

- B. The Competitor will still be eligible to gain a prize card with the deducted score and will still be eligible to qualify for the next rounds where applicable.
- C. 5% is deducted from the total score given by the judge.

**26.** Any disagreements from clubs/competitors about markings or deductions must be made on the day of competition to the Chief Steward or Competitions team, and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**27.** In the event that a deduction is applied for any reason and the subsequent mark results in a decimal place, if the decimal place is 0.5 or above, it shall be rounded up to the next whole number. If the decimal place is 0.49 or below, it shall be rounded down to the next whole number.

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

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## Competition Timings

Class No.	Competition	Time
2	Rally Sign	Photographic evidence of the sign in situ to be provided by 9pm on Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024.
3	NFYFC Farm Machinery Skills	Once all entries are received, a full timetable for the day will be released to clubs.
4	NFYFC Fence Erecting	11:00am
5S	Dairy Stockjudging – Senior	<b>Fencing &amp; Poultry Boning &amp; Jointing Competitors at 9:00am prompt; everyone else at 10:00am</b> – all competitors to sign-in at New House Farm; reasons given at Highland Farm.
5I	Dairy Stockjudging – Intermediate	<b>Fencing &amp; Poultry Boning &amp; Jointing Competitors at 9:00am prompt; everyone else at 10:00am</b> – all competitors to sign-in at New House Farm; reasons given at Highland Farm.
JFD1	Dairy Stockjudging – Junior	<b>Fencing &amp; Poultry Boning &amp; Jointing Competitors at 9:00am prompt; everyone else at 10:00am</b> – all competitors to sign-in at New House Farm; reasons given at Highland Farm.
10A	Photography – Junior	<b><u>Signed in by 12 Noon;</u></b> will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally.
10B	Photography – Intermediate	<b><u>Signed in by 12 Noon;</u></b> will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally.
10C	Photography - Senior	<b><u>Signed in by 12 Noon;</u></b> will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally.
13	Cube Exhibit	<b><u>Signed in by</u></b> 9.30 am.
23	Poultry Boning & Jointing	Sign in at 11am.
24	4 X 4 Tug Of War	Weigh in & start time TBC

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL TIMINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IF TIMINGS ALTER, THIS WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO CLUB CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIES.**

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## Class 2: Rally Sign

**Time:** To be staged by 9pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.

**Entries:** Open to ONE (1) entry per club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

**Marks:**

Construction	40
Artwork	80
Content, Effectiveness and Visibility	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>

**Rules:**

1. Clubs are to make and display a sign promoting the 2024 County Rally.
2. The sign is to be put up at a suitable place in the Club's area on private property, on a mobile structure, in accordance with the Highways regulations. Please note it is not permitted to put up signs on the side of the road (the highway) without first obtaining the correct permission from the Highways Department. Signs can be put up on privately-owned land adjacent to the highway – BUT PLEASE NOTE THAT SIGNS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH DRIVER VISIBILITY.
3. The Rally sign is to be a maximum of 3 metres x 3 metres, not including the mobile structure. This must be a one-sided sign, to be viewed from one side on its approach. (If the sign is not going to be displayed on private property on a mobile structure, i.e. to be displayed on a roadside post, as in previous years, the maximum size of this sign is 0.6m<sup>2</sup> (1 metre x 0.6 metres, 0.8 metres x 0.75 metres or 0.5 metres x 1.2 metres all to fit within the area allowed.)
4. Signs will be judged on rally day but **photographic evidence of the sign in situ must be submitted to the County Competitions email ([competitions@hfyfc.org.uk](mailto:competitions@hfyfc.org.uk)) and County Administrator ([countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk](mailto:countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk)) by 9pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.** Clubs must provide details of exactly where the sign is to be found and include road numbers, junctions or local landmarks such as: shops/public houses or a what3words location (County Officers will be checking they are up).
5. All signs are to remain in place until 12 Noon on the day before Rally (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024). Information on the sign must include a minimum of:
  - Date of HFYFC County Rally;
  - HFYFC County Rally Venue – to include post code;
  - HFYFC Charity Number;
  - Times for Day and Night;
  - HFYFC County Office Phone Number;
  - HFYFC County Website; and
  - A3 sized space for Sponsors Logo – this will be provided by the County Office
6. Signs must also be brought to the Rally site to be displayed on Rally day. They will need to be booked in and displayed by 10:30am. Signs can be brought to the site the evening before (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 by 8:30pm) when exhibits are brought. Any signs not booked in and displayed will be penalised according to the HFYFC General Rules.

**Awards:** The Rally Shield

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## **Class 3A: NFYFC Farm Machinery Skills (Tractor and Trailer)**

**Time:** Once entries are received, a full timetable for the day will be released.  
**Venue:** Highlands Farm, Brimfield, Herefordshire, SY8 4NY  
**Entries:** Open to ONE (1) member per club whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.  
**Marks:**

Loader Tractor and Trailer	100
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### **Certificates/Licences Required:**

1. **Task 1: Tractor and Trailer:** Competitor requires a UK driving licence with F entitlement. This must be produced on the day of the competition in order to participate in this task. (The F entitlement can be gained at 16; but is automatically entitled with passing the car driving test).
2. **Failure to provide the requested certificates will result in the team being disqualified and not allowed to compete.**
3. **For Class 3, the team should have at least 2 driving licences, 1 first aid certificate, and 1 ATV certificate. Judges must make themselves aware which competitors have which certificates and licences.**

### **Procedure:**

1. **All competitors must take into account Health and Safety at all times. Correct personal protective equipment must be worn. Safe start and safe stop procedures must be adhered to.** All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.
2. **Task 1: Tractor and Muck Spreader**
  - Equipment required: 1. Loader Tractor (approx. 100-150 hp); 2. . A flatbed trailer, such as a bale trailer or low loader.
  - One team member is required to carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on a tractor and trailer prior to the commencement of the task. The competitor is to carry out a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.
  - The competitor will unhitch the bucket from the loader onto the trailer, and secure the bucket using ratchet straps. Each team to provide their own ratchet straps to secure the load.
  - The competitor will hitch the trailer and prepare for travel along a public highway, and the competitor to follow a course including turning on to, travelling along, and turning off a simulated public road
  - Competitor to return along the simulated road, and park and unhitch the trailer in it's original position.
  - Competitor to unhitch the trailer
  - Competitor to reattach the bucket to the loader and park the tractor.

**Timing:** All competitors will have a total of 35 minutes to complete the task.  
**Awards:** The Rally Shield.

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

**Representation:** The top team at the county round will be asked to compete again at the West Midlands Area round on Saturday 22nd of June at Fillongley Show, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 6th July 2024 at the County Showground, Stafford.

### **Rule Changes for NFYFC Final:**

- **TASK 5: HAZARD PERCEPTION (TBC AT THE NFYFC FINAL ONLY).** Supported by The Farm Safety Foundation: Yellow Wellies Campaign. The 4 individuals from the tasks will join together to undertake a team hazard perception task. Competitors will be asked to identify 5 hazard scenarios such as (but not limited to): working at height, working with machinery and awareness of overhead power cables. Competitors will have a maximum of 5 minutes per scenario.

