



# Worcestershire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

## WORCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

### BRAINSTRUST COMPETITION 2018-19 (10 – 21 years old)

**VENUE:** Droitwich High School, Briar Mill, Droitwich, WR9 0AA

**DATE:** Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**ENTRY FEE:** £11 per competitor

**ENTRY FORMS:** Completed entry forms together with the correct Entry Fee must be returned to County Office by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**REPRESENTATION:** A team shall consist of 4 members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2018 and full members of a Club affiliated to the WFYFC.

**OUTCOMES:** Public speaking skills; effective listening, confidence and communication skills including relevance, range of discussion.

Entry Form from \_\_\_\_\_ YFC for the Brainstrust  
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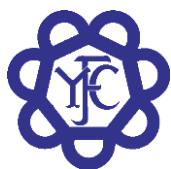
**Team:**

Name	Membership Number

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Club Officer)

**This entry form to be completed and returned to County Office by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**





## **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

### **Competitions Programme 2018 – 19**

NFYFC Braintrust (21 & Under)

## **RULES**

### **COMPETITION AIM**

Team, public speaking competition. To encourage members aged 21 and under to actively discuss chosen topics on rural affairs and general knowledge, answer questions on that topic and summarise accordingly.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Public speaking skills; effective listening, confidence and communication skills including relevance, range of discussion.

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules**. Further information can be found at <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/CompetitionsResources/competitionsresources> **these rules to be read in conjunction with the 'How to' Guide available from NFYFC.**

### **1. DATE AND VENUE**

- 1.1. After Area Rounds, Northern and Southern Regional Finals will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019.
- 1.2. After the Regional Finals, the National Final will be held at Competitions Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Stafford County Showground.

### **2. REPRESENTATION**

- 2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in the Area Final.
- 2.2. Areas will be represented in the Regional Final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)
- 2.3. Regions will be represented at the National Final (after Regional Finals) by one County team per 6,000 members or part thereof. **(Northern 2; Southern 2; Wales 1)**

### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1. A team shall consist of 4 members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2018 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

### **4. SUBSTITUTION**

- 4.1. If two or more of the original team are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent the Area.
- 4.2. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

### **5. PROCEDURE**

- 5.1. The team shall consist of a Chairman and a panel of three members. Draw for order of appearance will be made prior to the day. All competitors must be present 20 minutes before going onto the platform; the Chairman will be given a choice of sealed envelopes. One will be chosen which will contain six question topics, three of a general knowledge and three on rural affairs, from which he/she will select three for discussion by the team. One question must be selected from each section plus one other. The Chairman will have no prior communication with the team about the questions he/she has selected to be discussed. **No written communication on the topics to be discussed may be given to the**



**Panel or any use of a mobile phone at any time.** The penalty will be automatic disqualification.

- 5.2. The Chairman will be responsible for introducing the panel to the audience, putting each question to the panel, summarising their answers, concluding the meeting, timing, control of the panel and coverage of each question.
- 5.3. The competition should be treated as a formal meeting.
- 5.4. Competitors may make their own notes FOR REFERENCE on the platform, but excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used while on the platform.

## 6. TIMING

- 6.1. Twenty (20) minutes will be allowed each team from the commencement of the Chairman's introduction and the teams will be expected to keep to the timing stated.
- 6.2. Time penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.

## 7. SCALE OF MARKS

Chairman	Opening introduction & handling questions	10
	Handling of panel including timing	15
	Summing-up of discussions	10
	Closure of Meeting	5
	Ability and style	10
		<b>50</b>
Panel	Quality, relevance & range of discussion	20
	Each question: Co-operation and team work	15
	35 x 3	<b>105</b>
Panel	General deportment and style	15
Overall	Audibility	10
	Overall impression of team	20
		<b>45</b>
	TOTAL	<b><u>200</u></b>

- 7.1. The judges will have before them a duplicate copy of the question topics from which the selection was made for the team that is competing.

## 8. AWARDS

### 8.1. NFYFC Final

- 8.1.1. At the National Final the team placed 1<sup>st</sup> will be awarded **Ministry of Agriculture Cup** and Prize Cards
- 8.1.2. Teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded Prize Cards
- 8.1.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members at the National Final

### 8.2. NFYFC Regional Finals

- 8.2.1. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on the day of the Regional Finals

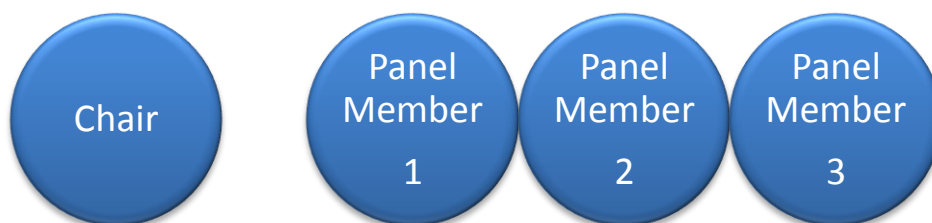


NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members taking part in the Regional Finals

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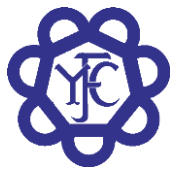
### **"How to" Guide – Braintrust**

- 1.1. **The Panel** made up 4 team members – (advisable that the Chair does not sit amongst the panellists)



