**WORCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS’ CLUBS**

**HEDGING COMPETITION 2016-17**

**VENUE:** Little Owl Farm Park, Owl Hill Lane, Dunhampton, Worcestershire, DY13 9SS

**DATE:** **Sunday, 26th February 2017. 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:** £15 per competitor, which includes lunch.

**ENTRY FORMS:** Completed entry forms together with the correct Entry Fee must be returned to County Office by **Monday 6th February 2017**

**KEY SKILLS:** Improving own learning and performance.

**OUTCOMES:**  Enjoy & achieve positive contribution.

**RULES:**

1. **Classes:**

 I) **Midland Style:**

 Class 1 (a) Senior. Open to members 26 years of age and under on 1 September 2016.

 Class 1 (b) Junior. Open to members 21 years of age and under on 1 September 2016.

 Class 1 (c) Team. Open to a team of 2 people 26 years and under on 1 September 2016

 **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.

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:-

 **Midland Style**

 Cutting and Pleaching 35

 Staking and Binding 25

 Back of fence 20

 General Appearance 20

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Entry Form from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_YFC for Hedging Competition 2016-17.

Number of Entries for **Individual Midland Style Hedging** \_\_\_\_

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

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Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_£15.00 Entry Fee per Competitor which includes lunch.

**This entry form to be returned to County Office by Monday 6th February 2017**