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- At the NFYFC Final, Tasks 1 to 3 will run concurrently therefore competitors will only be able to take part in one of these tasks. Tasks 4 & 5 will be run as a team at the National Final.
- Note that at the National Final this is a team competition. The competition tasks are not intended to be split into individual tasks - think ahead, work as a team, and plan your time. Judges will judge their allocated task, not necessarily an individual competitor. Competitors to provide their own tools. All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.

**AWARDS:**

1. The ATS Euromaster Perpetual Challenge Trophy and NFYFC prize cards to the winning team.
2. NFYFC Prize Cards to teams placed 2nd and 3rd.
3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams in the final.

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## **Class 3B: NFYFC Farm Machinery Skills (Tractor & Pasture Topper)**

**Time:** Once entries are received, a full timetable for the day will be released.  
**Venue:** Highlands Farm, Brimfield, Herefordshire, SY8 4NY  
**Entries:** Open to ONE (1) member per club whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.  
**Marks:**

Tractor with PTO driven implement	100
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### **Certificates/Licences Required:**

1. **Task 2: Tractor with PTO driven implement:** Competitor requires a UK driving licence with F entitlement. This must be produced on the day of the competition in order to participate in this task. (The F entitlement can be gained at 16; but is automatically entitled with passing the car driving test).
2. **Failure to provide the requested certificates will result in the team being disqualified and not allowed to compete.**
3. **For Class 3, the team should have at least 2 driving licences, 1 first aid certificate, and 1 ATV certificate. Judges must make themselves aware which competitors have which certificates and licences.**

### **Procedure:**

1. **All competitors must take into account Health and Safety at all times. Correct personal protective equipment must be worn. Safe start and safe stop procedures must be adhered to.** All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.
2. **Task 2: Tractor with PTO driven implement:**
  - Equipment required: 1 Tractor (approx. 80-150 hp); 2. A 3-point linkage mounted pasture topper.
  - Competitor(s) will carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on the tractor and topper prior to the commencement of this task. This will include a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.
  - Competitor to demonstrate changing a blade of the pasture topper – must provide suitable tools.
  - The combination should then be prepared for work.
  - Note - if at all possible, the competitor should actually operate the machine on a small area of suitable ground.
  - Competitor(s) to demonstrate knowledge of settings and adjustments of the tractor and machine. (This to be done via questions/answer session, as there will not be sufficient time to physically complete numerous tasks)
  - Competitor(s) to park the implement and unhitch, and return the tractor to the original position.

**Timing:** All competitors will have a total of 35 minutes to complete the task.

**Awards:** The Rally Shield.

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

**Representation:** The top team at the county round will be asked to compete again at the West Midlands Area round on Saturday 22nd of June at Fillongley Show After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 6th July 2024 at the County Showground, Stafford.

### **Rule Changes for NFYFC Final:**

- TASK 5: HAZARD PERCEPTION (AT THE NFYFC FINAL ONLY). Supported by The Farm Safety Foundation: Yellow Wellies Campaign. The 4 individuals from the tasks will join together to undertake a team hazard perception task. Competitors will be asked to identify 5 hazard scenarios such as (but not limited to): working at height, working with machinery and awareness of overhead power cables. Competitors will have a maximum of 5 minutes per scenario.
- At the NFYFC Final, Tasks 1 to 3 will run concurrently therefore competitors will only be able to take part in one of these tasks. Tasks 4 & 5 will be run as a team at the National Final.

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- Note that at the National Final this is a team competition. The competition tasks are not intended to be split into individual tasks - think ahead, work as a team, and plan your time. Judges will judge their allocated task, not necessarily an individual competitor. Competitors to provide their own tools. All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.

**AWARDS:**

1. The ATS Euromaster Perpetual Challenge Trophy and NFYFC prize cards to the winning team.
2. NFYFC Prize Cards to teams placed 2nd and 3rd.
3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams in the final.

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## **Class 3C: NFYFC Farm Machinery Skills (ATV handling)**

**Time:** Once entries are received, a full timetable for the day will be released.  
**Venue:** Highlands Farm, Brimfield, Herefordshire, SY8 4NY  
**Entries:** Open to ONE (1) member per club whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.  
**Marks:**

ATV handling	100
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### **Certificates/Licences Required:**

- Task 3: ATV:** Adequate training must have been completed by the competitor who will operate the ATV. At the NFYFC final a certificate of competence to show 'adequate training' in ATV Handling must be produced. A copy of the certificate must be handed to the judges on the day of the competition. A Certificate of Competence for ATV's, issued by City & Guilds NPTC is more than acceptable evidence of 'adequate training'. The appropriate City & Guilds NPTC qualification is known as the Level 2 Certificate in the Safe Use of All-terrain Vehicles (0014-32). However, a certificate issued by another training provider (e.g. Lantra) will also be accepted. The most basic level of certificate which will be accepted is called an EASI (European All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute) certificate; available from most reputable ATV dealers. The EASI certificate is very much a dealer short induction course - a basic operators course designed to familiarise the operator with all the controls and operating procedures, which includes elements of safety. Whilst it ticks the box of 'adequate training', it should not be viewed as a replacement for a City & Guilds type course.  
*[Under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER) there is a legal requirement that "adequate training", including the use of any towed equipment or attachments, be undertaken by those riding ATV's. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) regards training provided by recognised training providers as "adequate" for the purposes of PUWER].*
- Failure to provide the requested certificates will result in the team being disqualified and not allowed to compete.**
- For Class 3, the team should have at least 2 driving licences, 1 first aid certificate, and 1 ATV certificate. Judges must make themselves aware which competitors have which certificates and licences.**

### **Procedure:**

- All competitors must take into account Health and Safety at all times. Correct personal protective equipment must be worn. Safe start and safe stop procedures must be adhered to.** All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.
- Task 3: ATV handling**  
Equipment required: 1. Sit-astride ATV 2. Trailer 3. Sheep handling hurdles - minimum
  - The competitor will carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on a sit-astride ATV prior to commencement of task. This is to include a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.
  - A competitor will drive the ATV through a course as instructed by the judge, typically involving passing through poles or cones to mark gateways to demonstrate their skills at manoeuvring the ATV.
  - The competitor will then drive to a site where a number of hurdles have been assembled into a sheep holding pen, with the trailer parked inside the pen. The competitor will hitch the trailer, dismantle the hurdles, and load them onto the trailer, secure the load, then move to another site and use the hurdles to construct an arrangement suitable for herding a small number of sheep into. Competitor to decide and discuss their pen layout, not simply copy the previous arrangement.
  - The competitor will then park the trailer in their new pen and drive the ATV back to its starting point.

