



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

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	Eliminator



Working for British Dairy Farmers

National "Stockman of the Year" Competition

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.

- 1. DATE & VENUE** - After Area Eliminators – to be confirmed.
- 2. REPRESENTATION** - Counties may enter up to **eight** competitors in the Area Eliminators per 600 members or part thereof.  
  
Areas will be represented by **TWO** competitors per 3,000 members or part thereof in the Competition Final.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY** – The Competitors must be 26 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. HEALTH & SAFETY & CHILD PROTECTION** – All competitions carried out at National 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**, is the responsibility of the County Federation and must be available on the day of the competition.

**6. PROCEDURE**

**AREA EVENT**

- 1. a)** Competitors will be required to judge four rings of stock (4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Butchers Lambs, 4 Bacon or Pork Pigs - *subject to availability*) and each member will give Reasons on all four rings of stock.
- b)** Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, X, Y.

2. Competitors will be required to complete an Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire, which will be provided by NFYFC.
3. Timing: -
  - a) Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes to judge each ring of stock and 30 minutes to complete the Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire.
  - b) Competitors will be allowed up to 2 minutes for stating their Reasons on each ring of stock to the judge. Competitors who exceed this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of two marks for each fifteen seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.

4. Scale of Marks: -			
Stockjudging:	Placing 4 rings x 50	200	
	Reasons 4 rings x 50	200	
Animal Health & Husbandry Questionnaire		100	
Per competitor			<u>500</u>

### FINAL EVENT

1. a) Competitors will be required to complete a Written Project on Stock Management including Animal Health and Production Records. The Project to be submitted to NFYFC three weeks prior to the date of the Final. **If competitors competed in the NFYFC final previously, they are not to submit their project on the same livestock as the most recent previous project.**
  - b) Competitors will be interviewed on the content of their Project.
  - c) Competitors will be questioned by a Veterinary Surgeon on animal health, first aid and husbandry.
2. a) Competitors will be required to:-
  - i) Select four breeding heifers from a group of six for producing butchers beef.
  - ii) Select four breeding ewes from a group of six for producing butchers lambs.
  - iii) Select four butchers pigs from a group of six.
  - iv) Select four dams for breeding dairy herd replacements from a group of six.

NOTE: All rings will operate simultaneously.

- b) To give observations on all six animals in each group to justify your choice.

3. Timing: -
  - a) Competitors will be allowed 15 minutes to observe each ring of stock and 5 minutes to prepare cards for the stewards.
  - b) Competitors will be allowed up to 3 minutes for stating their Observations on each ring of stock to the Judge. Competitors who exceed this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of two marks for each fifteen seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.
  - c) The interviews on the written project and Animal Health and First Aid will each be of approximately 20 minutes duration.

### 7. SCALE OF MARKS -

Selection of Stock	4 rings x 40	160	
Observation on Stock	4 rings x 60	240	
Style (presentation of competitor)	4 rings x 10	40	
Written Project		100	
Interview		100	
Animal Health, First Aid & Husbandry		100	

**8. AWARDS -**

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

Final: ***The HSBC Silver Salver***, RABDF Prize Card and NFYFC Award to the winner

RABDF Prize Cards and NFYFC Awards to competitors placed second and third.

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 Observation Cards provided.
4. NFYFC reserve the right to amend the Rules relating to the stock to be used for the National Final if circumstances dictate.
5. When giving Observations, 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.
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.