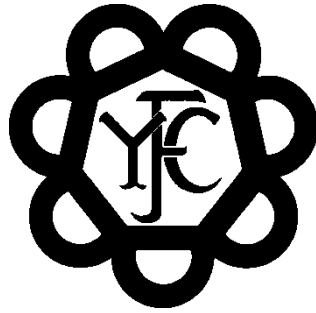


HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS



PRE RALLY 2025

to be held on **Sunday 27th April 2025**
Townsend Farm, Orleton, SY8 4JA

Entrance to the farm:

what3words: [///condition.nipped.signed](https://www.what3words.com/condition/nipped/signed)

Poultry Boning & Jointing

To be held on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**
HFYFC County Office

COMPETITION RULES



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 7TH APRIL 2025. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

We realize 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) A link to the entry form, to be completed via JotForm, has been included. One form to be completed per club and submitted by the deadline.
- d) Any trophies relating to this competition held by any Club member must be returned to the County Office by the above deadline date, along with the entry form.
- e) Please make sure all competitors are aware of the competition rules and times.
- f) **HELPING MEMBERS WITH ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL or LEARNING REQUIREMENTS.** HFYFC seeks the inclusion of the full membership in its endeavors. Should a member require assistance to compete at a County Final due to any additional physical or learning requirements, every effort shall be made to ensure inclusion of any member with dignity, respect and confidentiality. HFYFC requests prior knowledge of assistance required in order to maximize the benefit to the individual.

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



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 1st September 2024
 - Intermediate – Open to members 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2024
 - Junior – Open to members 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2024, 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. Entry of classes where no entry was originally planned

- a) If a club wishes to enter a competition or class for which the club has not submitted an entry to the County Office prior to the date and time specified on the rules, they must request this from the Competitions Chairman or the Chief Steward if on the day of the competition. The Competitions Chairman or Chief Steward have the right to refuse entry to the class as judging time, resources or the schedule may not make this possible. If agreed, the member or club may compete in the class. If their score puts them in contention for a prize card the member may receive the prize card and also be eligible to compete at the next round if appropriate. However, their score will not be counted towards any trophies awarded on the day of the competition or 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 to 60 minutes	5% of total marks per two minutes or part thereof
61 to 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



Competition Timings

Class No.	Competition	Time
2	Rally Sign	Photographic evidence of the sign in situ to be provided by 9pm on Monday 28 TH April 2025.
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
10A	Photography – Junior	<u>Signed in by 9pm on Monday 28th April at the County Office;</u> will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally.
10B	Photography – Intermediate	<u>Signed in by 9pm on Monday 28th April at the County Office;</u> will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally.
10C	Photography - Senior	<u>Signed in by 9pm on Monday 28th April at the County Office;</u> will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally.
23	Poultry Boning & Jointing	Sign in at 6.45pm for 7pm start on Tuesday 22nd April at the HFYFC County Office

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



Class 2: Rally Sign

Time: To be staged by 9pm on Monday 28TH April 2025.

Entries: Open to ONE (1) entry per club. All competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and 10 years or over on the day of the competition.

Marks:

Construction	40
Artwork	80
Content, Effectiveness and Visibility	80
Total	200

Rules:

1. Clubs are to make and display a sign promoting the 2025 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 0.6m² (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 before rally day but **photographic evidence of the sign in situ must be submitted to the County Competitions email (competitions@hfyfc.org.uk) and County Administrator (countyadmin@hfyfc.org.uk) by 9pm on Monday 28TH April 2025.** 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 16th May 2025). 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 are to be brought to the site the evening before (Friday 16^h May 2025 by 8:30pm) when exhibits are brought. They will need to be booked in by 10:30am on Rally Day. Any signs not booked in and displayed will be penalised according to the HFYFC General Rules.

Awards: The Rally Shield



Class 3A: NFYFC Farm Machinery Skills (Loader Tractor & Tipping Trailer)

Time: Once entries are received, a full timetable for the day will be released.
Venue: Townsend Farm, Orleton
Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per club whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.
Marks:

Loader Tractor and Trailer	100
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Certificates/Licenses Required:

- 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).
- Failure to provide the requested certificates will result in the team being disqualified and not allowed to compete.**

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 1: Tractor and Muck Spreader**
 - Equipment required: Tractor (approx. 100-150 hp); 2. A small tipping trailer, typical size 6 tonnes.
 - 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 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 reverse the trailer to a specified position and operate the trailer to full tipping height to simulate unloading.
 - Competitor to return along the simulated road, and park and unhitch the trailer in its original position. Competitor to answer questions about regulations for driving tractors and trailers on the road.
 - 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 31st May 2025 at Kennilworth Show, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 5th July 2025 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.
- 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.



