



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
Competitions Programme 2010/11

Status	Final
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	Eliminator



Working for British Dairy Farmers

National "Young Stockjudge of the Year"
RULES

Competition Aim

To provide members with the opportunity to put their training to the test by judging high quality live stock and presenting their findings to industry experts. Members then have the opportunity for feedback and advice from the industry experts.

Learning outcomes

Judging skills including: observation, understanding of the make-up of the animal, market demands.
Communication skills, presentation skills and personal development skills.

- DATE & VENUE** – To be confirmed.
- REPRESENTATION** - Counties may enter up to **eight** competitors in the Area Eliminators per 600 members or part thereof.

English Areas and Wales will be represented by **TWO** competitors per 3,000 members or part thereof in the Competition Final.
- ELIGIBILITY** - Competitors must be **16** years of age or under on 1 September 2010 and a full member of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.

Competitors are required *in person* to produce on the day of each round of the competition (County, Area and National) their current and signed Membership Card, with suitable photo-ID, or a fine of **£10** will be imposed for non-production.
- SUBSTITUTION** - If the competitor through to the National Final has to withdraw from the competition, then the next highest placed competitor from the Area Round will be invited to represent the Area. NFYFC must be notified at the earliest opportunity if a competitor is unable to attend the National Final.
- HEALTH & SAFETY & CHILD PROTECTION** – All competitions carried out at every level must comply with Health and Safety Legislation and meet the relevant safety standards.

The completion of a Parental Consent form for members under the age of 18, **and a form for completion by the accompanying senior member** to be completed and returned to NFYFC no later than 5 working days prior to the competition. It is the responsibility of the County Federation to ensure these forms are completed and returned in good time.
- PROCEDURE**
 - AREA EVENT**
 - Competitors will be required to judge four rings of stock (4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Butchers Lambs, 4 Bacon or Pork Pigs) and each member will give Reasons on all four rings of stock.

- b) Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, X, Y.
- c) Competitors will be required to complete a simple multi-choice Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire.

FINAL EVENT

- a) Competitors will be required to judge four rings of stock (4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Commercial Breeding Ewes, 4 Butchers Pigs) and give Reasons on all four rings of stock.
- b) Competitors will be required to complete a simple multi-choice Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire.

7. TIMING – AREA ROUNDS AND FINAL

- a) Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes to judge each ring of stock and 5 minutes for preparing cards and handing to stewards.
- b) Competitors will be allowed up to 2 minutes for stating their Reasons on each ring of stock to the Judge. Competitors exceeding this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of 2 marks for each 15 seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.
- c) The Chief Steward will allocate an appropriate time for the questionnaire.

8. SCALE OF MARKS

Stockjudging:	Placing 4 rings x 50	200
	Reasons 4 rings x 50	200
	Questionnaire	100
	 Marks per Competitor	 500

9. AWARDS

Area Event: Areas to organise their own awards if they wish

Final: **HSBC Challenge Trophy**, RABDF Prize Card and NFYFC Award to the winner

RABDF Prize Cards and NFYFC Awards to competitors placed 2 and 3.

NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to competitors placed from 1 to 10.

NOTES:

1. **IMPORTANT:** Competitors are reminded to read carefully the General Rules relating to National Competitions if they are taking part in this Competition. These are available from the NFYFC website.
2. NFYFC will provide all judging cards for the Area Rounds and Final.
3. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards and the questionnaire provided.
4. 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.
5. NFYFC reserve the right to amend the Rules relating to the stock to be used for the National Final if circumstances dictate.

6. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges and Stewards under penalty of disqualification.
7. Competitors must provide themselves with white coats, which must be worn during the period of the competition and at the Presentation of Awards.
8. This competition **WILL** carry points towards the NFU Trophy.
9. Members will be disqualified if they are not at the Presentation of Awards without prior permission being granted.