**Timing:** All competitors will have a total of 35 minutes to complete the task.  
**Awards:** The Rally Shield.



### Information for Subsequent Rounds

**Representation:** The top team at the county round will be asked to compete again at the West Midlands Area round on Saturday 22nd of June at Fillongley Show. If two or more of the original team are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent the County at Area Finals. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 6th July 2024 at the County Showground, Stafford. Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 6th July 2024 at the County Showground, Stafford.

#### **Rule Changes for NFYFC Final:**

- TASK 5: HAZARD PERCEPTION (AT THE NFYFC FINAL ONLY). Supported by The Farm Safety Foundation: Yellow Wellies Campaign. The 4 individuals from the tasks will join together to undertake a team hazard perception task. Competitors will be asked to identify 5 hazard scenarios such as (but not limited to): working at height, working with machinery and awareness of overhead power cables. Competitors will have a maximum of 5 minutes per scenario.
- At the NFYFC Final, Tasks 1 to 3 will run concurrently therefore competitors will only be able to take part in one of these tasks. Tasks 4 & 5 will be run as a team at the National Final.
- Note that at the National Final this is a team competition. The competition tasks are not intended to be split into individual tasks - think ahead, work as a team, and plan your time. Judges will judge their allocated task, not necessarily an individual competitor. Competitors to provide their own tools. All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.

#### **AWARDS:**

1. The ATS Euromaster Perpetual Challenge Trophy and NFYFC prize cards to the winning team.
2. NFYFC Prize Cards to teams placed 2nd and 3rd.
3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams in the final.

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## **Class 3D: NFYFC Farm Machinery Skills (First Aid)**

**Time:** Once entries are received, a full timetable for the day will be released.  
**Venue:** Highlands Farm, Brimfield, Herefordshire, SY8 4NY  
**Entries:** Open to ONE (1) member per club whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.  
**Marks:**

First Aid	100
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### **Certificates/Licences Required:**

- Task 4: First Aid:** The team member in control of the first aid task must hold a current first aid certificate of either the British Red Cross, St John Ambulance, or an alternative nationally recognised body. The certificate must be no more than 3 years old. A copy of the certificate must be handed to the competition judges on the day of each round of the competition. All teams should supply their own first aid kits.
- Failure to provide the requested certificates will result in the team being disqualified and not allowed to compete.**
- For Class 3, the team should have at least 2 driving licences, 1 first aid certificate, and 1 ATV certificate. Judges must make themselves aware which competitors have which certificates and licences.**

### **Procedure:**

- All competitors must take into account Health and Safety at all times. Correct personal protective equipment must be worn. Safe start and safe stop procedures must be adhered to.** All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.
- Task 4: First Aid**
  - Suggested Equipment: First Aid Kit.
  - During the course of the practical exercise, a mock farm accident will be staged. Teams will be informed when the accident happens; it is the decision of the team as to how and who deals with the incident. It is expected that there will be by-bystanders who may be questioned regarding the accident. The First Aid Judge will indicate when the casualty has been satisfactorily dealt with and when the member (or members) may recommence work.
  - Knowledge of elementary First Aid is necessary, but in no case will competitors be expected to render assistance further than instructed in the Joint First Aid Manual of St. John Ambulance and The British Red Cross (available from WH Smith or other large bookshops). The Highway Code and Farm Safety Regulations must be applied at all times. If, in the opinion of the Judges, a competitor is undertaking a Task in a way likely to endanger them or others; the competitor will be stopped and the danger brought to his attention. The competitor will be expected to correct the matter and then continue with the Task

**Timing:** All competitors will have a total of 35 minutes to complete the task.

**Awards:** The Rally Shield.

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

**Representation:** The top team at the county round will be asked to compete again at the West Midlands Area round on Saturday 22nd of June at Fillongley Show. If two or more of the original team are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent the County at Area Finals. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 6th July 2024 at the County Showground, Stafford.

### **Rule Changes for NFYFC Final:**

- TASK 5: HAZARD PERCEPTION (AT THE NFYFC FINAL ONLY).** Supported by The Farm Safety Foundation: Yellow Wellies Campaign. The 4 individuals from the tasks will join together to undertake a team hazard

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perception task. Competitors will be asked to identify 5 hazard scenarios such as (but not limited to): working at height, working with machinery and awareness of overhead power cables. Competitors will have a maximum of 5 minutes per scenario.

- At the NFYFC Final, Tasks 1 to 3 will run concurrently therefore competitors will only be able to take part in one of these tasks. Tasks 4 & 5 will be run as a team at the National Final.
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#### **AWARDS:**

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## **Class 4 – NFYFC Fence Erecting**

**Time:** 11am  
**Venue:** Highlands Farm, Brimfield, Herefordshire, SY8 4NY  
**Entries:** Open to up to TWO (2) teams per club. A team shall consist of THREE (3) members, 28 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

**Marks:**

Fixing end posts, strainer post, diagonal strut & box strainer	30
Intermediate posts	10
Overall neatness	20
Fixing and tensioning of netting & barbed wire	25
Join in netting and barbed wire	10
Written risk assessment	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**Health & Safety: ESSENTIAL READING FOR ALL COMPETITORS:** It is essential that all competitors read the Health and Safety Executive's guidance paper concerning fencing and note is taken of the safe working practices and protective clothing equipment that is recommended. The Health and Safety Executive guidance paper 'Fencing' (AFAG104) can be downloaded from the NFYFC website.