Class 3B: NFYFC Farm Machinery Skills (Tractor & Power Harrow)

Time: Once entries are received, a full timetable for the day will be released.
Venue: Townsend Farm, Orleton
Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per club whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.
Marks:

Tractor with PTO driven implement	100
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Certificates/Licences Required:

- Task 2: Tractor & power harrow:** Competitor requires a UK driving licence with category F entitlement. This must be produced on the day of the competition in order to participate in this task. (The category F entitlement can be gained at 16; but is automatically entitled with passing the car driving test).
- Failure to provide the requested certificates will result in the competitor being disqualified and not allowed to compete.**

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 2: Tractor & power harrow**
 - Equipment required: Tractor (approx. 150-200 hp); 2. A power harrow, typically 3-4metres.
 - Competitor is required to carry out the daily maintenance and safety check on a tractor with power harrow prior to the commencement of the task. The competitor is to carry out a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the tasks they will be completing. Competitor to demonstrate changing a blade of the pasture topper – must provide suitable tools.
 - Hitch the tractor to the power harrow ready for work. The competitor is then required to change 2 tines. Once the changes have been made, to the satisfaction of the judge, the competitor will be required to take the tractor and power harrow to the field and set or adjust ready for work. Return the tractor and power harrow to their original positions, including unhitching. .

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 31st May 2025 at Kennilworth Show. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 5th July 2025 at the County Showground, Stafford.

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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.



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

Time: Once entries are received, a full timetable for the day will be released.
Venue: Townsend Farm, Orleton
Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per club whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 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 stewards 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 operator's 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. Small bale of straw/hay. 3. Bag of animal feed 20-25kg.
 - The competitor(s) 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. Ideally this will include a long run (approx. 50 metres) so the competitor can demonstrate ability at higher speeds than basic manoeuvring speeds.
 - The competitor(s) will then load and secure the bale and bag of feed onto the ATV. Competitor to decide and explain their decisions as to how to load the 2 items.



- A competitor will drive the ATV through a part of the same course as instructed by the judge, bearing in mind the change in handling characteristics of the loaded ATV. (It is not necessary to complete the whole course again)
- The competitor(s) will then unload the ATV and drive 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 TBC. 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. Saturday 31st May 2025 at Kenilworth Show After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 5th July 2025 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.



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

Time: Once entries are received, a full timetable for the day will be released.
Venue: Townsend Farm, Orleton
Entries: Open to ONE (1) member per club whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 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 stewards on the day of each round of the competition. All teams to provide their own First Aid kit.
- 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 themselves 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 TBC. 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. West midlands Area finals are to be held on Saturday 31st May 2025 at Kennilworth Show. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 5th July 2025 at the County Showground, Stafford.



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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.



Class 4 – NFYFC Fence Erecting

Time: 11am

Venue: Townsend Farm, Orleton

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 1st September 2024 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 & plain wire	25
Joint in netting and plain wire	10
Written risk assessment	5
TOTAL	100

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.

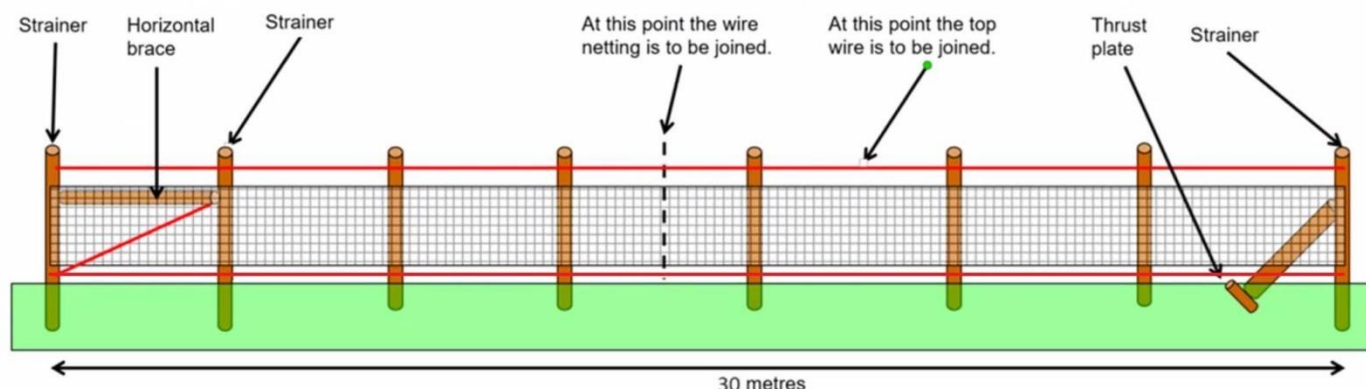
PLEASE NOTE – only one vehicle per team will be permitted to park on the field where the competition will take place

Procedure:

