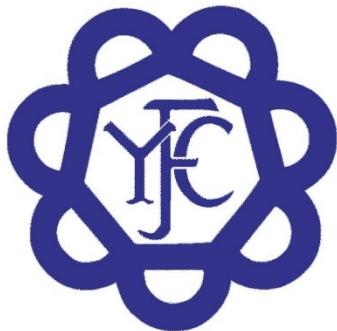


HEREFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS



LIVE AND CARCASE STOCK JUDGING 2025

On

Sunday 19th October 2025

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

Live to be held at: Stall House, Vowchurch, Hereford, HR2 0QD

By kind permission of the Layton Family

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COMPETITION RULES

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

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

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

9PM ON MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2025. 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) The deadline for memberships to be fully processed for competitors will be Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 12 noon
- c) Two sets of schedules are enclosed for each Club. A booklet set is for the Club Secretary's reference and the A4 stapled set is for dismantling and passing on rules to the competing members, you may need to copy extra.
- d) One entry form is enclosed per Club. This is for completion and to be returned to the County Office by the deadline, you can make a copy for your records in the back of the booklet copy where the entry form is included or please ask for a spare form to fill in. You can also complete an online copy from email or the website.

All rules and entry forms are emailed to Club Chairmen and Secretaries in advance and posted out if not collected from the Office by a Club Representative.

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

TROPHIES

Trophy Name	Contributing Competitions/Awarded to
No trophies are awarded for this competition	The Martin Harris Trophy for Overall Stock Judging

COMPETITION TIMETABLE

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

HFYFC GENERAL RULES

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 2025
 - Intermediate – Open to members 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2025
 - Junior – Open to members 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2025, 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.

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 and 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.

AUTUMN LIVE AND CARCASE JUDGING COMPETITION RULES

CLASS 1 - PIG JUDGING (LIVE & CARCASE)

1. Open to up to 4 teams of 3 from each Club, 1 age 28 years, 1 age 21 years and 1 age 16 years of age and under on 1st September 2025. The same competitor may compete in all three classes – pigs, lambs and beef - but may ONLY compete in ONE age category in each class.
2. Each competitor will assess **ONE RING OF LIVE PIGS** in the afternoon session and afterwards give reasons on the live animals. In the morning session each competitor will judge the **CLASS OF CARCASES**. The live inspection and the carcase judging will be regarded as two separate sections of the competition, the marks being added together.
3. The carcases and the live animals will be designated A, B, X and Y.
4. In the carcase judging competitors will be required to arrive at their placings by using the following scale of marks as an aid:

Conformation

Legs, short-boned and well filled	30
Loin width and fullness inc. eye muscle	30
Colour of lean, not too dark and texture fine-grained	5
Fat	
Depth of fat over legs and loin – correct proportions	20
Depth of fat on breasts in correct proportion	10
Ribs, light with high lean to fat ratio	5
TOTAL	100

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

7. TIMING FOR EACH RING

Live Assessment

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

Carcase Judging & Classification

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

8. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards.
9. When stating reasons, competitors may use only the notes section on the official cards provided. These notes are intended for reference only and the competitors who read their notes verbatim to the Judges will be penalised.

10. SCALE OF MARKS

Live Reasons

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

Carcase Reasons

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

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

AUTUMN LIVE AND CARCASE JUDGING COMPETITION RULES

CLASS 2 - LAMB JUDGING (LIVE & CARCASE)

1. Open to up to 4 teams of 3 from each Club, 1 age 28 years, 1 age 21 years and 1 age 16 years of age and under on 1st September 2025. The same competitor may compete in all three classes – pigs, lambs and beef - but may ONLY compete in ONE age category in each class.
2. Each competitor will assess **ONE RING OF LIVE LAMBS** in the afternoon session and afterwards give reasons on the live animals. In the morning session each competitor will judge the **CLASS OF CARCASSES**. The live inspection and the carcase judging will be regarded as two separate sections of the competition, the marks being added together.
3. The carcases and the live animals will be designated A, B, X and Y.
4. In the carcase judging competitors will be required to arrive at their placings by using the following scale of marks as an aid:

Confirmation

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

Fat

Depth of fat over legs and loin – correct proportions	20
Depth of fat on breasts in correct proportion	10
Ribs, light with high lean to fat ratio	5
TOTAL	100

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

Live Assessment

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

Carcase Judging & Classification

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

8. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards.
9. When stating reasons, competitors may use only the notes section on the official cards provided. These notes are intended for reference only and the competitors who read their notes verbatim to the Judges will be penalised.

10. SCALE OF MARKS

Live Reasons

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

Carcase Reasons

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

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

AUTUMN LIVE AND CARCASE JUDGING COMPETITION RULES

CLASS 3 - BEEF JUDGING (LIVE & CARCASE)

1. Open to up to 4 teams of 3 from each Club, 1 age 28 years, 1 age 21 years and 1 age 16 years of age and under on 1st September 2025. The same competitor may compete in all three classes – pigs, lambs and beef - but may **ONLY** compete in ONE age category in each class.
2. Each competitor will assess **ONE RING OF LIVE BEEF CATTLE** in the afternoon session and afterwards give reasons on the live animals. In the morning session each competitor will judge the **CLASS OF CARCASES**. The live inspection and the carcase judging will be regarded as two separate sections of the competition, the marks being added together.
3. The carcases and the live animals will be designated A, B, X and Y. **Depending on the abattoir the beef carcases may be quartered, i.e. cut in half lengthways and cut in half again between the hindquarter and the forequarter which will be hanging separately.**
4. In the carcase judging competitors will be required to arrive at their placings by using the following scale of marks as an aid:

Conformation

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

Fat

Distribution of fat throughout carcase	10
Amount of fat over eye muscle	15
Amount of fat over brisket	5
Colour, quality and texture of fat (<i>e.g. white/creamy/yellow/firm/oily</i>)	10
Total	100

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

Live Assessment

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

Carcase Judging & Classification

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

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

9. When stating reasons, competitors may use only the notes section on the official cards provided. These notes are intended for reference only and the competitors who read their notes verbatim to the Judges will be penalised.

10. SCALE OF MARKS

Live Reasons

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

Carcase Reasons

Placing	50
Accuracy of reasons	25
Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
Carcase Total	100
Live and Carcass total	200

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