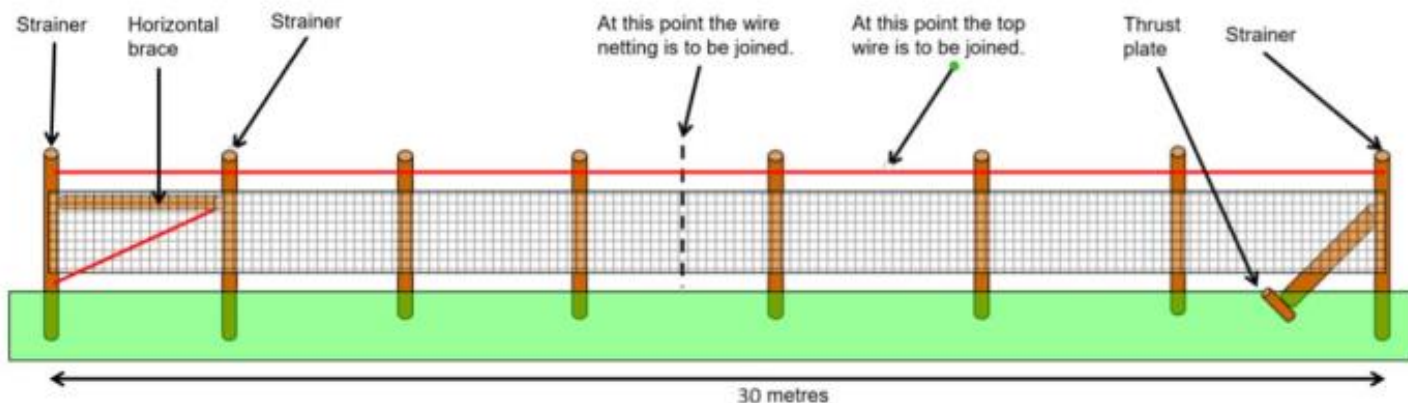
**Procedure:**

- 1.1 At the NFYFC Final the team will be required to erect a stock proof boundary fence using the materials provided, as illustrated in the diagram.
- 1.2 The team are required to prepare a written risk assessment/method statement, which is to be handed to the Chief Steward on the day of the competition - prior to the competition start. Failure to provide a written risk assessment/method statement or failure to comply with it; or working unsafely, will result in immediate disqualification. Please see NFYFC Fence Erecting Risk Assessment Template below. This may be used and completed as teams wish (Risk 1 already entered as an example).
- 1.3 The fence shall be in a straight line for 30 metres
  - 1.3.1 The height from the ground to the plain wire is 75mm (3"), plain to net 75mm (3") net 800mm (31.5"), net to barb 100mm (4"), overall height 1050 mm (41.5").
  - 1.3.2 The intermediate posts shall be at equal spacing.
  - 1.3.3 It shall be constructed of post and netting with 1 strand of barbed wire above the netting.
  - 1.3.4 The netting shall be set 100mm (4") above the ground approximately.
  - 1.3.5 There shall be 1 strand of barbed wire above the netting, set at 100mm (4" approximately) above the top of the netting.
  - 1.3.6 Netting and wire shall be secured to the end strainers using a recognised knot.
- 1.4 At one end of the fence there will be a box strainer assembly using a horizontal strut and diagonal brace wire as per diagram.
  - 1.4.1 The box strainer shall be made with 2 x 2.4m (8') strainer, with a 2.4m (8') 75-100mm (3"-4") diameter horizontal brace, with plain wire.
  - 1.4.2 The horizontal brace shall be morticed into the strainers on both ends.
- 1.5 At the other end of the fence there should be a strainer with a diagonal strut.
  - 1.5.1 The assembly shall be made using a 2.4m (8') strainer and 2.4m (8') angled strut, with the strut secured using a horizontal thrust block.
  - 1.5.2 The strut must have a thrust plate at the end to prevent movement. The struts need to be left open for the judges to see.
  - 1.5.3 The strut is to be morticed into the strainer at 450mm (18") to the top of the strut – ie, between the 4th and 5th wire on the net.
- 1.6 Wire Joints
  - 1.6.1 All joints to be made during the competition. No joining aids will be permitted.
  - 1.6.2 A join in the netting should be made by hand approximately in the middle of the length. A join in the barbed wire approximately in the middle of the length must also be completed.

**DIAGRAM IS NOT TO SCALE & IS FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY**  
**ALL SPACINGS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMPETITOR**  
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- 1.7 Only materials supplied by the organisers are to be used for Area & National Finals, see list of materials below.
- 1.8 Only hand tools will be allowed and the teams themselves must provide these. No power tools or chainsaws are allowed.
  - 1.8.1 All tools and equipment used must be fit for purpose and be in good condition, well maintained and safely operated by members of the team at all times. Judges and stewards have the right to stop the use of tool/piece of equipment if, in their view, it is not safe to use or is being handled/used in an unsafe manner.
- 1.9 Competitors are not allowed to shorten any of the vertical posts.
- 1.10 The Judge reserves the right to inspect any strut following completion of the task.
- 1.11 All teams are required to dismantle their fence after the Judges have completed all judging (The thrust plate must be out of the ground).
- 1.12 Teams are required to clear away all debris and any off cuts of wire etc must not be put down the postholes. Receptacles will be provided for this purpose. Soil will be available to make the ground good. **Any team not complying with this ruling will be disqualified & receive a £75 fine.**

## 2. Equipment Required:

- 3 x 2.4m (8ft) round pointed posts, 150-175mm (6" - 7" ) diameter (strainers)
- 2 x 2.4m (8') round posts, 75-100mm (3"-4") diameter (horizontal strut, diagonal strut)
- 5 x 1.65m (5'6") round pointed posts, 75-100mm (3"-4") diameter (intermediates)
- 1 x chock (thrust plate) 800mm x 125mm x 75mm (72 x 5 x 3 inches)
- 35 metres of X-Knot High Tensile FX8/80/22
- 35 metres of barbed wire
- 50 metres of plain wire
- 10 x nails 5mm x 150mm 6 inch nails
- Staples

## 3. Timings:

- 3.1 2 Hours will be allowed for the NFYFC Final
- 3.2 To note that once the time of 2 hours has been reached, teams will be asked to stop & the fence judged as seen.
- 3.3 Please note the tidying of tools & equipment away will be included in the time to complete the task

**Time penalties** – teams will be encouraged to complete the task but will lose one (1) point for every minute or part thereof over the allocated time. **All teams, if not already finished, will be asked to stop 30 minutes after the allocated time. i.e. at 3 hours regardless of where they are at.** Please note that the tidying of tools and equipment away will be included in the time to complete the task.

**Awards:** The Rally Shield.

## Information for Subsequent Rounds

### Representation:

The top team at the county round will be asked to compete again at the West Midlands Area round on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June at Fillongley Show. If two or more of the original team are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent the County at Area Finals. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 6th July 2024 at the County Showground, Stafford.

### Rule Changes for NFYFC Final:

All teams are required to dismantle their fence after the Presentation of Awards (The thrust plate and any blocks/cross members must be out of the ground). – Teams are required to clear away all debris and any off-cuts of wire etc must not be put down the postholes. Receptacles will be provided for this purpose. Soil will be available to make the ground good. **Any team not complying with this ruling will be disqualified and**

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receive a £75 fine. The Judge's decision is final. Only materials supplied by the organisers are to be used for Area and National Finals (see list of materials).

**Awards:**

1. Betafence National Farm Skills Challenge Cup and Prize Cards to the winning team.
2. NFYFC Prize Cards to teams placed 2nd and 3rd.
3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams in the NFYFC final.

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## **NFYFC Fence Erecting – Risk Assessment Template**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Activity</b> <i>(Description of activity and associated hazards)</i>	<b>Risk Evaluation</b> <i>(No controls)</i>			<b>Safety precautions</b> <i>(Details of preventative or control measure for each hazard)</i>	<b>Residual Risk Evaluation</b> <i>(With Controls)</i>		
		<b>P</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>R</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>R</b>
1	Mild steel wire tensioned beyond breaking point causing eye damage	3	4	A	Wear suitable eye protection	3	2	C
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## **Class 5S – Dairy Stockjudging – Senior**

- Time:** Competitors who are also competing in the Fencing or Poultry Boning & Jointing Competition 9:00am, everyone else 10am.
- Venue:** New House Farm, Wyson Lane, Brimfield, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 4NP
- Entries:** Open to up to FOUR (4) members per Club. Competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.
- Marks:**

Placing	50
Linear Assessment	100
Reasons: Accuracy of Observation	25
Comparison	15
Style	10
<b>Total per Competitor</b>	<b>200</b>

### **Rules:**

1. The competitor will be required to assess four dairy cows (breed to be advised) using the linear method of assessing characteristics. Competitors are also required to place these cattle in order of merit as to their suitability for milk production and breeding herd replacements
2. THIRTY (30) minutes will be allowed for stock inspection/handling/placing and assessing. Competitors are free to choose how they spend this time between each element.
3. After viewing stock, competitors will be allowed a minimum of 10 minutes in which to write their reasons on the cards provided.
4. Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the judge when awarding marks.
5. Competitors taking more than the allotted time for their reasons will be penalized by the deduction of 2 marks for every fifteen (15) seconds or part thereof over time.

