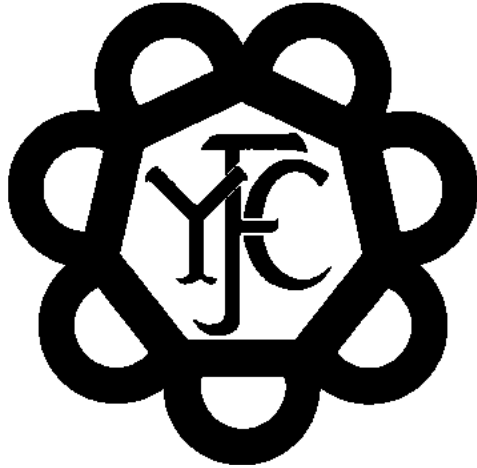


HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG  
FARMERS' CLUBS



**SPRING STOCKJUDGING 2023 – 2024**

on

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

At

**TBC**

**COMPETITION RULES**

Name of Trophy	Contributing Competition/Awarded to
Hereford Time Efficiency Shield	The overall results will count towards the Efficiency Shield – this is the overall competitions trophy for the year
Junior Competitions Cup	
Intermediate Competitions Cup	
The Harris Trophy	

## **IMPORTANT GUIDELINES**

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

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

**9PM ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024. 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) 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.

## HFYFC GENERAL RULES

### **These General Rules are to be adhered to for all HFYFC Competitions**

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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
  - Intermediate – Open to members 21 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
  - Junior – Open to members 16 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **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.

## Classes 7S, 8S & 9S: Stockjudging (Senior Section)

**Time:** Booking in at 9:30am ready to start at 10:00am

**Entries:** Open to up to FOUR (4) members per class 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 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Ring	50
Placing – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ring	50
Reasons: Accuracy of Observation	25
Comparison	15
Style	10
<b>Total per Competitor per Class</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	<b>450 (150 per class)</b>

**Rules:**

1. Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on a minimum of ONE (1) and a maximum of THREE (3) of the following stock:

Class 7S	Beef	Four Commercial Cattle
Class 8S	Sheep	Four Breeding Ewes
Class 9S	Pigs	Four Butchers Pigs

2. Sheep are to be judged as Commercial Breeding Stock. Beef and Pigs are to be judged as Commercial Butchers Animals.
3. Competitors will be allowed TEN (10) minutes to view, handle and place each ring. Senior competitors are also required to give PLACINGS ONLY on the Intermediate ring and will be allowed TEN minutes to view, handle and place this ring. Competitors to note that if only one ring of stock is available for any of the stockjudging classes then the placing mark for that ring will be multiplied by two.
4. After viewing stock, competitors will be allowed a minimum of 10 minutes in which to write their reasons on the cards provided.

5. 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.
6. Competitors taking more than the allotted time for their reasons will be penalised 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.

**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 2022) 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 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Rule Changes:** Competitors please note that the start times of the Stock Judging classes may be delayed if the judging of the animals for Show purposes over-run. Competitors must notify stewards if they are competing in another competition that day so that they can take this into account when competitors are required to give reasons. Please note, individual competitors may only enter one live competition. 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.

## **Classes 7I, 8I & 9I: Stockjudging (Intermediate Section)**

**Time:** Booking in at 9:30am ready to start at 10:00am

**Entries:** Open to up to FOUR (4) members per class 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 per Class</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	<b>300 (100 per class)</b>

**Rules:**

1. Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on a minimum of ONE (1) and a maximum of THREE (3) of the following stock:

Class 7I	Beef	Four Commercial Cattle
Class 8I	Sheep	Four Breeding Ewes
Class 9I	Pigs	Four Butchers Pigs

2. Sheep are to be judged as Commercial Breeding Stock. Beef and Pigs are to be judged as Commercial Butchers Animals.
3. Competitors will be allowed TEN (10) minutes to view, handle and place each ring. Competitors to note that if only one ring of stock is available for any of the stockjudging classes then the placing mark for that ring will be multiplied by two.



4. After viewing stock, competitors will be allowed a minimum of 10 minutes in which to write their reasons on the cards provided.
5. 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.
6. Competitors taking more than the allotted time for their reasons will be penalised 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.

**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 2022) 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 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Rule Changes:** Competitors please note that the start times of the Stock Judging classes may be delayed if the judging of the animals for Show purposes over-run. Competitors must notify stewards if they are competing in another competition that day so that they can take this into account when competitors are required to give reasons. Please note, individual competitors may only enter one live competition. 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.

### **Classes JFD2, JFD3 & JFD4: Stockjudging (Junior Section)**

**Time:** Booking in at 9:30am ready to start at 10:00am

**Entries:** Open to up to FOUR (4) members per class 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 per Class</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	<b>300 (100 per class)</b>

1. Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on a minimum of ONE (1) and a maximum of THREE (3) of the following stock:

Class 7I	Beef	Four Commercial Cattle
Class 8I	Sheep	Four Breeding Ewes
Class 9I	Pigs	Four Butchers Pigs

2. Sheep are to be judged as Commercial Breeding Stock. Beef and Pigs are to be judged as Commercial Butchers Animals.
3. Competitors will be allowed TEN (10) minutes to view, handle and place each ring. Competitors to note that if only one ring of stock is available for any of the stockjudging classes then the placing mark for that ring will be multiplied by two.
4. After viewing stock, competitors will be allowed a minimum of 10 minutes in which to write their reasons on the cards provided.
5. 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.
6. Competitors taking more than the allotted time for their reasons will be penalised 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 marks gained in each class (where a club enters multiple competitors) will be counted towards the E D Bevan Stockjudging Trophy and NFU Trophy awarded at Junior Field Day.

**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 2022) 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 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Rule Changes:** Competitors please note that the start times of the Stock Judging classes may be delayed if the judging of the animals for Show purposes over-run. Competitors must notify stewards if they are competing in another competition that day so that they can take this into account when competitors are required to give reasons. Please note, individual competitors may only enter one live competition. 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.