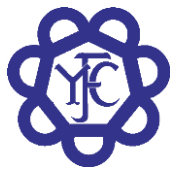
1.2. **Format**

Timing	Chair	Panel Member 1	Panel Member 2	Panel Member 3
Start	Welcome & introduction of Panellists (approx. 2 minutes)			
02:00	Introduce First Question to the panel, repeat the Question & invite Panel Member 1 to comment			
02:10		Thanks Chair & responds to Question 1 (approx. 30 seconds)		
02:40	Chair thanks Panel Member 1 for contribution & asks Panel Member 2 the same Question			
02:50			Thanks Chair & responds to Question 1 (approx. 30 seconds)	
03:20	Chair thanks Panel Member 2 for contribution & asks Panel Member 3 the same Question			



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03:30				Thanks Chair & responds to Question 1 (approx. 30 seconds)
04:00	Chair thanks Panel Member 3 for contribution & then on the same question will ask further secondary questions to different panel members to keep the flow of the question alive and ensure the panel debate the Question (approx. 2 minutes)	*might be asked a secondary question to answer – important that all panellists don't agree best when 2 agree and 1 disagrees		
06:00	Chair calls Question 1 to a close – thanks each panellist for their contribution & summarises by drawing a conclusion (approx. 1 minute)			
07:00	Introduce Second Question to the panel, repeat the Question & invite Panel Member 2 to comment – repeat Q1 format	*3 <sup>rd</sup> to comment	*1 <sup>st</sup> to comment	*2 <sup>nd</sup> to comment
09:00	Chair thanks Panel Member 1 for contribution & then on the same question will ask further secondary questions to different panel members to keep the flow of the question alive and ensure the panel debate the Question (approx. 2 minutes)	*might be asked a secondary question to answer – important that all panellists don't agree best when 2 agree and 1 disagrees		
11:00	Chair calls Question 2 to a close – thanks each panellist for their contribution & summarises by drawing a conclusion (approx. 1 minute)			



12:00	Introduce Third Question to the panel, repeat the Question & invite Panel Member 3 to comment – repeat Q format as before	*2 <sup>nd</sup> to comment	*3 <sup>rd</sup> to comment	*1 <sup>st</sup> to comment
14:00	Chair thanks Panel Member 2 for contribution & then on the same question will ask further secondary questions to different panel members to keep the flow of the question alive and ensure the panel debate the Question (approx. 2 minutes)	*might be asked a secondary question to answer – important that all panellists don't agree best when 2 agree and 1 disagrees		
16:00	Chair calls Question 3 to a close – thanks each panellist for their contribution & summarises by drawing a conclusion (approx. 1 minute)			
17:00	Chair's Final remarks with summary, thank all panellists & bring the meeting to a close (approx. 2 minutes)			
19:00	END	*Maximum of 20 minutes – the above timings are a guide - time penalties apply if you go over time		

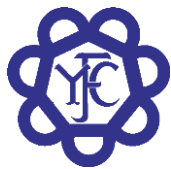
## 1.3. Role descriptions

### Chair:

The Chair ensures the meeting flows and are responsible to keep to time.

(No individual time penalties but if the team go over 20 minutes in total then time penalties will apply)

**Prior to Competition** – Ensure that you keep abreast of Rural and General Affairs in the news



- 20 minutes before the competition you will pick an envelope and be asked to choose the three questions you will ask the panellists during the competition. When picking your questions think carefully about your team members (panellists) and their strengths and weaknesses as the questions could be key to how well you score on each debate
- You will be kept separate from your team. Use this time to plan some potential secondary questions for each main question. This will help you to keep the debate flowing well if the panel give short answers during the competition

## **The Competition**

- You will have an air of authority – but keep the panel and audience relaxed, remaining in control and attentive throughout
- In your introduction you have approx. 2 minutes to set the scene for the audience – the event they are attending and why, briefly introduce yourself and the Panel Members in the order they are sat and make them feel welcome
- Introduce the questions to the panel, always repeating the question to give the panel time to think before requesting an answer from each member in turn
- Keep the flow of the questions moving – ensure you have secondary questions ready to ask to ensure the debate on each question is healthy. Can interact with panel members but must not put own views across for any question
- At the end of time for each question bring the question to a close by summarising the key points from each panel member, don't be afraid to interrupt the panel if deep in discussion as timing is key to this competition and the questions should be debated for a similar length
- At the end of all three questions summarise all three for the panel. Thank each panel member for their contribution add your final comments and formally close the meeting

## **The Panellists:**

(The three Panellists have no individual timings and all contribute to the overall timing of the meeting)

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## **The Competition**

- You are a panel member for the evening to take part in debating some points (questions) that are asked to you by the Chair
- It is important to have done some research prior to the competition as the questions asked will be topical and relevant – either rural affairs or general current affairs
- Allow as much of your personality to show through as possible





- Give ideas, opinions and views and take a stance on the question – either agree with the point or disagree with the point, but in both cases ensure you have reasons why
- Ensure that at least one panel member disagrees with the point each time as this will create debate between those who have differing opinions (this is where you can score well). This can mean that you will have to put forward a view on a point that is the opposite view to your personal opinion
- Where possible link your response to relevant other news that you know, personal stories or possible examples
- Remember to listen to your Chair – if you are in the throes of a heated debate the Chair may need to stop you mid flow to ensure you keep to time, listen to them and stop as it may cost you if you don't

*Note: if you have never seen anything like this before a good example of a strong Chair and Panellist initial thoughts to questions, watch Question Time BBC1 10.45pm on a Thursday. (Not always the best example of how panellists should act during debates though)*