### **Protocol:**

1. **Once competitors have viewed the stock inspection/completed linear assessment/placings, cards will be collected. Competitors will then be directed to a waiting area prior to giving their reasons to the judge. A randomised timetable for reason giving will be put up in this area, and competitors will be called when it is their turn. Competitors will be called twice by the steward. Anyone failing to give their reasons after 2 calls without reasonable cause will NOT be allowed to give their reasons and will forfeit the 50 marks.**
2. **NO CARDS OR NOTE BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING**
3. Competitors shall not communicate by word, sign or device with other competitors or onlookers during the time of judging and reason preparation, under penalty of disqualification.
4. Competitors MUST wear White Coats
5. **NO COMPETITOR MAY ENTER THE SAME COMPETITION IN DIFFERENT AGE RANGES.**

- Awards:** The highest individual mark gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the Spiller Stockjudging Shield and the Rally Shield. The Martin Harris Trophy.

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

- Representation:** One team of three competitors (one 28 years and under, one 21 years and under, one 16 years and under on 1st September 2023) in each of the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig and Horse Stockjudging sections may represent the county in the Stockjudging competition at the Three Counties Show on Saturday 15th June 2024. After the County Final, the National Final will be held, at the Great Yorkshire Show Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and subject to confirmation by YAS.

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## **Class 5I – Dairy Stockjudging – Intermediate**

**Time:** Competitors who are also competing in the Fencing or Poultry Boning & Jointing Competition 9:00am, everyone else 10am.

**Venue:** New House Farm, Wyson Lane, Brimfield, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 4NP

**Entries:** Open to up to FOUR (4) members per Club. Competitors to be 21 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

**Marks:**

Placing	50
Reasons: Accuracy of Observation	25
Comparison	15
Style	10
<b>Total per Competitor</b>	<b>100</b>

**Rules:**

1. Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on a ring of Four Dairy Cows, to be judged as Commercial Breeding Stock.
2. Competitors will be allowed TEN (10) minutes to view, handle and place the ring.
3. After viewing stock, competitors will be allowed a minimum of 10 minutes in which to write their reasons on the cards provided.
4. Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the judge when awarding marks.
5. Competitors taking more than the allotted time for their reasons will be penalized by the deduction of 2 marks for every fifteen (15) seconds or part thereof over time.

**Protocol:**

1. **Once competitors have viewed the stock, cards will be collected. Competitors will then be directed to a waiting area prior to giving their reasons to the judge. A randomised timetable for reason giving will be put up in this area, and competitors will be called when it is their turn. Competitors will be called twice by the steward. Anyone failing to give their reasons after 2 calls without reasonable cause will NOT be allowed to give their reasons and will forfeit the 50 marks.**
2. **NO CARDS OR NOTE BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING**
3. Competitors shall not communicate by word, sign or device with other competitors or onlookers during the time of judging and reason preparation, under penalty of disqualification.
4. Competitors MUST wear White Coats
5. **NO COMPETITOR MAY ENTER THE SAME COMPETITION IN DIFFERENT AGE RANGES.**

**Awards:** The highest individual mark gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the Spiller Stockjudging Shield and the Rally Shield. The Martin Harris Trophy.

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

**Representation:** One team of three competitors (one 28 years and under, one 21 years and under, one 16 years and under on 1st September 2023) in each of the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig and Horse Stockjudging sections may represent the county in the Stockjudging competition at the Three Counties Show on Saturday 15th June 2024. After the County Final, the National Final will be held, at the Great Yorkshire Show Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 by YAS.

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## **Class JFD1 – Dairy Stockjudging – Junior**

**Time:** Competitors who are also competing in the Fencing or Poultry Boning & Jointing Competition 9:00am, everyone else 10am.

**Venue:** New House Farm, Wyson Lane, Brimfield, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 4NP

**Entries:** Open to up to FOUR (4) members per Club. Competitors to be 16 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

**Marks:**

Placing	50
Reasons: Accuracy of Observation	25
Comparison	15
Style	10
<b>Total per Competitor</b>	<b>100</b>

**Rules:**

1. Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on a ring of Four Dairy Cows, to be judged as Commercial Breeding Stock.
2. Competitors will be allowed TEN (10) minutes to view, handle and place the ring.
3. After viewing stock, competitors will be allowed a minimum of 10 minutes in which to write their reasons on the cards provided.
4. Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the judge when awarding marks.
5. Competitors taking more than the allotted time for their reasons will be penalized by the deduction of 2 marks for every fifteen (15) seconds or part thereof over time.

**Protocol:**

1. **Once competitors have viewed the stock, cards will be collected. Competitors will then be directed to a waiting area prior to giving their reasons to the judge. A randomised timetable for reason giving will be put up in this area, and competitors will be called when it is their turn. Competitors will be called twice by the steward. Anyone failing to give their reasons after 2 calls without reasonable cause will NOT be allowed to give their reasons and will forfeit the 50 marks.**
2. **NO CARDS OR NOTE BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING**
3. Competitors shall not communicate by word, sign or device with other competitors or onlookers during the time of judging and reason preparation, under penalty of disqualification.
4. Competitors MUST wear White Coats
5. **NO COMPETITOR MAY ENTER THE SAME COMPETITION IN DIFFERENT AGE RANGES.**

**Awards:** The highest individual mark gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the ED Bevan Stockjudging Trophy and NFU Trophy awarded at Junior Field Day. The Martin Harris Trophy.

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

**Representation:** One team of three competitors (one 28 years and under, one 21 years and under, one 16 years and under on 1st September 2023) in each of the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig and Horse Stockjudging sections may represent the county in the Stockjudging competition at the Three Counties Show on Saturday 15th June 2024. After the County Final, the National Final will be held, at the Great Yorkshire Show exact day to confirmed and subject to confirmation by YAS.

