

SOUTH WEST AREA YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

CORNWALL, DEVON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, DORSET, SOMERSET,
WILTSHIRE.



COMPETITIONS DAY 2024

SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2024

**AT LACKHAM FARM, LACKHAM CAMPUS, LACOCK,
CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE SN15 2NY (satnav use SN15 2NX)**

Barbeque, Ice Creams and refreshments available throughout the day

Directions –

From M4 leave at junction 17 and take the A350 around Chippenham and on towards Melksham. The main entrance (front drive) is off of the A350 (on left) at a roundabout before you get to Lacock signs (you do not need to go into Lacock). At the end of the drive (before you go past the main house), turn right for the Farm.

From South – A303, turn off onto the A350. Follow A350 through Warminster, Melksham and on towards Chippenham. The main entrance (front drive) for Lackham is on right at A350 roundabout approx 1 mile past Lacock and Whitehall Garden Centre. At the end of the drive (before you go past the main house), turn right for the Farm.

TIMETABLE for the day	Start time	
Junior Stockman	10.00am	Book in from 9.30am
Senior Stockman	10.00am	Book in from 9.30am
Cube Exhibit	Set up from 9.00am	So can do stockjudging or sport too! To be ready for judging at 10.30am
Fence Erecting	10.00am	book in from 9.30am
Auctioneering	10.30am	<i>All competitors. 10.30am. View lots. 20 mins to write up. Judge will be given time to score their Cataloguing and values. Auction of lots at 12noon</i>
Farm Skills	10.00am	
<i>To be drawn when entries known</i>	10.45am	
<i>Please notify if any Farm Skills</i>	11.30am	
<i>Entrants are in Tug of War too</i>	12.15pm	
	1.00pm	
Mixed Dynamos Cricket <small>(13 – 16)</small>	11.00am	book in from 10am
Mixed Volleyball <small>(17 - 28)</small>	11.00am	book in from 10am
TOW weigh in from	1.00pm	
Junior Tug of War	2.30pm	
Ladies Tug of War	2.30pm	
Mens Tug of War	2.30pm	

Competitors may only enter **ONE** from the mornings competitions (Stockman, Farm Safety Skills, Auctioneering, Fence erecting or any Sports), but they can do Tug of War as well if they are in your winning teams.

NOTES The South West Area YFC is an inclusive organisation that encourages and supports the participation of all our members. If you require any additional support or resources to participate effectively in any element of this competition, please contact the office two weeks prior to the competition to allow us to work with you so that specific arrangements can be made.

LATE WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRIES

- No deposits will be required from county teams prior to the competition.
- However, withdrawals or cancelations made in the two (2) weeks before the day of the final will result in an administration charge of £25 and if a team withdraws within 48 hrs of the start of the competition final it will result in an administration charge of £40.
- All administration charges are invoiced to County Federations and not the team/individual.

JUDGES DECISION AND COMPLAINTS

- The Judges' decision is final.
- Written notification of intention to lodge a complaint or to dispute the result must be received by the Chief Steward on the day of the competition no later than 1 hour of the results being announced.

Following the above, the detail of the complaint or dispute of the results must be received in writing to Cornwall YFC, Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge, Cornwall, PL27 7JE within 3 working days of the competition final.

Official complaints or disputes can be made by Competitors (finalists) or County Chair's only.

EXPENSES

The South West Area YFC is not responsible for any expenses incurred by competitors or for arrangements for accommodation or travel.

GENERAL RULES

Health & safety & safeguarding

All competitions carried out at every level must comply with Health and Safety and Safeguarding legislation and meet the relevant safety standards.

All competitors must be a paid up member of the County they are representing, with a valid membership card for insurance purposes.

All Under 18 members must complete a South West Area Parental Consent form, and also a form to be completed if being supervised by a YFC member over the age of 21 (and not the parent/guardian)

It is compulsory that members under the age of 18 carry a copy of the completed Parental Consent form with them on the day of the South West Area final.

It is the responsibility of the County Federation to ensure these forms are completed and returned in to South West Area Host County no later than 10 working days prior to the competition.

Please Note: South West Area will not accept responsibility for any members under the age of 18 who have not produced their Parental Consent Form either in advance to the South West Area Host County or on the day of the South West Area Final. If the relevant forms are not received by the time of the South West Area Final then, in accordance with the Federation's Safeguarding Policy, members will not be allowed to take part.

Membership cards

All competitors will be required to produce on the day of each round of the competition their Current membership card this can be either downloaded onto their phone or a printed hard copy. A valid card will state the number of the County for which the member is able to compete for.

All competitors must be registered on the NFYFC Silo Database on or before the County Round of any competition they compete in. This rule applies to any substitutes that are used at any round of a competition. This rule also applies to members in their last year of competition, where the NFYFC Final falls into the following year. Associate members, although not eligible to compete in competitions, must hold a current membership card to compete in the NFYFC Finals held on or after 1 September 2023 for the competition they competed in the previous membership year.

Failure to produce a membership card on the day of a competition will require the member to pay a £20 fine and prove their ID. Members aged 18 or over will need to confirm their ID using another form of photo-ID and member's under 18 will be identified via another form of photographic ID or the parental consent forms submitted prior to the competition. For all Sport Competitions ensure to read the rules carefully as this point will not apply.

ALL SPORTS ARE A NO CARD = NO PLAY POLICY.

A Member who fails to produce their card on the day of a competition must, within 7 days of the competition, confirm that they are a member of a YFC Club affiliated to the NFYFC. If this is not confirmed to the South West Area (southwestareayfc@hotmail.co.uk), the competitor/the whole team will be automatically disqualified from the competition and marks will be re-awarded accordingly. The South West Area Committee reserves the right to ask all YFC competitors to show another form of identification that clearly states the competitor's date of birth.

Please Note: In the absence of a County Round, members must be signed up on the NFYFC Silo Database prior to the first round that the member/team competes in a competition.

Representing one YFC Club only

Spirit of fair competition within YFC. Members can only compete for one YFC Club when participating in NFYFC Competitions programme in any given year (1 September – 31st August) even if they hold more than one membership card.

This rule should be applied by County Federations – at the district/county rounds of the competitions throughout the year. This maintains the spirit of fair competition within YFC. To be clear each Club is affiliated to one County Federation and the County Federation fits within one of the Areas.

A County Federation may enter a composite team at any round of the competition, provided all competitors are signed up on the NFYFC Silo Database on or before the date of the County final or first round they compete at.

Please Note - Area Committee's may apply to the NFYFC Competitions Steering Group Chair for a special dispensation, to allow an Area Composite Team (made up of County Federation's within that Area only) to compete in an NFYFC Final. No NFU Trophy points can be awarded to an Area Composite Team.

Participation in NFYFC competition finals

NFYFC is an inclusive organisation that encourages and supports the participation of all our members. If you require any additional support or resources to participate effectively in any element of this competition please contact the South West Area Host County two weeks prior to the competition final to allow us to work with you so that specific arrangements can be made.

