**WORCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS’ CLUBS**

**Braintrust – (10-21 yrs old) COMPETITION 2016-17**

**VENUE:** Droitwich High School, Briar Mill, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire,

WR9 0AA

**DATE:** **Sunday, 4th December 2016 at 9:30am**

**POINTS:** Awarded will count towards the County Championship Shield only.

**ENTRY FEE:** £15

**ENTRY FORMS:** Completed entry forms together with the correct Entry Fee must be returned to County Office by Monday 31st October 2016

**ELIGIBILITY:** A team shall consist of 4 members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2016 and full members of a Club affiliated to the WFYFC.

**PROCEDURE:** Please see attached WFYFC rules

**OUTCOMES:** Communication skills, presentation skillsand personal development skills.

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Entry Form from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_YFC for the Braintrust (10-21 yr olds) Competition 2016-17

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

**This entry form to be completed and returned to County Office by Monday 31st October 2016**

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS’ CLUBS

**Competitions Programme 2016 - 17**

*Status* FINAL

12 July 2016

Eliminator

# **NFYFC Brainstrust (21 & Under)**

### R U L E S

**Competition Aim**

To encourage members aged 21 or under to work as a team and develop their public speaking skills.

**Learning outcomes**

Communication skills, presentation skillsand personal development skills.

1. **DATE AND VENUE**
   1. After Area and RegionalFinals, the National Final will be held at Competitions Day on Saturday 1st July 2017 at Stafford County Showground.
   2. Regional Finals will be held on Northern and Southern Regional Final Saturday, 18th March, 2017. Venue to be confirmed.
2. **REPRESENTATION**
   1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in the Area Final.
   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 2, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 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**
   1. A team shall consist of 4 members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2016 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
4. **SUBSTITUTION**
   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.
5. **PROCEDURE**
   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 nature 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.

* 1. 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.
  2. The competition should be treated as a formal meeting.
  3. 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.

1. **TIMING**
   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.
   2. Time penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.
2. **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

**50**

Panel Quality, relevance & range of discussion 20

Each question: Co-operation and team work 15

35 x 3 **105**

Panel General deportment and style 15

Overall Audibility 10

Overall impression of team 20

**45**

TOTAL **200**

* 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.

1. **AWARDS**
   1. **NFYFC Final**
      1. At the National Final the team placed 1st will be awarded ***Ministry of Agriculture Cup*** and Prize Cards
      2. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd will be awarded Prize Cards
      3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members at the National Final
   2. **NFYFC Regional Finals**
      1. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to teams placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd on the day of the Regional Finals
      2. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members taking part in the Regional Finals
2. **Note**
   1. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.