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## **Class 10A – Photography: Junior**

**Time:** Signed in by 12 Noon; will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally.  
**Entries:** Open to up to TWO (2) members per club. Competitors to be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

**Marks:**

Each Photograph (up to 20 marks for each)	60
Display	20
Relevance to theme	20
<b>Total per competitor</b>	<b>100</b>

**Rules:**

1. The competitor will be required to produce THREE (3) photographs, 6" x 4" mounted on an **A3 mount board OR foam board** to the theme **"Sunrise to Sunset"**.
2. **DO NOT USE CARD OR PAPER TO DISPLAY.** A link to foam board can be found here: [Foamboard 5mm, A3, White, Pack of 10 : Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies](#) (A pack of 10 will cover one club with a full entry in Classes 10A, 10B and 10C). A link to Mountboard can be found here: [Daler-Rowney Graduate Cream Core A3 Mountboard Pack, 8 x Assorted Colours, Smooth Surface, 1.25mm Thick, Ideal for Student Artists : Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies](#) (A pack of 8 will cover one club with a full entry in Classes 10A, 10B and 10C).
3. **Any exhibit exceeding the maximum measurements will be penalised.**
4. **Photos must be presented on mount or foam board only and NOT in clip presentation frames.**
5. Photographs can be captured using film or digital photography.
6. If digital photography is used as the capture method the photographs **MUST NOT** be digitally enhanced using photographic software on a computer. The preferred printing method would be to print the photos from the memory card using a commercial photo machine.
7. If a photo machine is used the appropriate size can be selected and the image can be turned into black & white, sepia or colour but no other alterations can be done for example cropping images, brightness/contrast, colour restoration/balance or any method which would digitally alter the photo quality.
8. Photos should be self-explanatory but a short sentence or title under each photo would be allowed (10 words maximum) or a three-sentence script (30 words maximum) anywhere on the A3 board. Text should be separate and NOT within a photograph or this will be perceived as being digitally enhanced.
9. The photographs must have been taken by members of a Young Farmers' Club 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and may be trade processed.

**Awards:** The highest individual mark gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the Wyevalle Photographic Cup and the Rally Shield.

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

**Representation:** The top 2 placed entries at the county round will be requested to compete again at the Three Counties Show on Friday 14th June 2024.

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## **Class 10B – Photography: Intermediate**

**Time:** Signed in by 12 Noon; will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally.  
**Entries:** Open to up to TWO (2) members per club. Competitors to be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.  
**Marks:**

Each Photograph (up to 20 marks for each)	60
Display	20
Relevance to theme	20
<b>Total per competitor</b>	<b>100</b>

### **Rules:**

1. The competitor will be required to produce THREE (3) photographs, 6" x 4" mounted on an **A3 mount board OR foam board** to the theme "**A Day On The Ranch**". **Photos used in this competition can not be used in the main exhibit on Rally Day.**
2. **DO NOT USE CARD OR PAPER TO DISPLAY.** A link to foam board can be found here: [Foamboard 5mm, A3, White, Pack of 10 : Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies](#) (A pack of 10 will cover one club with a full entry in Classes 10A, 10B and 10C). A link to Mountboard can be found here: [Daler-Rowney Graduate Cream Core A3 Mountboard Pack, 8 x Assorted Colours, Smooth Surface, 1.25mm Thick, Ideal for Student Artists : Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies](#) (A pack of 8 will cover one club with a full entry in Classes 10A, 10B and 10C).
3. **Any exhibit exceeding the maximum measurements will be penalised.**
4. **Photos must be presented on mount or foam board only and NOT in clip presentation frames.**
5. Photographs can be captured using film or digital photography.
6. If digital photography is used as the capture method the photographs **MUST NOT** be digitally enhanced using photographic software on a computer. The preferred printing method would be to print the photos from the memory card using a commercial photo machine.
7. If a photo machine is used the appropriate size can be selected and the image can be turned into black & white, sepia or colour but no other alterations can be done for example cropping images, brightness/contrast, colour restoration/balance or any method which would digitally alter the photo quality.
8. Photos should be self-explanatory but a short sentence or title under each photo would be allowed (10 words maximum) or a three-sentence script (30 words maximum) anywhere on the A3 board. Text should be separate and **NOT** within a photograph or this will be perceived as being digitally enhanced.
9. The photographs must have been taken by members of a Young Farmers' Club 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and may be trade processed.

**Awards:** The highest individual mark gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the Wyevale Photographic Cup and the Rally Shield.

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

**Representation:** The top 2 placed entries at the county round will be requested to compete again at the Three Counties Show on Friday 14th June 2024.

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## Class 10C – Photography: Senior

**Time:** Signed in by 12 Noon; will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally.  
**Entries:** Open to up to TWO (2) members per club. Competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

**Marks:**

Each Photograph (up to 20 marks for each)	60
Display	20
Relevance to theme	20
<b>Total per competitor</b>	<b>100</b>

**Rules:**

1. The competitor will be required to produce THREE (3) photographs, 6" x 4" mounted on an **A3 mount board OR foam board** to the theme "Back In Time".
2. **DO NOT USE CARD OR PAPER TO DISPLAY.** A link to foam board can be found here: [Foamboard 5mm, A3, White, Pack of 10 : Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies](#) (A pack of 10 will cover one club with a full entry in Classes 10A, 10B and 10C). A link to Mountboard can be found here: [Daler-Rowney Graduate Cream Core A3 Mountboard Pack, 8 x Assorted Colours, Smooth Surface, 1.25mm Thick, Ideal for Student Artists : Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies](#) (A pack of 8 will cover one club with a full entry in Classes 10A, 10B and 10C).
3. **Any exhibit exceeding the maximum measurements will be penalised.**
4. **Photos must be presented on mount or foam board only and NOT in clip presentation frames.**
5. Photographs can be captured using film or digital photography.
6. If digital photography is used as the capture method the photographs MUST NOT be digitally enhanced using photographic software on a computer. The preferred printing method would be to print the photos from the memory card using a commercial photo machine.
7. If a photo machine is used the appropriate size can be selected and the image can be turned into black & white, sepia or colour but no other alterations can be done for example cropping images, brightness/contrast, colour restoration/balance or any method which would digitally alter the photo quality.
8. Photos should be self-explanatory but a short sentence or title under each photo would be allowed (10 words maximum) or a three-sentence script (30 words maximum) anywhere on the A3 board. Text should be separate and NOT within a photograph or this will be perceived as being digitally enhanced.
9. The photographs must have been taken by members of a Young Farmers' Club 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2022 and may be trade processed.

**Awards:** The highest individual mark gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the Wyevalle Photographic Cup and the Rally Shield.

### Information for Subsequent Rounds

**Representation:** The top 2 placed entries at the county round will be requested to compete again at the Three Counties Show on Friday 14th June 2024.

**Rule Changes:** A length of string and clips will be provided on the day to display the A3 boards from. Any members under 18 years of age on the competition day must complete a signed parental consent form and bring a photocopy as well. One is to be handed to the show Office on the morning of the show. The Parental Consent form will be checked and exchanged for a wristband that the competitor MUST wear. Stewards are to check that any members that are Under 18 are wearing a wristband before the start of the competition. The second copy is to be kept hold of by the Under 18 for the duration of the competing day. If a Parental Consent is not handed into the Show Office for a member that is Under 18, they will not be able to compete in the Show.