Judges decisions and complaints

The Judges' decision is final.

Written notification of intention to lodge a complaint or to dispute the result must be received on the day of the competition no later than 1 hour of the results being announced; this must be given to Chief Steward of Event (if available) or alternatively the Steward of the Competition.

Following the above, the detail of the complaint or dispute of the results must be received by emailing southwestareayfc@hotmail.co.uk within 3 days of the competition final

Official complaints or disputes can be made by Competitors (finalists) or County Chair's only.

Official complaints will be dealt with by South West Area Chairman, South West Area Secretary and South West Area Weekend Secretary within 7 days of receipt of the complaint and will communicate back in writing.

South West Area reserves the right to pass this complaint to NFYFC if not resolved within the specified time. The writer of the complaint will be notified if this is required.

Amendments - South West Area reserve the right to amend or cancel any of the rules.

Expenses - South West Area is not responsible for any expenses incurred by competitors or for arrangements for accommodation or travel.

Behaviour and Material Content

Unacceptable behaviour by competitors or supporters of teams which brings YFC into disrepute; or which may be deemed to adversely affect other competitors/performances will be penalised.

YFC Members are reminded that material of a questionable nature should not appear in any performance or speech. Material of a questionable nature will be penalised.

As per minutes of the members meeting on 13th August 2023

Numbers of entries from each county for comps.

Due to changing county membership numbers and recent issues, it was agreed these should be looked at annually at the august meeting and a proposal made for each AGM. Agreed proposal for this AGM as follows August 2023 membership numbers:

Cornwall: 869 Devon: 1,819 Dorset: 337 Gloucestershire: 403

Somerset: 747 Wiltshire: 269 TOTAL: 4,444

Entertainments/Drama/Panto

- 1 team per county initial entry
- If 3 teams enter, Cornwall, Somerset and Devon are invited to enter a second team.
- If 4 teams enter only Devon (as the county with over 1,800 members) is invited to enter a second team. • No more than 6 total teams. If there is 1 vacant space.

Tug of war and (The Performance Arts) singing and dance

- 1 team per 600 members being: • Cornwall (2), Devon (4), Dorset (1), Gloucestershire (1), Somerset (2), Wiltshire (1)

Other speaking competitions, sports teams, all other competitions day competitions

- 1 team per county per the old gentleman's agreement.
- At SWA 1 member can enter 1 team speaking competition AND 1 individual speaking competition AND JMOY/SMOY MAXIMUM

COMPETITION RULES:

Young Stockman of the Year 18&u

RULES

Competition Aim

To provide YFC members with the opportunity to put their training to the test by judging high quality livestock and presenting their findings to industry experts. Members are then provided with constructive feedback and advice from the industry experts for their future development.

Learning outcomes

Judging skills including: observation, understanding of the make-up of the animal and market demands. Communication, presentation and time keeping skills.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions**.

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources> along with the **AHDB Guide to Stockjudging and Video**.

- **DATE & VENUE**

- After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Stockjudging Weekend at a venue to be confirmed on Sunday 1st September, 2024.
- The Meat Identification Questionnaire will be completed online (via Zoom) on Thursday 29th August, 2024.

- **REPRESENTATION**

- Counties may enter up to **eight** competitors in the Area Eliminators per 600 members or part thereof.
- Areas will be represented by **two** competitors per 3,000 members or part thereof in the Competition Final. (Northern Area 4, Eastern Area 2 and East Midlands 2, West Midlands Area 2, South West Area 4, South East Area 2 and Wales 4)

- **ELIGIBILITY**

- The Competitor must be 18 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

- **SUBSTITUTION**

- 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.
- **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

- **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.

1.1. **AREA EVENT**

- 1.1.1. Competitors will be required to judge four rings of stock (4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Commercial Breeding Ewes, and 4 Butchers Pigs) and each member will give reasons on all four rings of stock.
- 1.1.1.1. If pigs are unavailable for use they will be substituted by 4 Butchers Lambs.
- 1.1.2. Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, X, Y.
- 1.1.3. Competitors will be required to complete a simple multi-choice Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire.

1.2. **FINAL EVENT**

- 1.2.1. Competitors will be required to:
- 1.2.1.1. Place and give reasons on four beef animals judged as butchers animals
- 1.2.1.2. Place and give reasons on four breeding ewes judged for breeding potential
- 1.2.1.3. Place and give reasons on four butchers pigs judged for slaughter (should access to pigs be limited then it may be necessary to substitute with butchers lambs)

- 1.2.1.4. Place and give reasons on four dairy animals as productive animals
- 1.2.2. Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, X, Y.
- 1.2.3. Competitors will be required to complete a simple multi-choice Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire.
- 1.2.4. Competitors will be required to identify cuts of meat.

2. TIMING – AREA ROUNDS AND FINAL

- 2.1. Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes to judge each ring of stock and at least 5 minutes for preparing reasons.
- 2.2. Competitors will be allowed up to 2 minutes for stating their reasons on each ring of stock to the Judge. Competitors exceeding this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of 2 marks for each 15 seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.
- 2.3. Competitors will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes to complete both the Animal Health and Husbandry questionnaire and meat identification task.

3. SCALE OF MARKS

AREA ROUNDS

Stockjudging:	Placing on 4 rings (4 x 50)	200
	Reasons on 4 rings (4 x 50)	200
Questionnaire		100
Total marks per competitor		500

NATIONAL FINAL

Stockjudging:	Placing on 4 rings (4 x 50)	200
	Reasons on 4 rings (4 x 50)	200
Questionnaire		100
Identify cuts of meat		100
Total marks per competitor		600

4. AWARDS

- 4.1. Area Event: Areas to organise their own awards if they wish
- 4.2. Final:
 - 4.2.1. HSBC Challenge Trophy and NFYFC Prize Card to the winner.
 - 4.2.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to competitors placed 2nd and 3rd
 - 4.2.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all competitors
 - 4.2.4. At the National Final a special award will be given to those receiving the most marks in the Meat and Questionnaire element of the competition.

5. NOTES

- 5.1. NFYFC will provide all judging cards for the Area Rounds and Final.
- 5.2. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards and the questionnaire provided.
- 5.3. When stating reasons, 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.
- 5.4. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges and Stewards under penalty of disqualification.
- 5.5. Mobile phones are not to be used once the competition has started – if found to be using them this will be an automatic disqualification.
- 5.6. 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.

Stockman of the Year 27 & under

RULES

Competition Aim

To provide YFC members with the opportunity to put their training to the test by judging high quality livestock and presenting their findings to industry experts. Members are then provided with constructive feedback and advice from the industry experts for their future development.

Learning outcomes

Judging skills including: observation, understanding of the make-up of the animal and market demands. Communication, presentation and time keeping skills.

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• DATE & VENUE

- After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Stockjudging Weekend Saturday, 31st August, and Sunday, 1st September 2024. Exact venue to be confirmed.