- 1.1 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 is 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 wire to net 75mm (3"), net 800mm (31.5"), net to top wire 100mm (4"), overall height 1050 mm (41.5").
 - 1.3.2. The intermediate posts shall be at equal spacing.
- 1.4 It shall be constructed of post and netting with 1 strand of plain wire below and 1 strand above the netting.
 - 1.4.1. There shall be 1 strand of plain wire 75mm (3") above the ground, and the netting shall be 75mm (3") above this.
 - 1.4.2. There shall be 1 strand of plain wire above the netting, set at 100mm (4") above the top of the netting.
 - 1.4.3. Netting and wire shall be secured to the end strainers using a recognised knot.
- 1.5 At one end of the fence there will be a box strainer assembly using a horizontal strut and diagonal brace wire as per diagram.
 - 1.5.1. 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.
 - 1.5.2. The horizontal brace shall be morticed into the strainers on both ends.
- 1.6 At the other end of the fence there should be a strainer with a diagonal strut.
 - 1.6.1. 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.
 - 1.6.2. 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.
 - 1.6.3. 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.
- 1.7 Wire joints
 - 1.7.1. All joints to be made during the competition. No joining aids will be permitted.
 - 1.7.2. A join in the netting should be made by hand approximately in the middle of the length.
 - 1.7.3. A join in the plain 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**



- 1.8 Only materials supplied by the organisers are to be used for Area & National Finals, see list of materials below.
- 1.9 Only hand tools will be allowed and the teams themselves must provide these. No power tools or chainsaws are allowed.
- 1.9.1 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.
- 1.10 Competitors are not allowed to shorten any of the vertical posts.
- 1.11 The Judge reserves the right to inspect any strut following completion of the task.
- 1.12 All teams are required to dismantle their fence after the Judges have completed all judging (The thrust plate must be out of the ground).
- 1.13 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) 1800mm x 125mm x 75mm (72" x 5" x 3")
- 35 metres of X-Knot High Tensile wire netting
- 90 metres of plain wire-
- 10 x nails 5mm x 150mm (6") nails
- Staples

3. Timings:

- 3.1 3 hours will be allowed
- 3.2 To note that once the time of 3 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**

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 TBC. 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. Area finals are to be held on Saturday 31st May 2025 at Kennilworth Show After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on Saturday, 5th July 2025 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 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:

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

NFYFC Fence Erecting – Risk Assessment Template

Item	Activity (Description of activity and associated hazards)	Risk Evaluation (No controls)			Safety precautions (Details of preventative or control measure for each hazard)	Residual Risk Evaluation (With Controls)		
		P	S	R		P	S	R
1	Mild steel wire tensioned beyond breaking point causing eye damage	3	4	A	Wear suitable eye protection	3	2	C
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								

Consequences

A; Hazard **MUST** be eliminated or avoided, work NOT to proceed.
 B; Risk **MUST** be controlled by physical safeguards.
 C; Risk **MUST** be controlled so far as is reasonably practicable.
 #; Risk is adequately controlled / insignificant.

	S1	S2	S3	S4
P1	#	#	#	C
P2	#	#	C	B
P3	#	C	B	A
P4	#	B	A	A

Probability [P]
 1; Improbable
 2; Remote
 3; Possible
 4; Probable

Severity [S]
 1; Negligible
 2; Minor
 3; Severe
 4; Extreme

Risk Level [R]



Class 10A – Photography: Junior

Time: Signed in by 9pm on Monday 28th April at the county office; will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ENTRIES CAN BE BROUGHT TO PRE RALLY IF CLUBS PREFER**

Entries: Open to up to TWO (2) members per club. Competitors to be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 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
Total per competitor	100

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 **"The Circle Of Life"**.
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. A length of string & clips will be provided on the day to display the A3 boards from.
6. Photographs can be captured using film or digital photography.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The photographs must have been taken by members of a Young Farmers' Club 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 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 13th June 2025.



Class 10B – Photography: Intermediate

Time: Signed in by 9pm on Monday 28th April at the county office; will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ENTRIES CAN BE BROUGHT TO PRE RALLY IF CLUBS PREFER**

Entries: Open to up to TWO (2) members per club. Competitors to be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 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
Total per competitor	100

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 **"The Hills Are Alive"**.
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. A length of string & clips will be provided on the day to display the A3 boards from.
6. Photographs can be captured using film or digital photography.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The photographs must have been taken by members of a Young Farmers' Club 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 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 13th June 2025.



Class 10C – Photography: Senior

Time: Signed in by 9pm on Monday 28th April at the county office; will be judged before Rally & displayed at Rally. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ENTRIES CAN BE BROUGHT TO PRE RALLY IF CLUBS PREFER**

Entries: Open to up to TWO (2) members per club. Competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 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
Total per competitor	100

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 **"Capturing The Magic Of Music"**.
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. A length of string & clips will be provided on the day to display the A3 boards from.
6. Photographs can be captured using film or digital photography.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The photographs must have been taken by members of a Young Farmers' Club 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 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 2025.



Class 23 – Poultry Boning & Jointing

Time/Date: Tuesday 22nd April - Sign in at 6.45pm to start at 7pm prompt.

Venue: HFYFC County Office

Entries: Open to up to TWO (2) members per club 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and 10 years or older on the day of the competition.

Marks:

	Boning	Jointing	
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	
Total	50	50	100

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 photographed by stewards and prize cards & comments will be displayed on rally day
8. Competitors will be required to take their entries home with them after the competition

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 (1 aged u28, 1 aged u21) will be requested to compete again at the Three Counties Show on Sunday 15th June 2025.