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## **Class 13 – Cube Exhibit**

**Time:** Signed in by 9.30 am.

**Entries:** Open to ONE (1) entry per club. Competitors to be 28 years or under on 1st September 2022 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition. Any number of members may contribute provided they are of competing age.

**Marks:**

Craft 1 – Floral Art	50
Craft 2 – Cookery	50
Craft 3 – Textile	50
Craft 4 – Natural	50
Craft 5 – Art	50
Attractiveness of Exhibit including external walls	50
Originality & ingenuity	50
Relevance to theme	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>

**Rules:**

1. An Exhibit to depict the theme of a Country of your choice. This theme can be interpreted in any way that the club sees fit.
2. The Club Team is required to exhibit 5 crafts. 1 craft from each of the headings below:
  - a. **Floral Art:** Any item using cut flowers & accessories in a suitable container – floral foam cannot be used. NFYFC will follow the NAFAS Rules i.e. that this class is foam free & alternatives such as eco friendly or non-biodegradable foam must not be used.
  - b. **Cookery/Baking:** This craft will be tasted to must be covered with clingfilm.
  - c. **Textile Handicraft:** Must include British wool knitwear, tailored or crochet for example.
  - d. **Natural Handicraft:** Any item using wood, metal, clay, glass stone or shell for example.
  - e. **Art:** Could include photography, graphic or picture in any medium.
  - f. The exhibit is to be staged on a table measuring **1000mm x 1000mm**, which will be provided – EXHIBITS SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE TABLE MEASUREMENTS. Any exhibit exceeding the maximum measurements will be disqualified. The measurement will be from the outside edges of the external walls of the exhibit. (I.e. Make your exhibit slightly smaller than the maximum dimensions). Any accessories or drapes used on the outside of the external walls of the cube will be included in the overall measurement of the exhibit. The external walls will be taken into account for the attractiveness of the exhibit marks and so should be covered to compliment the overall exhibit. The exhibit must have 3 walls. Exhibits will be measured by the chief steward.
  - g. Battery power is allowed for powering items within the exhibit. The use of car batteries is NOT allowed.

**Awards:** The Rally Shield

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

**Representation:** The top 2 placed entries at the county round will be requested to compete again at the Three Counties Show on Friday 14th June 2024. The National Final will be held at Competitions Day on Saturday, 6th July 2024 at the County Showground Stafford.

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## **Class 23 – Poultry Boning & Jointing**

**Time:** Sign in at 11 am.

**Entries:** Open to up to TWO (2) members per club 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and 10 years or older on the day of the competition.

**Marks:**

	<b>Boning</b>	<b>Jointing</b>	
Preparation of table	5	5	
Cleanliness of carcase	10	10	
Labelling & packing	5	5	
Tying & stuffing	10	-	
Joints of even size	-	10	
Overall cleanliness	10	10	
Finished Appearance	10	10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>

**Rules:**

1. Time allowed will be THIRTY MINUTES for boning and stuffing the bird and TWENTY MINUTES for jointing. Competitors taking over that time will be penalised at a rate of one mark for every thirty seconds or part thereof.
2. Each competitor will be required to Bone and Stuff one trussed bird and a second trussed bird is to be jointed and packed for the freezer. Competitors are to bring their trussed birds as bought from the butchers or supermarket with the giblets removed and not to cut anything off the chickens before the competition. The two trussed birds that competitors provide must each weigh between 1.6kg to 2.0kg.
3. **Procedure – Boning:** Competitors will be required to bone the trussed chicken, stuff and display. Competitors to provide their own stuffing, which may be made beforehand, and the carcase to be displayed.
4. **Procedure – Jointing:** Competitors will be required to remove the wishbone and display, remove both legs and divide into two (4 joints); remove both wings, taking away a little of the breast meat; remove the two breast joints and display joints suitably packed for deep freezing. Carcase to be displayed.
5. The use of newspaper is NOT permitted and any greaseproof paper used must NOT be removed from the table during the competition until directed by the Judge or Steward.
6. Competitors must wear clean white coats and suitable headwear during the competition.
7. Birds will be removed by stewards after judging on the day of the competition.
8. Comment cards will be displayed for the remainder of the Rally day but MUST NOT be removed until after the presentation of awards or the entry will be disqualified.

**Awards:** The Poultry Day Cup, The Domestic Science Cup, The Rally Shield

### **Information for Subsequent Rounds**

**Representation:** The top 2 placed entries at the County Round will be requested to compete again at the Three Counties Show on Sunday 16th June 2024.

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## **Tug of War – 4x4**

**Time:** TBC

**Venue:** Highlands Farm, Brimfield, Herefordshire, SY8 4NY

**Entries:** A team shall consist of EIGHT (8) pulling competitors, 4 male and 4 female. No more than TWO (2) members of a team may be between the ages of 15 and under 17 years on 1st September 2023. The remainder of the team MUST be 17 years or over and 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023.

One Coach is permitted with each team during pulling. Only one Trainer or “Water-Carrier” is permitted with each team. During pulling the Trainer shall take up position well clear of both teams and is not permitted to address any remark to them during actual pulling. Neither the Coach nor Trainer need comply with other rules of eligibility.

**Up to 2 clubs may join together to form a team**

**Rules:**

1. Weighing-In Procedure and Weight Limits
  - a. The 4x4 team will be weighed as one, with a maximum weight of 600kg.
  - b. The competitors will be stamped or marked on a limb in a position easily seen by the Judge, but not easily erased by the rope or competitors clothing.
  - c. At weigh in all team members must have their boots available for inspection by the judges.
2. Substitution
  - a. After a team has pulled the first end of the first match, the team is able to use a substitution. A substitute may replace any one puller for the remainder of the competition (age restriction of team still applies). Substitution may be used for tactical reasons or due to injury.
  - b. Any potential substitutes must (unless otherwise instructed by competition organisers) have been signed in and had their membership card checked prior to pulling in the competition.
  - c. At the time of substitution; both, the puller to be replaced and the substitute must report in full pulling outfit, (shirts, shorts, stockings and footwear) to the Chief Judge/Chief Steward who may designate an official to deal with the substitutes. A small (bathroom type) scale must be available at the pulling area (in a suitable place, on solid surface), to determine the weight difference between the two pullers. The substitute puller must be of equal weight or less than the puller he/she replaces. Directly after the change, the Chief Judge or designated official shall cancel the stamp or marking of the replaced puller, and indicate a similar marking on the substitute, with an indelible marker. This change shall then be recorded.
  - d. Once weighed in, the team weight allowance cannot be improved upon through substitution i.e. increasing the number of females on the team. Any weight bonus must be removed accordingly if the number of females has decreased below the original bonus threshold of the team. Eg. Team = 5 males & 4 females = 600kg (560kg + 40kg bonus). A female puller of 70kg is substituted for a male. The male must weigh 60kg or less (Both in full pulling gear) because the resultant bonus has decreased.
3. Draw and Byes
  - a. Dependent on the number of entries, a league system may be required. This will be decided by the Chief Judge and Chief Steward on the day. There shall be no more than 7 teams in one league.
4. Pulling
  - a. Each team shall pull a match of 2 ends against every other team in the league with points awarded as follows:

Winners in a straight pull (two straight ends)	3 points
Losers in a straight pull	0 (nil) points
Teams winning one end each	1 point each

- a.
  - b. Winning a Pull – a ‘pull’ shall be won when one of the side markings on the rope is pulled over the centre line.