• REPRESENTATION

- Counties may enter up to **eight** competitors in the Area Finals per 600 members or part thereof.
- 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)

• ELIGIBILITY

- The Competitor must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

• SUBSTITUTION

- 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.
- **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

• PROCEDURE AT AREA FINAL

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.

- 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.
 - If pigs are unavailable for use, they can be substituted by 4 Butchers Lambs.
- Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, X, Y.
- Competitors will be required to complete Animal Health and Husbandry tasks, which will be provided by NFYFC.

○ 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		<u>500</u>

- Competitors will be interviewed on the role of a stockman.
- 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.

• PROCEDURE AT NFYFC FINAL

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.

- 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.

- 1.1. Competitors will be required to:
 - 1.1.1. Place and give reasons on six beef animals judged as butchers animals
 - 1.1.2. Place and give reasons on six breeding ewes judged for breeding potential
 - 1.1.3. 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)
 - 1.1.4. Place and give reasons on six dairy animals as productive animals
 - 1.1.5. Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, C, X, Y, Z. All rings will operate simultaneously.

1.2. **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		<u>700</u>

2. **TIMINGS at AREA and NFYFC FINAL**

2.1. **4 Animal Ring**

- 2.1.1. Competitors judging a ring of 4 stock will be allowed 10 minutes to observe the stock and at least 5 minutes to prepare their reasons.
- 2.1.2. A maximum of 2 minutes will be allowed for the competitor to state their reasons.
- 2.1.3. The interviews on the written project and animal health will each be of approximately 20 minutes duration.

2.2. **6 Animal Ring**

- 2.2.1. Competitors will be allowed 15 minutes to observe each ring of 6 stock and at least 5 minutes to prepare reasons.
- 2.2.2. Competitors will be allowed up to 3 minutes for stating their reasons on each ring of 6 stock to the Judge.

- 2.3. Competitors who exceed these time limits will incur penalties at the rate of two marks for each fifteen seconds or part thereof. The marks will be deducted from their total score.
- 2.4. At the Area Final Competitors will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes to complete the Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire.
- 2.5. At the National Final Competitors will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes to complete practical Animal Health and Husbandry tasks in a classroom environment.

3. **AWARDS**

- 3.1. Area Event: Areas to organise their own awards if they wish
- 3.2. 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 all competitors
- 3.3. A special award will be to the competitor scoring the highest marks in the Veterinary Task and Project Task.

4. **NOTES**

- 4.1. NFYFC will provide all judging cards for the Area Rounds and Final.
- 4.2. 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.
- 4.3. NFYFC reserve the right to amend the Rules relating to the stock to be used for the National Final if circumstances dictate.
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. Mobile phones are not to be used once the competition has started – if found to be using them this will be an automatic disqualification.
- 4.6. 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.

FENCE ERECTING

sponsored by Estate Wires

RULES

Competition Aim

To provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate the acquired skill in building stock proof fence in a competitive environment.

Learning outcomes

A knowledge of planning and building of a stock proof fence using practical skills in fence erecting, budgeting for materials, acquiring materials, use of hand tools and teamwork.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions**.

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

C/17/220 DATE & VENUE

C/16/164 After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at NFYFC Competitions Day on **Saturday, 6th July 2024** at the County Showground, Stafford.

C/17/220 REPRESENTATION

C/16/164 Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Finals.

C/16/165 Areas will be represented in the final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1, East Midlands Area 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

C/17/220 ELIGIBILITY

C/16/164 A team shall consist of three (3) members 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023, and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

C/17/220 SUBSTITUTION

C/16/164 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.

C/16/165 **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

HEALTH & SAFETY – ESSENTIAL READING/ACTION FOR ALL COMPETITORS

- It is essential that all competitors read the Health and Safety Executive's guidance paper concerning fencing and note is taken of the safe working practices and protective clothing equipment that is recommended. FISA104 is the leaflet needed <https://ukfisa.com/Safety/Safety-Guides/fisa-104>

The Health and Safety Executive guidance paper 'Fencing' (AFAG104) can be downloaded from the NFYFC website.

C/17/220 PROCEDURE

C/16/164 At the NFYFC Final the team will be required to erect a stock proof boundary fence using the materials provided, as illustrated in the diagram.

C/16/165 The team are required to prepare a written risk assessment/method statement, which is to be handed to the Chief Steward on the day of the competition - prior to the competition start. *Failure to provide a written risk assessment/method statement or failure to comply with it; or working unsafely, will result in immediate disqualification. Please see NFYFC Fence Erecting Risk Assessment Template below. This may be used and completed as teams wish (Risk 1 already entered as an example).*

C/16/166 The fence shall be in a straight line for ~~15 metres~~ **extended to 30 metres**
.166.1. ~~Total height to top wire of fence 1.15m (45").~~ **The height from the ground to the plain wire is 75mm (3"), plain to net 75mm (3") net 800mm (31.5"), net to barb 100mm (4"), overall height 1050 mm (41.5").**

.166.2. The intermediate posts shall be at equal spacing.

C/16/167 It shall be constructed of post and netting with 1 strand of barbed wire above the netting.

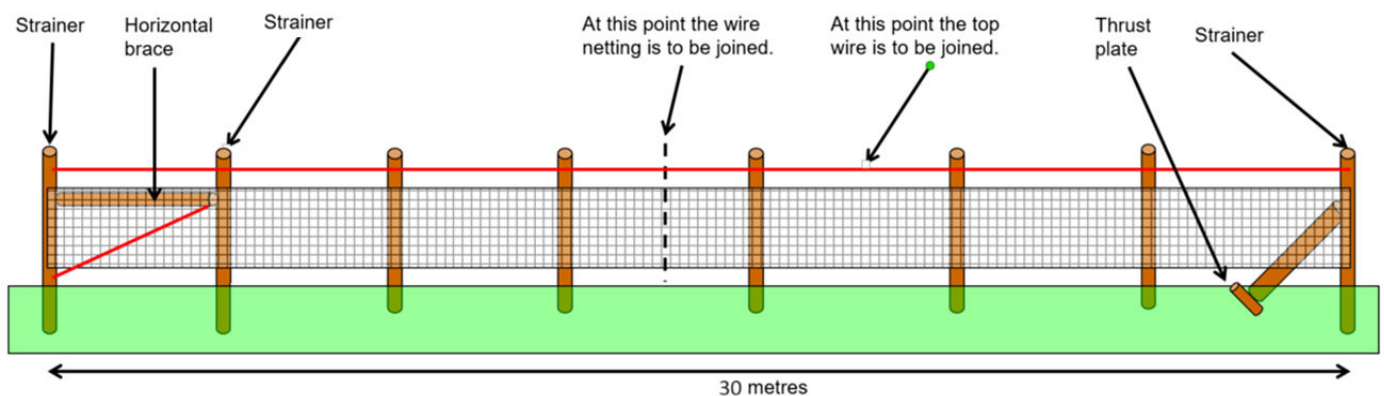
.167.1. The netting shall be set 100mm (4") above the ground approximately.

.167.2. There shall be 1 strand of barbed wire above the netting, set at 100mm (4" approximately) above the top of the netting.

