

WORCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
PLOUGHING MATCH 2009-10

VENUE: At Sutton Park Farm, Sutton, Nr Tenbury Wells

DATE: Saturday 26 September 2009. Competitors to report to the Stewards by 09.30 am for plot numbers. Ploughing to commence at 10.00am.

POINTS: Awarded to the Competitors in the Match will count towards the JACK HOLMES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP to be awarded to the best YFC Ploughman in the County.

CLASSES:

Class 1 Open to Competitors 26 years of age or under on 1 September 2009. **Conventional 2 or more furrows.**

Class 2 Open to Competitors 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2009. **Conventional 2 or more furrows.**

Class 3 Open to Competitors 26 years of age or under on 1 September 2009. **Reversible Plough.**

Class 4 Open to Competitors 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2009. **Reversible Plough.**

NB Competitors may only enter for one of the above classes.

ALL COMPETITORS MUST PRODUCE THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. COMPETITORS MUST BE 16 AND OVER. Competitors must hold either a full Driving Licence or Tractor Licence, together with a Valid Certificate of Insurance, which must be produced on the day of the competition.

DANGEROUS OR RECKLESS DRIVING WILL BE PENALISED, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.

NO ALCOHOL MUST BE CONSUMED BEFORE OR DURING THE COMPETITION.

THE HOST CLUB ACCEPT NO LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR INJURY HOWEVER CAUSED BY A COMPETITOR OR PERSON AT THE MATCH.

TROPHIES:

The E W NEWBOULD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the best Competitor in any of the classes **1 - 4**.

The E B and I N HIGGS CUP for the Best Competitor in the Senior Conventional Class.

The GORDAN CROXTON MEMORIAL TROPHY for the Best Competitor in the Junior Conventional Class.

The D P PARDOE CUP for the Best Competitor in the Senior Reversible Class.

The G A NOTT CUP for the Best Competitor in the Junior Reversible Class.

The WYTHALL CUP for the Best Competitor Classes **1 or 2**

The A R LANE CUP for the Best Individual Competitor who has not previously competed in any County YFC Ploughing Match.

The F H BURGESS CUP for the Junior Champion (**Classes 2 and 4**)

PRIZE CARDS: Will be awarded to Competitors placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each Class.

ENTRY FEE: £5.00 per Competitor

ENTRY FORMS: Completed entry forms, together with the correct Entry Fee must reach County YFC Office by Monday 14 September 2009. **NO LATE ENTRIES.** Entries will only be accepted for those members for whom there is a Membership form in the County Office.

RULES FOR ALL CLASSES:

1. Conventional and reversible Competitors will be required to plough a given plot in 4 hours. Then a quarter of an hour will be allowed for splitting out.
2. Competitors must sign in by 09.30 am ready to commence work at 10.00 am. Any Competitors arriving late will lose that much time in the Competition. Ploughing must be completed by 2.00 pm and marks will be deducted at the rate of 1 mark for each minute over the time allowed.
3. Competitors will draw for place in their Class, but latecomers will forfeit this privilege and will be required to join on at the end of the plots.
4. Competitors will be expected, after they have finished the Competition, to help with the ploughing of headlands and any unused plots.
5. The Judges' decision in all cases will be final, and all rules strictly enforced.
6. Except at the opening and finish all ploughing shall be to a minimum depth of 6 ins (15cm) for Conventional and 8 ins (20cm) for Reversible.
7. **In the interest of safety, no passenger will be allowed to ride on the tractors, tractor draw-bars or ploughs. This rule will be strictly enforced.**

8. Drawing on headlands forbidden. NO shining of ploughs on the day. It is forbidden to draw any scratch or mark on the headlands with a plough, and on no account must any plough be put into the ground on the headlands, either before the start or at anytime during the course of the Competition.
9. No assistance except setting and removing sight poles.
10. Sighting and Setting Out. The use of a guide line, footmarks, sods or anything else instead of, or in addition to, the four permitted poles is forbidden.
11. After the completion of "Setting Out" no person other than the Competitor, Judges and authorised officials will be allowed on any plot.
12. The ploughing of the crown shall comprise 6 heavy furrows each side.
13. No shaping of furrows by hand or hand-held instruments, by treading or other manipulation will be allowed.
14. In ploughing no extraneous attachments may be used, such as are applied directly to the furrow slice. Also, no fins nor knives may be fitted to the mouldboard other than a standard flat tailpiece as normally fitted. Plough breasts not to exceed 4' 6". (Measured from tip to share to edge of mouldboard) as manufactured and not adapted. Manufacturers' breast extensions will be allowed.

CONVENTIONAL RULES

15. In stubble ploughing, Competitors must make an opening split at the "setting out". The strip must be well cut through and deep enough so that no land is left unturned in the middle of the ridge. First a split must be made in which the rippling is turned out, then, in the reverse direction thus ensuring all the land is cut. After this, ploughing begins and no handling is permitted.
 - a) At least 6 heavy furrows on each side of crown.
 - b) No ploughboards to be lifted or removed after commencement of work.
 - c) Minimum depth to be reached by second time around crown.
 - d) When a Competitor has an end plot, he shall be allowed 10 minutes extra time for setting out sight poles in order to plough a dummy run.

REVERSIBLE RULES

16.
 - a) All furrows to be turned in the same direction (i.e. toward the next highest number) except for split out.
 - b) First split must be made in which the rippling is turned out in the opposite direction to all subsequent furrows.
 - c) At least 8 furrows must then be turned against the split in the direction of the next highest number.
 - d) After 8 furrows have been completed the next run is made against the neighbour plot (next highest number) and from there one-way ploughing proceeds till the plot is completed with a Finish against where the original split was made.
 - e) When a Competitor has an end plot, he shall be allowed 10 minutes extra time for setting out sight poles in order to plough a dummy run.

17. BREACH OF PLOUGHING RULES:

A Competitor committing an infringement of the rules shall, in the first instance, receive a warning and automatically forfeit 5 marks. Upon a second infringement, the Competitor will be disqualified by the Judges. It must clearly be understood that if the minimum requirements for the ploughing as stated are not complied with, then the offending Competitor's work will be heavily penalised. The Stewards have the sole responsibility and authority to deduct points as penalties against infringements of the Rules.

18. Last furrow must be thrown towards the crown. Only one tractor wheel mark allowed for on the cast-off which shall be made in the normal course of ploughing.
19. The following scale of marking will be used:-

Opening	20
Start	20
Seed Bed	20
Firmness	20
Uniformity	20
Finish	20
Ins and Outs	20
General Appearance	20

Total marks per Competitor	160

ENTRY FORM FROM _____ YFC for PLOUGHING
COMPETITION 2009

Enclosed £5.00 entry fee per competitor

NAME ENTERED	MEMBERSHIP NO.	CLASS
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TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED: _____

This entry form must be returned to County Office by 14th September 2009