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- c. Leaving go of the Rope – in the event of both teams leaving go the rope before a side tape has been pulled over the side ground farthest from it, 'No Pull' shall be declared and the pull shall not constitute on the requisite on that heat.
- d. If teams are drawing on points at the end of the league; they shall be ranked using the following system until differentiation:
  - i. Results of matches (between the teams drawing on points).
  - ii. Matches won (most matches won).
  - iii. Cautions (least number throughout pulling).
  - iv. Team weight (lowest team weight at weigh in).
  - v. Coin toss or draw
- e. If there is one league; the top 4 teams on points shall enter the semi-final competition as follows: 1st v 4th then 2nd v 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- f. If there are two leagues; the top 2 teams on points from each league shall enter the semi-final competition as follows: League one winner v League two runner up; League two winner v League one runner up
- g. The losers of the semi-finals shall pull off for 3rd and 4th places before the winners of the semi-finals pull off for 1st and 2nd places.
- h. The semi-finals, 3rd/4th pull off and the final matches shall be won by two ends out of three.
5. Boots & Shoes - Competitors' boots must not be "faked" in any way, i.e. THE SOLE HEEL AND SIDE OF THE HEEL SHALL BE PERFECTLY FLUSH – THIS MEANS THE SOLES MUST BE SMOOTH. No metal toecaps or metal toe-plates are permitted. Metal heel tips that are flush on the side and the bottom of the heel are permitted. Refer to attached 'Tug of War Boot Guidelines 2017-18' Document.
6. Rope – the rope shall not be less than 4" and not more than 5" in circumference (10cm minimum, 12½cm maximum) without knots or other holding for the hands and the minimum length not less than 35 metres.
7. Rope Markings – five tapes or markings shall be affixed to the rope as follows:
  - a. A red tape or marking at the centre of the rope which will be level with the ground mark at the start of every pull.
  - b. Two white tapes or markings each 4 metres either side of the red centre tape or marking.
  - c. Two blue tapes or markings each 5 metres either side of the red centre tape or marking.
  - d. The first puller in each team shall grip the rope within 30 cm of these outer blue tapes or markings.
  - e. The white and two outer coloured markings shall be capable of easy adjustment by the Judge in the event of the rope shrinking or stretching.
8. Ground Markings – one line shall be marked on the ground at right angles to where the centre of the rope will be at the start of the competitions.
9. Knots or Loops – no knots or loops may be made in the rope nor may it be locked across any part of the body by any member of a team. Crossing the rope over itself constitutes a loop.
10. Locks – from the start the rope shall be taut. Every pulling member shall hold the rope with both hands by the ordinary grip and the rope shall pass under the armpit. Any other hold, which prevents the free movement of the rope, is a lock and is an infringement of the Rules.
11. Anchor-Man's Grip – upon taking up position the anchor man will place the rope around his/her body in the approved manner. I.e. The rope will pass under one armpit, diagonally across the back and over the opposite shoulder from rear to front. The remaining rope shall pass in a backward and outward direction and the slack shall run free. He/she shall grip the standing part of the rope with both arms extended forward.
12. The Start – when the Judge has received the sign from the two coaches that all is ready, he shall give the teams the following verbal commands:
  - a. 'Pick up the Rope' - at the same time extending his arms forward and horizontally. The rope shall be held as defined in paragraphs 16 and 17 of the Tug of War Association handbook, the feet being flat on the ground.
  - b. 'Take the Strain' - at the same time raising both hands above the head (sufficient strain shall be put on the rope to ensure that it is taut and each man may establish one foothold with the heel or

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side of the boot of the extended foot) - the rope must be steady with the centre mark over the centre line on the ground.

c. 'Pull' – at the same time flinging both arms downwards. Simultaneously both teams should commence.

13. Finishing a Pull – the finish of a pull shall be signalled by the Judge blowing a whistle and pointing in the direction of the team winning the Pull.

14. The Judge – there shall be one Judge who shall have sole control with power to appoint assistants. They shall be responsible for the Rules of the Competition being adhered to. They have the power to: grant reasonable rest periods between pulls and a minimum of six minutes rest to each team between rounds of any competition. To award 'No Pull' in the event of both teams being guilty of infringement (in such cases the pull will be re-taken immediately with no rest period or welfare to competitors being permitted) and to disqualify a team or teams after caution, or disqualify without caution for any offence against the Rules. In the event of a team being disqualified the pull will be awarded to the opposite side.

15. Infringement During Contests – should it be necessary to caution a team for any infringement of the Rules, the Judge shall, in addition to naming the team and calling 'first caution' or 'last caution' also signal such caution by raising his arm to the horizontal position and pointing in the direction of the offenders. Only two official cautions shall be given during any one pull. Any team guilty of any offence meriting a caution after already having received two official cautions in any one pull will be disqualified.

a. Sitting – deliberately sitting on the ground, or failure to return immediately to the pulling position.

b. Leaning – touching the ground with any part of the body other than the feet.

c. Locking the Rope – no knots or loops shall be made in the rope, nor shall it be locked across any part of the body or any member of the team. Crossing the rope over itself constitutes a loop.

d. Grip – any grip other than the ordinary grip as described above.

e. Propping – holding the rope in a position where it does not pass between the body and the upper part of the arm.

f. Position – sitting on a foot or limb or the feet not extended forward of the knee.

g. Climbing the Rope – passing the rope through the hands

h. Anchor Man's Grip – any grip other than described in above

i. Footholds – making indents in the ground in any way before the command "Take the Strain" is given. Thus cleaning the ground by foot or hand is prohibited.

16. Behaviour – there shall be no conduct by word or act likely to bring the sport into disrepute. No member of a team, i.e. coach, trainer or puller, may address any remark to the Judge whilst pulling is in progress. The use of water, for any purpose, is prohibited within the immediate vicinity of the rope. The function of the trainer is to attend to the requirements of the team before, between, and after pulls; he must not speak to his team during a pull. Assistant Judges shall at all times act under the direction of the Judge and shall be responsible to him for inspection of competitors' footwear, checking the ground and rope markings, the laying out of the rope before a competition and its re-alignment after each pull. During actual pulling, each Assistant Judge shall be in a position alongside the competing teams on the opposite side of the rope to the Judge. An Assistant Judge shall not address any remark to the coach or any member of the team unless he is signalled to do so by the Judge. In the event of the Judge signals a caution, the Assistant Judge shall inform the offenders, naming the team and adding 'first caution' or 'last caution'. Any instructions of the Judge conveyed by the Assistant Judge to a team must be clear and brief.

**Awards:** The Sports Cup.

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