.167.3. Netting and wire shall be secured to the end strainers using a recognised knot.

- 1.1. At one end of the fence there will be a box strainer assembly using a horizontal strut and diagonal brace wire as per diagram.
 - 1.1.1. The box strainer shall be made with 1 x 2.4m (8') strainer and 1 x 1.65m (5'6") post, with a 2.4m (8') 75-100mm (3"-4") diameter horizontal brace, with plain wire.
 - 1.1.2. The horizontal brace shall be morticed into the strainers on both ends.
- 1.2. At the other end of the fence there should be a strainer with a diagonal strut.
 - 1.2.1. The assembly shall be made using a 2.4m (8') strainer and 2.4m (8') angled strut, with the strut secured using a horizontal thrust block.
 - 1.2.2. The strut must have a thrust plate at the end to prevent movement. ~~Struts not to be left open (ground filled).~~ **The struts need to be left open for the judges to see.**
 - 1.2.3. The strut is to be morticed into the strainer at 450mm (18") to the top of the strut – ie, between the 4th and 5th wire on the net.
- 1.3. Wire joints
 - 1.3.1. All joints to be made during the competition. No joining aids will be permitted.
 - 1.3.2. A join in the netting should be made by hand approximately in the middle of the length.
 - 1.3.3. A join in the barbed wire approximately in the middle of the length must also be completed.

Diagram is not to scale and is for illustrative purposes only
All spacings to be determined by the competitors



- 1.4. Only materials supplied by the organisers are to be used for Area and National Finals (list below).
- 1.5. Only hand tools will be allowed and the teams themselves must provide these. No power tools or chainsaws are allowed.
 - 1.5.1. All tools and equipment used must be fit for purpose and in good condition, well maintained and safely operated by members of the team at all times. Judges/stewards have the right to stop the use of tool/piece of equipment if, in their view, it is not safe to use or is being used in an unsafe manner.
- 1.6. Competitors are not allowed to shorten any of the vertical posts.
- 1.7. The Judge reserves the right to inspect any strut following completion of the task.
- 1.8. All teams are required to dismantle their fence after the Presentation of Awards (The thrust plate must be out of the ground).
- 1.9. Teams are required to clear away all debris and any off-cuts of wire etc must **not** be put down the postholes. Receptacles will be provided for this purpose. Soil will be available to make the ground good. **Any team not complying with this ruling will be disqualified and receive a £75 fine.**
- 1.10. **The Judge's decision is final.**

2. MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED

- 2 x 2.25m (7'6") 3 x 2.4m (8ft) round pointed posts, 125-150mm (5"-6") 150-175mm (6" - 7") diameter (strainers)
- 2 x 2.4m (8') round posts, 75-100mm (3"-4") diameter (horizontal strut, diagonal strut and thrust plate)
- 5 x 1.65m (5'6") round pointed posts, 75-100mm (3"-4") diameter (intermediates)
- 1 x chock (thrust plate) 300mm 1800mm x 125mm x 75mm (12 7/2 x 5 x 3 inches)
- 20m x mild steel stock netting C8/80/22 35 metres of X-Knot High Tensile FX8/80/22
- 20m x barbed wire 35 metres of barbed wire
- 10m x plain wire 50 metres of plain wire
- 50 10 x nails 5mm x 110mm 150mm (approx 1kg) (4 1/2 inch nails) 6 inch nails Staples

3. **TIMING**

- 3.1. 1 hour 30 minutes 2 .5 hours will be allowed for the NFYFC final.
- 3.2. To note that once the time of 1 hour 30 minutes 2.5 hours has been reached, teams will be asked to stop, and the fence will be judged as seen.
- 3.3. Please note that the tidying of tools and equipment away will be included in the time to complete the task.

4. **SCALE OF MARKS**

Fixing end posts, strainer post, diagonal strut & box strainer	30
Intermediate posts	10
Overall neatness	20
Fixing and tensioning of netting & barbed wire	25
Joint in netting and barbed wire	10
Written risk assessment	5
TOTAL	100

NFYFC Fence Erecting – Risk Assessment Template

Item	Activity <i>(Description of activity and associated hazards)</i>	Risk Evaluation <i>(No controls)</i>			Safety precautions <i>(Details of preventative or control measure for each hazard)</i>	Residual Risk Evaluation <i>(With Controls)</i>		
		P	S	R		P	S	R
1	Mild steel wire tensioned beyond breaking point causing eye damage	3	4	A	Wear suitable eye protection	3	2	C
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								

Probability [P]	Severity [S]	Risk Level [R]
1; Improbable	1; Negligible	
2; Remote	2; Minor	
3; Possible	3; Severe	
4; Probable	4; Extreme	

Consequences

A; Hazard MUST be eliminated or avoided, work NOT to proceed.
 B; Risk MUST be controlled by physical safeguards.
 C; Risk MUST be controlled so far as is reasonably practicable.
 #; Risk is adequately controlled / insignificant.

FARM MACHINERY SKILLS

RULES

28 & under

COUNTIES MAY WISH TO HAVE EACH TASK AS A STAND-ALONE COMPETITION WITH COMPETITORS THEN JOINING TOGETHER TO FORM THE COUNTY TEAM TO PROGRESS TO THE AREA FINALS.

Competition Aim

To provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate their skills in farm machinery operation skills, being safe and efficient, whilst encouraging teamwork, in a competitive environment.

Learning outcomes

Practical skills in Farm Safety and First Aid including planning the safe completion of set tasks; perception of hazards, forward planning in preparation of appropriate tools and safety equipment for the tasks; leadership, teamwork.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

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- **VENUE**

- ◊ After Area Finals, the NFYFC Final is to be held on **Saturday, 6th July 2024** at the County Showground, Stafford.

- **REPRESENTATION**

- ◊ Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof.
- ◊ Areas will be represented in the Final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1, East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

- **ELIGIBILITY**

- ◊ A team shall consist of four (4) members all of whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC. For this competition, members should working as a team to complete all tasks, planning their own time and duties.

- **SUBSTITUTION**

- ◊ **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

- **CERTIFICATES/LICENCES REQUIRED**

- ◊ **Task 1: Loader Tractor and Trailer:** Competitor requires a UK driving licence with F entitlement. This must be produced on the day of the competition in order to participate in this task. (The F entitlement can be gained at 16; but is automatically entitled with passing the car driving test).
- ◊ **Task 2: Tractor and Pasture Topper** Competitor requires a UK driving licence with F entitlement. This must be produced on the day of the competition in order to participate in this task. (The F entitlement can be gained at 16; but is automatically entitled with passing the car driving test).
- ◊ **Task 3: ATV Handling:** Adequate training must have been completed by the competitor who will operate the ATV. At the NFYFC final a certificate of competence to show 'adequate training' in ATV Handling must be produced. A copy of the certificate must be handed to the judges on the day of the competition.

