

WORCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

HEDGING COMPETITION 2011-12

- VENUE:** Cowsden Hall, Upton Snodsbury, Worcs, WR7 4NZ - **TBC**
- DATE:** Saturday, 7 January 2012. Booking in at 9.30am to commence hedging at 10.00am.
- POINTS:** Awarded count towards the County Championship Shield only
- TROPHIES:** The S. Millichip Perpetual Challenge Cup (to be awarded to the Individual Champion of any of the four classes).
The S. Millichip Junior Championship Cup (to be awarded to the Junior Champion in either class 1(b) or 2(b)).
The David Jones Trophy for the stint showing the best growth, to be judged fourteen months after the Hedging Match.
- ENTRY FEE:** £10.00 per competitor, which includes lunch.
- ENTRY FORMS:** Completed entry forms together with the correct Entry Fee must be returned to County Office by Monday, 5th December 2011.
- KEY SKILLS:** Improving own learning and performance.
- OUTCOMES:** Enjoy & achieve, positive contribution, economic well being.

RULES:

1. **Classes:**

i) **Midland Style:**

Class 1 (a) Senior. Open to members 26 years of age and under on 1 September 2011.

Class 1 (b) Junior. Open to members 21 years of age and under on 1 September 2011.

ii) **Welsh Border Style:**

Class 2 (a) Senior. Open to members 26 years of age and under on 1 September 2011.

Class 2 (b) Junior. Open to members 21 years of age and under on 1 September 2011.

ALL COMPETITORS MUST PRODUCE THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARDS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

2. **Midland Style Competitors:** will be required to stake, lay and heather 9 yards in the most workmanlike manner in five hours. For Senior Competitors, marks will be deducted at the rate of 1 mark for every 2 minutes taken over the time allowed. For Junior Competitors, marks will be deducted at the rate of 1 mark for every 5 minutes taken over the time allowed.
3. **Welsh Border Style Competitors:** will be required to ditch, stake, lay and heather 8 yards in the most workmanlike manner in 5 hours. For Senior Competitors, marks will be deducted at the rate of 1 mark for every 2 minutes taken over the time allowed. For Junior Competitors, marks will be deducted at the rate of 1 mark for every 5 minutes over the time allowed. **Above times to be strictly adhered to by the Stewards.**
4. Competitors must assemble at 9.30am ready to commence work at 10.00am promptly. Any Competitor arriving late will lose that much time in the Competition. Competitors arriving late will also have to go to the end of the line and will not have the privilege of drawing for their stint.
5. Competitors must bring their own tools, and must use the stakes and heatherings provided. **COMPETITORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THEIR OWN STAKES AND HEATHERINGS.** Chain saws may be used only if the Competitor holds a Certificate, which **MUST BE PRODUCED** on the day.
6. When laid, the height of the hedge must not be less than three feet.

7. Any Competitors receiving assistance or advice during the Competition will be disqualified, or have marks deducted at the Judge's discretion. (Any Competitors considered incompetent by the Chief Steward will be disqualified). The Judge's decision will be final on all matters.

8. Competitors will be expected after they have finished the Competition to help with the completion of any unused stints.

9. The following scale of marking will be observed:-

<u>Midland Style</u>		<u>Welsh Border Style</u>	
Cutting and Pleaching	35	Ditch and Bank	20
Staking and Binding	25	Back of Hedge	20
Back of fence	20	Pleaching and Laying	20
General Appearance	20	Front and Staking	20
		Uniformity and Top	20
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ENTRY FORM from _____ YFC for HEDGING COMPETITION 2011-12.

Number of Entries for **Midland Style Hedging** _____

Name	Membership No.
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Number of Entries for **Welsh Border Style Hedging** _____

Name	Membership No.
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Enclosed _____ £10.00 Entry Fee per Competitor which includes lunch.

This entry form to be returned to County Office by **Monday 5th December 2011**.