**WORCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS’ CLUBS**

**STOCKMAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2017-18**

**VENUE:** TBC

**DATE:** **Sunday, 25th February 2018**

 **Booking in at 9.30am to commence judging at 10.00am**

**POINTS:** Awarded will count towards the County Championship Only.

**TROPHY:** The Sue Verity Shield for highest placed Individual

 The David Jones Cup for highest placed Team

**ENTRY FEE:** £5per competitor which is non-refundable.

**TEAM:** Clubs may enter one team of four people, aged 10 – 26 years

**ENTRY FORMS:** Completed entry form together with the correct entry fee must be returned to County Office **by Monday 5th February 2018**.

**KEY SKILLS:** Communication, application of numbers, working with others, improving own learning and performance, problem solving.

**OUTCOMES:** Judging skills including: observation, understanding of the make-up of the animal, market demands, communication skills, presentation skillsand personal development skills.

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Entry Form from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_YFC for the Stockman of the Year Competition 2017-18.

Enclosed Fee: ......... (£5 per competitor)

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

**This entry form to be completed and returned to County Office by Monday 5th February 2018**

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS’ CLUBS

*Status FINAL*

*08.07.2017*

**Eliminator**

**Competitions Programme 2017 – 18**

# **NFYFC Stockman of the Year**

# **26 & under**

**R U L E S**

**Competition Aim**

To provide members with the opportunity to judge high quality livestock and present to industry experts. Members then receive feedback and advice from the industry experts.

**Learning outcomes**

Judging skills including: observation, understanding of the make-up of the animal, market demands, communication skills, presentation skillsand personal development skills.

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules**. Further information can be found at [**http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/CompetitionsResources/competitionsresources**](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/CompetitionsResources/competitionsresources)

1. **DATE & VENUE**
	1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Stockjudging Weekend at a venue to be confirmed on 1st and 2nd September 2018.
2. **REPRESENTATION**
	1. Counties may enter up to **eight** competitors in the Area Finals per 600 members or part thereof.
	2. Areas will be represented by **two** competitors per 3,000 members or part thereof in the National Final. (Northern Area 4, Eastern Area 2 and East Midlands 2, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 4, South East Area 2 and Wales 4)
3. **ELIGIBILITY**
	1. The Competitor must be 26 years of age or under on 1st September 2017 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
4. **SUBSTITUTION**
	1. If the competitor through to the National Final has to withdraw from the competition, then the next highest placed competitor from the Area Round will be invited, by the Area Committee, to represent the Area. NFYFC must be notified at the earliest opportunity of the substitution.
	2. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**
5. **PROCEDURE**

***NOTE: All competitors and competition organisers to note on-farm/action market bio-security controls and advise participants and stewards ahead of the event. For example suitable footwear for footbaths.***

* 1. ***AREA FINAL***
		1. Competitors will be required to judge four rings of stock (4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Breeding Ewes, and 4 Butchers Pigs - *subject to availability*) and each member will give reasons on all four rings of stock.
			1. If pigs are unavailable for use they can be substituted by 4 Butchers Lambs.
		2. Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, X, Y.
		3. Competitors will be required to complete Animal Health and Husbandry tasks, which will be provided by NFYFC.
	2. **SCALE OF MARKS FOR AREA FINAL**

Stockjudging: Placing 4 rings x 50 200

Reasons 4 rings x 50 200

Animal Health & Husbandry Questionnaire 100

**Total per competitor**  **500**

* 1. Competitors will be required to complete a Written Project on Stock Management including Animal Health and Production Records. **The Project to be submitted to NFYFC two weeks prior to the date of the Final**. If a competitor has competed in the NFYFC final in a previous year, they are not to submit their previous project.
	2. Competitors will be interviewed on the role of a stockman.
	3. Competitors will be questioned by a Veterinary Surgeon on animal health and husbandry and will be required to demonstrate practical tasks as directed by the Veterinary Surgeon.
	4. Competitors will be required to:
		1. Place and give reasons on six beef animals judged as butchers animals
		2. Place and give reasons on six breeding ewes judged for breeding potential
		3. Place and give reasons on six butchers pigs judged for slaughter (should access to pigs be limited then it may be necessary to substitute with butchers lambs)
		4. Place and give reasons on six dairy animals as productive animals
		5. Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, C, X, Y, Z. All rings will operate simultaneously.
		6. Competitors will be allowed 15 minutes to observe each ring of stock and at least 5 minutes to prepare reasons.
		7. Competitors will be allowed up to 3 minutes for stating their reasons on each ring of stock to the Judge. Competitors who exceed this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of two marks for each fifteen seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.
		8. The interviews on the written project and animal health will each be of approximately 20 minutes duration.
	5. **SCALE OF MARKS FOR NFYFC FINAL EVENT**

Placing of Stock 4 rings x 48 192

Accuracy and Reason 4 rings x 32 128

Comparison and Style 4 rings x 20 80

Written Project 100

Interview 100

Animal Health & Husbandry 100

**TOTAL** **700**

1. **TIMINGS:**
	1. Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes to judge each ring of stock and at least 5 minutes for preparing reasons.
	2. Competitors will be allowed up to 2 minutes for stating their reasons on each ring of stock to the judge. Competitors who exceed this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of two marks for each fifteen seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.
	3. Competitors will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes to complete the Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire.
2. **AWARDS**
	1. Area Event: Areas to organise their own awards if they wish
	2. Final: ***The HSBC Silver Salver*** and NFYFC Prize Card to the winner. NFYFC Prize Cards to competitors placed 2nd and 3rd. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to competitors placed from 1st to 10th
3. **NOTES**
	1. NFYFC will provide all judging cards for the Area Rounds and Final.
	2. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the Placing Cards and questionnaires provided. They must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges and Stewards under penalty of disqualification.
	3. NFYFC reserve the right to amend the Rules relating to the stock to be used for the National Final if circumstances dictate.
	4. When stating placings, Competitors may use only the NOTES SECTION on the official cards provided. These notes are intended for reference only and the competitors who read their notes verbatim to the Judges will be penalised.

## Competitors must provide themselves with white coats, which must be worn during the period of the competition and at the Presentation of Awards. Club, County and Sponsor logos are permitted on either the front or the back of the coats.