A Certificate of Competence for ATV's, issued by City & Guilds NPTC is more than acceptable evidence of 'adequate training'. The appropriate City & Guilds NPTC qualification is known as the Level 2 Certificate in the Safe Use of All-terrain Vehicles (0014-32). However, a certificate issued by another training provider (e.g. Lantra) will also be accepted. The most basic level of certificate which will be accepted is called an EASI (European All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute) certificate; available from most reputable ATV dealers. The EASI certificate is very much a dealer short induction course - a basic operators course designed to familiarise the operator with all the controls and operating procedures, which includes elements of safety. Whilst it ticks the box of 'adequate training', it should not be viewed as a replacement for a City & Guilds type course.

[Under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER) there is a legal requirement that "adequate training", including the use of any towed equipment or attachments, be undertaken by those riding ATV's. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) regards training provided by recognised training providers as "adequate" for the purposes of PUWER].

- 1.1. **Task 4: First Aid:** The team member in control of the first aid task must hold a current first aid certificate of either the British Red Cross, St John Ambulance, or an alternative nationally recognised body. The certificate must be no more than 3 years old. A copy of the certificate must be handed to the competition judges on the day of each round of the competition. All teams to provide their own first aid kit.

Failure to provide the requested certificates will result in the team not being allowed to compete.

For clarity, the team should have at least 2 driving licences, 1 first aid certificate, and 1 ATV certificate. Judges must make themselves aware which competitors have which certificates and licences.

2. **PROCEDURE**

All competitors must take into account Health and Safety at all times. Correct personal protective equipment must be worn. Safe start and safe stop procedures must be adhered to. All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.

- 2.1. The team shall appoint a leader who will undertake the duties of a foreman.
- 2.2. Note that at the National Final this is a team competition. The competition tasks are not intended to be split into individual tasks - think ahead, work as a team, and plan your time. Judges will judge their allocated task, not necessarily an individual competitor.
- 2.3. Competitors to provide their own tools. All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.

2.4. **TASK 1: Loader Tractor (with bucket) and Trailer**

Equipment required: 1. Loader Tractor (approx. 100-150 hp); **2.** A flatbed trailer, such as a bale trailer or low loader.

- 2.4.1. Note - to prevent needless repetition, there should be 2 work areas for this task, so that one competitor moves from one area to the other only once. The 2 areas should be similar size, layout, ground conditions, etc.
- 2.4.2. One team member is required to carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on a tractor and trailer prior to the commencement of the task. The competitor is to carry out a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.
- 2.4.3. The competitor will unhitch the bucket from the loader onto the trailer, and secure the bucket using ratchet straps. Each team to provide their own ratchet straps to secure the load.
- 2.4.4. The competitor will hitch the trailer and prepare for travel along a public highway, and the competitor to follow a course including turning on to, travelling along, and turning off a simulated public road.
- 2.4.5. Competitor to unhitch the trailer.
- 2.4.6. Competitor to reattach the bucket to the loader and park the tractor.

2.5. **TASK 2: Tractor and pasture topper**

Equipment required: 1. Tractor (approx. 80-150 hp); **2.** A 3-point linkage mounted pasture topper.

- 2.5.1. Competitor(s) will carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on the tractor and topper prior to the commencement of this task. This will include a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.
- 2.5.2. Competitor to demonstrate changing a blade of the pasture topper – must provide suitable tools.
- 2.5.3. The combination should then be prepared for work.
- 2.5.4. Note - if at all possible, the competitor should actually operate the machine on a small area of suitable ground.
- 2.5.5. Competitor(s) to demonstrate knowledge of settings and adjustments of the tractor and machine. (This to be done via questions/answer session, as there will not be sufficient time to physically complete numerous tasks).
- 2.5.6. Competitor(s) to park the implement and unhitch, and return the tractor to the original position.

2.6. **TASK 3: ATV**

Equipment required: 1. Sit-astride ATV **2.** Trailer **3.** Sheep handling hurdles - minimum 6

- 2.6.1. The competitor will carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on a sit-astride ATV prior to commencement of task. This is to include a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.
- 2.6.2. A competitor will drive the ATV through a course as instructed by the judge, typically involving passing through poles or cones to mark gateways to demonstrate their skills at manoeuvring the ATV.

- 2.6.3. The competitor will then drive to a site where a number of hurdles have been assembled into a sheep holding pen, with the trailer parked inside the pen. The competitor will hitch the trailer, dismantle the hurdles, and load them onto the trailer, secure the load, then move to another site and use the hurdles to construct an arrangement suitable for herding a small number of sheep into. Competitor to decide and discuss their pen layout, not simply copy the previous arrangement.
- 2.6.4. The competitor will then park the trailer in their new pen and drive the ATV back to its starting point.

All competitors must take into account Health and Safety at all times. Correct personal protective equipment must be worn. Safe start and safe stop procedures must be adhered to.

2.7. TASK 4: FIRST AID

Suggested Equipment: First Aid Kit.

- 2.7.1. During the course of the practical exercise, a mock farm accident will be staged. Teams will be informed when the accident happens; it is the decision of the team as to how and who deals with the incident. It is expected that there will be by-bystanders who may be questioned regarding the accident. The First Aid Judge will indicate when the casualty has been satisfactorily dealt with and when the member (or members) may recommence work.
- 2.7.2. Knowledge of elementary First Aid is necessary, but in no case will competitors be expected to render assistance further than instructed in the Joint First Aid Manual of St. John Ambulance and The British Red Cross (available from WH Smith or other large bookshops). The Highway Code and Farm Safety Regulations must be applied at all times. If, in the opinion of the Judges, a competitor is undertaking a Task in a way likely to endanger them or others; the competitor will be stopped and the danger brought to his attention. The competitor will be expected to correct the matter and then continue with the Task.

2.8. TASK 5: HAZARD PERCEPTION (AT THE NFYFC FINAL ONLY). Supported by The Farm Safety Foundation: Yellow Wellies Campaign. This is to be confirmed

- 2.8.1. The 4 individuals from the above tasks will join together to undertake a team hazard perception task. Competitors will be asked to identify 5 hazard scenarios such as (but not limited to): working at height, working with machinery and awareness of overhead power cables
- 2.8.2. Competitors will have a maximum of 5 minutes per scenario.

3. TIMING

Tasks 1 – 4: Competitors will be asked to stop after 35 minutes.

Task 5 (NFYFC Final Only): Competitors will be asked to stop after 5 minutes per scenario.

- 3.1.1. At the NFYFC Final, Tasks 1 to 3 will run concurrently therefore competitors will only be able to take part in one of these tasks. Tasks 4 & 5 will be run as a team at the National Final. However, counties are encouraged to run each task separately and allow competitors to do more than one task if their timetable allows. This will encourage maximum participation and counties to select the best team possible to represent them.

4. SCALE OF MARKS

Foreman	30
Teamwork	70
Task 1: Tractor and Trailer	100
Task 2: Tractor and topper	100
Task 3: ATV	100
Task 4: First Aid	100
Task 5: Hazard Perception	100
TOTAL	600

5. AWARDS

- 5.1. The ATS Euromaster Perpetual Challenge Trophy and NFYFC prize cards to the winning team.
- 5.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to teams placed 2nd and 3rd.
- 5.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams in the final.

