



Worcestershire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

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HEDGING COMPETITION 2019-20

- VENUE:** TBC
- DATE:** Sunday, 16th February 2020. Booking in at 9.30am to commence hedging at 10.00 am. N.B. These dates are subject to the weather conditions being right.
- 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:** £17 per competitor, which includes lunch. **Holding Cheque of £20 per team**
- ENTRY FORMS:** Completed entry forms together with the correct Entry Fee must be returned to County Office by **Monday 6th January 2020**
- KEY SKILLS:** Improving own learning and performance.
- OUTCOMES:** Enjoy & achieve positive contribution.

Entry Form from _____ YFC for Hedging Competition 2019-20.

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

Name	Membership Number

Number of Entries for **Team of 2** (please state style) _____

Name	Membership Number

Enclosed _____ £17 per competitor, which includes hot lunch. **Holding Cheque of £20 per team**
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RULES:

1. **Classes:**

l) **Midland Style:**

Class 1 (a) Senior. Open to members 26 years of age and under on 1 September 2019.

Class 1 (b) Junior. Open to members 18 years of age and under on 1 September 2019.

Class 1 (c) Team. Open to a team of 2 people 26 years and under on 1 September 2019

All Competitors must produce their Membership Cards. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

1. **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.
2. 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.
3. 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.**
4. When laid, the height of the hedge must not be less than three feet.
5. 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.
6. Chainsaws can be used only by members over the age of 18, and if the user holds and produces on the day a certificate of competence relevant to the size and complexity of the material being cut.

Chainsaw user **must** provide and wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE-Eye protection, hearing protection, leg protection, Chainsaw boots or gaiters & steel toe caps) and work a manner in line with HSE guidance which can be found at : <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg317.pdf>

Machine must be in good repair with all guards and safety devices in place and functioning.

It is the final decision of the Competition Lead as to if Chainsaw use will be permitted on the day.

7. Competitors will be expected after they have finished the Competition to help with the completion of any unused stints.
8. The following scale of marking will be observed:-

<u>Midland Style</u>	
Cutting and Pleaching	35
Staking and Binding	25
Back of fence	20
General Appearance	20

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