- 5.4. **COMPETITORS TO NOTE** Arley Medical will be present at the National Final in conjunction with Task 4: First Aid. Counties and Areas can contact Arley to support their rounds of this competition. Please contact margaret.bennett@nfyfc.org.uk for further information.

Mixed Dynamos Cricket

13 – 16
RULES

Competition Aim

To provide members with the opportunity to take part in a National Dynamos Cricket competition.

Learning outcomes

Cricket skills, teamwork, resilience, confidence, strategic thinking, fair play and sporting spirit, adhering to rules, keeping score, exercise, fun and personal development skills.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions**.

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

1. DATE & VENUE

- a. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at the Sports Championships – **Sunday, 7th July 2024** in Staffordshire.

2. REPRESENTATION

- a. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Eliminators.
- b. English Areas and Wales will be represented by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof in the Competition Final.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- a. **A squad of ten (10) players, from whom eight (8) players will be chosen to form a team for each innings, which must include a minimum of three (3) females... All players must be aged between 13 and 15 on 1st September 2023 (this age range must be adhered to). Those nominated must be full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC. For clarification this means competitors must be 13 on 1st September 2023 and 15 on 1st September 2023 and may be 16 on the day of the National Final.**
- b. Competitors are required *in person* to produce on the day of each round of the competition (County/Area/Regional and National) their current and signed Membership Card, with suitable photograph, or a fine of **£20** will be imposed for non-production.²²

4. SUBSTITUTION

- a. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

5. PROCEDURE

- a. Teams toss a coin to decide which team has the choice of either batting or fielding first.
- b. Each game shall consist of one innings per team, each innings to be 40 balls long.
- c. The team with the higher score wins.
- d. In the event of a tie the team taking the most wickets will be the winner
- e. If it is still equal, it will be declared a tie
- f. Points will be awarded as follows:
Win = 2 Tie = 1 Loss = 0
- g. The team scoring the most points will be the overall competition winner. In the event of a tie, the team scoring the most runs will be the winner. If the teams remain tied, the team taking the most wickets will be the winner.
- h. **Pitch Dimensions**
 - i. Two sets of wickets, 21 yards apart measured from stump to stump.
 - ii. Boundaries are a minimum of 55 yards apart but can be reduced to accommodate available facilities, measured from the middle stump.

1.1. **Equipment (Supplied at the National Final)**

2x Plastic Stump sets

1x Rubber ball

2x Plastic Bats

Batting tees (or a cone to hit off)

Boundary cones or markers

1.1.1. For County and Area Rounds it is recommended that equipment is purchased from your local County Cricket Board.

1.2. **Batting & scoring**

1.2.1. The batting side shall be divided into pairs, with 10 balls per batting pair (umpires should use discretion to swap batters so each is given an opportunity to contribute).

1.2.2. Runs are scored by hitting past (4 runs) or over (6 runs) the boundary or completing 'runs' between the wickets.

1.2.3. No balls and wides are scored as 2 runs to batting team and no extra delivery to be bowled.

1.2.4. Following a no ball or a wide, the batter receives a "free hit" from the batting tee, and any runs scored are added to the total of that delivery (for example 2 runs for a wide, plus 1 run from the "free hit" = 3 runs). Batters have 3 seconds to take their free hit and must hit in front of square.

1.2.5. Batters can be run out whilst trying to complete a run during a free hit but only by the ball struck from the batting tee (and not the original ball that resulted in the free hit being awarded). Once the free hit ball has been returned to the wicketkeeper, the ball is considered "dead", and the batters should no longer run.

1.2.6. You are out if you are bowled, caught, run out (if out, swap ends and continue, 5 runs added to the fielding team score).

1.3. **Bowling and Fielding**

1.3.1. Rotate after each over. **SAFETY:** except for the wicketkeeper, no fielder may field within 10 yards of the bat.

1.3.2. 5 balls per player then rotate with next fielder to bowl.

1.3.3. Underarm and Overarm bowling are allowed.

1.4. **The Umpires decision is final.**

1.4.1. It is advised that you have one umpire standing the stumps and another standing at square leg for runouts and stumpings. The umpire must also score the game. Scoring can be done by Countdown cricket scorer app. Stumping is not a mode of dismissal in this format.

1.4.2. Each team must state their colours on the entry form.

1.5. **Glossary**

1.5.1. **Byes**

1.5.1.1. If a batter misses the ball, or if it hits their body, they may still run and score byes.

1.5.2. **Wide Ball and No Balls**

1.5.2.1. A ball that is deemed un-hittable, e.g. rolling, too high or too far to be hit fairly.

MIXED VOLLEYBALL

17 – 28 year olds

RULES

Competition Aim

To provide members with the opportunity to take part in a National Volleyball competition.

Learning outcomes

Volleyball skills, teamwork, adhering to rules, exercise, fun, winning/losing, personal development skills and improving own performance

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

3. **VENUE** - After Area Eliminator, the Final will be held at the Sports Championship Day – **Sunday, 7th July 2024** in Staffordshire.

4. **REPRESENTATION** - Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Events.

Areas will be represented by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof in the Final Competition.

ELIGIBILITY - A squad of twelve players, all of whom must be aged between 17 to 28 years on 1 September 2023. For clarification on ages, a member must be 17 on 1 September 2023 or 28 on 1 September 2023. Those nominated must be full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC, from whom six players (three male/three female) shall be chosen to form the team for each game. ~~During the game only six substitutions may be made.~~ **Substitutions will be made by rotation, with a substitute coming off the bench to serve each time a new server is required.**

5.

6. **HEALTH & SAFETY & SAFEGUARDING** – All competitions carried out at every level must comply with Health and Safety and Safeguarding legislation and meet the relevant safety standards.

A completed NFYFC Parental Consent form is required for every member under the age of 18, **and also a form to be completed if being supervised by senior YFC member** (and not the parent/guardian) must be returned to NFYFC not later than 5 working days prior to the competition. Also, it is recommended that members under the age of 18 carry a copy of the completed Parental Consent form with them on the day of the NFYFC final.

It is the responsibility of the County Federation to ensure these forms are completed and returned in good time.

7. **SUBSTITUTION**

All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

PROCEDURE – The competition will be played on a league basis. The teams shall be drawn into two leagues and matches will be run on a 'best of three sets' basis. The highest scoring team from each league will play the second team from the other league in a Semi-Final to determine the two teams for the Championship Game. The two losers in the Semi-Finals may play off for 3rd and 4th place if desired. League points will be awarded as follows:-

1. To note that the height of the nets should be 2.43m as stated in the Volleyball England Rules for a Senior Men's Competition, which is also used for Senior Mixed Competitions.

It is recommended that you play on a full Volleyball court. Due to the number of matches being played on the day of the NFYFC Finals the competition is to be run using a timed format:

- a. The timed format will be 3 sets, each of 8 minutes, teams win 3-0 or 2-1.
- b. One time out is permitted per set when the first team reaches 8 points.
- c. A rotation system will be in place where players rotate off and then rotate back on to serve.
- d. When the whistle is blown to signify the end of the set, if the ball is in play the point shall be concluded and counted.
- e. If the teams are tied at the end of the set, a final point will be played to decide the winner of that set.
- f. If a player scores 3 successive serves the team will rotate but keep the serve.
- g. If a team scores 6 successive serves they will pass the ball to the opposition, the score doesn't change.
- h. Contact with the ball is allowed with any part of the body, the ball is allowed to strike the foot, but kicking is forbidden. A kick will result in a loss of a point.
- i. Roles are not specialised to individual players.
- j. The server is a backcourt player.
- k. To provide a positive experience to the players we advise the use of reduced weight balls – Mikasa VS170W is recommended.

The Referee shall be the sole arbiter on points of dispute. The Rules of the Game of Volleyball will apply unless amended by this document.

A player who is "sent off" shall take no further part in that day's games.

All competitors must be suitably dressed.

Each team must state their colours and reserve colour on the entry form.

CUBE EXHIBIT

Theme: Countries Around the World

28 & Under

RULES

Competition Aim

To encourage YFC members to work together as a team to produce a Cube Exhibit which showcases their craft skills related to the competition theme.

Learning Outcomes

Teamwork, planning, floral arts, cookery, workmanship, and presentation skills

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

1. DATE VENUE

1.1. After Area Eliminators, the National Final will be held at Competitions Day on **Saturday, 6th July 2024** at the County Showground Stafford.

2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Counties may enter one exhibit per 600 members or part thereof in the Area Final.

2.2. Areas will be represented in the Final by one exhibit per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Mids Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. Competitors (the Club Team) to be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and a full member of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

3.1.1. A maximum of five (5) members of the Club will stage the exhibit on the day on behalf of the whole club.

4. SUBSTITUTION

4.1. If the original winner at area final is unable to go to the national final, then the next highest placed competitor will represent the Area.

4.2. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

5. PROCEDURE

5.1. An Exhibit to depict the theme of a Country of your choice. This theme can be interpreted in any way that the club sees fit.

5.2. The Club Team is required to exhibit 5 crafts. 1 craft from each of the headings below:

- Craft 1 - Floral Art (Any item using cut flowers and accessories in a suitable container – floral foam cannot be used. An alternative eco friendly option must be used).
- Craft 2 – Cookery/Baking (This craft will be tasted so must be covered with cling film).
- Craft 3 – Textile Handicraft (must include British Wool) (Knitwear, Tailored, Crochet for example)
- Craft 4 – Natural Handicraft (Any item using wood, metal, clay, glass, stone or shell for example)
- Craft 5 – Art (An item that could include photography, a graphic or a picture in any medium)

5.3. The five (5) crafts need to be clearly marked 1-5 together with the heading the craft comes under. For example 1- Floral Art, 2 – Cookery, 3- Textile Handicraft, 4- Natural Handicraft, 5- Art Handicraft.

5.4. Each whole Exhibit to have a **MAXIMUM WIDTH** of 1 metre at any given point and a **MAXIMUM DEPTH** of 1 metre and **MAXIMUM HEIGHT** of 1 metre. **Any exhibit exceeding the maximum measurements will be disqualified.** The measurement will be from the outside edges of the external walls of the exhibit. (I.e. Make your exhibit slightly smaller than the maximum dimensions). Any accessories or drapes used on the outside of the external walls of the cube will be included in the overall measurement of the exhibit. The external walls will be taken into account for the attractiveness of the exhibit marks and so should be covered to compliment the overall exhibit. The exhibit must have 3 walls.

5.5. The exhibits will be displayed on trestle/ round tables.

6. **TIMINGS**

Each team will be allowed to 1 hour to set up their display on the morning of the NFYFC Finals.

7. **SCALE OF MARKS**

Craft 1 (Floral Art)	50
Craft 2 (Cookery)	50
Craft 3 (Textile)	50
Craft 4 (Natural)	50
Craft 5 (Art)	50
Attractiveness of exhibit (including external walls)	50
Originality and ingenuity	50
Relevance to theme	50
Total	400

8. **NOTES**

8.1. Only those members aged 28 or under may put the cube exhibit in place on the day of the final.

AUCTIONEERING

28 & Under

RULES

COMPETITION AIM

To encourage YFC members aged 28 and under to demonstrate their valuation and auctioneering skills in a competitive environment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge of subject/items, auctioneering, valuation, communication, clarity and audibility skills

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

1. VENUE

1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at the Competitions Day on **Saturday 6th July, 2024** at the County Showground Stafford.

2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Counties may enter one competitor per 600 members or part thereof.
2.2. Areas will be represented in the Final by one competitor per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Mids Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 & Wales 2)

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. Competitors must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

4. SUBSTITUTION

4.1. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

5. PROCEDURE

5.1. Each Competitor will be required to auction 3 lots.
5.2. Prior to the auction commencing the competitor will view a total of 6 Lots which will include agricultural and non-agricultural items.
5.3. The Competitor will then have 20 minutes to draft a handwritten, catalogue-style description and provide a valuation figure for each Lot on the day of the competition.
5.4. The competitor is to hand their descriptions and valuations to the judge prior to the auction. The competitor will then choose 3 Lots at random 'out of a hat' from the 6 available, to sell.
5.5. The judge will identify one of the Lots to have a reserve. The item and price of the reserve lot is at the judge's discretion.
5.6. The competitor should provide an introduction and then open the auction sale, outlining the procedure and relevant conditions of the sale e.g. the payment process, order of the auction, buyer's commission rate.
5.7. Competitors at the NFYFC Final will not be eligible to watch other competitors until after they have competed.
5.8. Stewards will be placed in the audience to act as purchasers on the lots to ensure there is enough bidding to enable the competitor to demonstrate the skill. These stewards will be anonymous to the competitor and will only bid if no other bids are forthcoming.
5.9. Stewards will have no knowledge of the item's values provided by the competitor.
5.10. Once all the lots have been 'sold' the auctioneer will close the auction in a suitable way and the judge will work out their score.

6. Scale of Marks & penalties

Lot description & valuation	20
Opening & closing commentary	20
Auctioneering skill	40
Auction conduct and practice	20

Total **100**

Tug of War Championships

(Ladies, Men's and Junior GENSB Competitions)

RULES

COMPETITION AIM

To encourage YFC members to work together as a team to demonstrate their Tug-of-War skills in a competition environment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Tug-of-War skills: strength, rhythm, pulling position and technique; teamwork, respect, discipline, enjoyment, sportsmanship as well as providing health and wellbeing benefits.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions**.

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

For insurance purposes all rounds of competition must be held using a Tug of War Association (ToWA) judge and under the authority of a Tug of War Association permit (available from the Hon. Gen. Sec. of the ToWA). Further guidance can be obtained from the official Tug of War Association Handbook or ToWA website.

These rules are for the NFYFC final but may be adapted for county and area rounds with agreement from the chief judge. Counties and areas may wish to pull in a straight knockout competition or pull according to the pre 2011 ToWA rules.

1. DATE & VENUE

- 1.1. After the area finals, the final will be held at Tenbury Show on Saturday 4th August 2024.

2. REPRESENTATION

- 2.1. Counties may enter one team entry per 600 members or part thereof in Area Finals.
- 2.2. Areas will be represented by one County team per 3,000 members or part thereof in the Competition Final. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1, East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

3. SUBSTITUTION PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION

- 3.1 **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. **Ladies and Men's teams** shall consist of eight pulling members of the same gender. No more than **two (2)** members of a team may be between the ages of 15 and over, and under 17 years on 1 September 2023 and the remainder of the team **MUST** be between 17 years and over, and 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023.
- 4.2. **A Junior GENSB team** shall consist of between 7 and 10 pulling members, male or female, who must be between 12 years & 17 years of age and under on 1st September 2023. **This means competitors MUST have attained their 12th birthday on 1st September 2023 and may be 18 on the day of the competition.**
- 4.3. All competitors must be full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC (**You cannot compete for more than one club and county in one membership year**). Competitors at the National Final must both present their YFC membership card and also, if over 18, have additional official photographic ID (Passport or Driving Licence).
- 4.4. **Coaches and Trainers** – Only one Coach is permitted with each team during pulling. Only one Trainer or "Water-Carrier" is permitted with each team. During pulling the Trainer shall take up position well clear of both teams and is not permitted to address any remark to them during actual pulling. Neither the Coach nor Trainer need comply with other rules of eligibility.
- 4.5. **REPLACEMENT PULLERS -All replacements must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

5. WEIGHING-IN PROCEDURE AND WEIGHT LIMITS

- 5.1. Teams will be notified of Weighing-in and report times prior to the NFYFC final.
- 5.2. The 8 members of the Ladies or Men's teams will be weighed as one and will not exceed:
Men - 680 kg Ladies - 560 kg
- 5.3. The members of the Junior GENSB team will be weighed as one with the initial weight limit of:
Junior GENSB - 560kg

An additional 10kg will be added to the weight allowance for each female in the team up to a maximum of 600kg

- 5.4. The competitors will be stamped or marked on a limb in a position easily seen by the Judge, but not easily erased by the rope or competitors clothing.
- 5.5. **At weigh-in all team members must have their boots available for inspection by the judges.**

6. SUBSTITUTION ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION

- 6.1. After a team has pulled the first end of the first match, the team is able to use a substitution. A substitute may replace any one puller for the remainder of the competition (Age restriction of team still applies). Substitution may be used for tactical reasons or due to injury.
- 6.2. Any potential substitutes must (unless otherwise instructed by competition organisers) have been signed in and had their membership card checked prior to pulling in the competition.
- 6.3. At the time of substitution; both, the puller to be replaced and the substitute, must report in full pulling outfit, (shirts, shorts, stockings and footwear) to the Chief Judge/Chief Steward who may designate an official to deal with the substitutes. A small (bathroom type) scale must be available at the pulling area, (in a suitable place, on solid surface), to determine the weight difference between the two pullers. The substitute puller must be of equal weight or less than the puller he/she replaces. Directly after the change, the Chief Judge or designated official shall cancel the stamp or marking of the replaced puller, and indicate a similar marking on the substitute, with an indelible marker. This change shall then be recorded.

N.B For GENSB teams; Once weighed in, the team weight allowance cannot be improved upon through substitution i.e. increasing the number of females on the team. Any weight bonus must be removed accordingly if the number of females has decreased below the original bonus threshold of the team.

Eg. Team = 5 males & 4 females = 600kg (560kg + 40kg bonus). A female puller of 70kg is substituted for a male. The male must weigh 60kg or less (Both in full pulling gear) because the resultant bonus has decreased.

7. DRAW AND BYES

- 7.1. The Chief Judge and Chief Steward will confirm the number of leagues teams shall be drawn into. However there shall be no more than 7 teams in one league.

8. PULLING

- 8.1. Each team shall pull a match of 2 ends against every other team in the league with points awarded as follows:

3 points	to the winners in a straight pull (two straight pulls)
Nil points	to the losers in a straight pull
1 point	to each team winning 1 pull each

Note: If teams are drawing on points at the end of the league; they shall be ranked using the following system until differentiation:

- 1. Results of matches (between the teams drawing on points).**
- 2. Matches won (most matches won).**
- 3. Cautions (least number throughout pulling).**
- 4. Team weight (lowest team weight at weigh in).**
- 5. Coin toss or draw.**

- 8.2. If there is one league; the top 4 teams on points shall enter the semi-final competition as follows: 1st v 4th; 2nd v 3rd
- 8.3. If there are two leagues; the top 2 teams on points from each league shall enter the semi-final competition as follows: League one winner v League two runner up League two winner v League one runner up
- 8.4. The losers of the semi-finals shall pull off for 3rd and 4th places before the winners of the semi-finals pull off for 1st and 2nd places.
- 8.5. **The semi-finals, 3rd/4th pull off and the final matches shall be won by two (2) pulls out of three (3).**

Machine Sheep Shearing

(at Royal Cornwall Show on Thursday 6th June)

In accordance with BISCA

RULES

Competition Aim

To provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate the acquired skill in shearing sheep.

Learning outcomes

How to plan and use practical skills in handling sheep, shearing equipment and to demonstrate animal husbandry.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

5. DATE & VENUE

1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at the Great Yorkshire Show 2024 – a date between Tuesday 9th and Friday 12th July 2024 subject to invitation.

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5.2. **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES FRIDAY 28th JUNE, 2024 – Subject to confirmation by GYAS**

6. REPRESENTATION

6.1. Counties may enter two competitors per 600 members or part thereof in Area Finals.

6.2. Areas will have double entry and 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)

7. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The individual competitor must be 16 years and over and 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023, and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

The minimum qualification for competitors is a British Wool "Blue Seal". Copies of qualifications to be inspected on the day of the competition prior to shearing. This competition is open to those over the age of 16 with a Blue Seal. If someone under the age of 16 has been awarded the Blue Seal they are eligible to compete in the competition at the discretion of NFYFC & British Wool.

8. SUBSTITUTION

8.1. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

9. PROCEDURE

9.1. Refer to the latest British Isles Shearing Competition Association (BISCA) rules which are available from NFYFC. BISCA rules as of February 2023 are attached below.

9.2. Competitors must wear suitable clothing and footwear.

9.3. The number of sheep to be shorn in the NFYFC are as follows:-

Age Category	Heats	Semi-Finals	Finals
Under 28	3	4	Between 5 and 8

9.4. Competitors will be required to assist in sorting sheep and wrapping wool for other competitors. Any remaining unshorn sheep from the competition must be sheared prior to competitors leaving.