



**Fun, Learning and
Achievement**

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
Competitions Programme 2024-2025
NFYFC After Dinner Speaking (28 & Under)

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Competition Aim

To encourage members aged 28 or under to work as a team to plan and deliver an engaging and entertaining after dinner speech.

Learning outcomes

Preparation, confidence, effective listening, communication, presentation, timing, audibility skills and originality and knowledge of the subject.

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 <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitionsresources>

Rules to be read in conjunction with the 'How to' Guide – available from NFYFC.

1. DATE AND VENUE

1.1. The National Final will be held at Competitions Day on **Saturday 5th July, 2025** at Stafford County Showground.

2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Finals.

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

3. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. A team shall consist of five members, each of whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.

4. SUBSTITUTION

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

5. PROCEDURE

5.1. The team shall consist of a Chair, Speaker (who will propose the main toast), Respondent to Speaker, Proposer to Visitors (propose a toast to the visitors) and a Respondent to respond on behalf of the visitors.

5.2. The Chair will address the diners and introduce the Speakers in order of appearance.

5.3. The teams will be split so that the Chair, Respondent to Speaker and Proposer to Visitors will come from Team A, and Speaker and Respondent on behalf of Visitors from Team B.

5.4. Teams will be notified **four weeks prior to the competition** of their Toast for the evening. Toasts in the National Final will be provided by NFYFC. In Area Rounds, the Area Committee will provide the Toasts.

5.5. Teams will be given the opportunity of meeting to exchange notes 30 minutes before appearing on the platform.

5.6. Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language. Teams are reminded that this is a Public Speaking Competition and marks are awarded for speeches - characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.

6. **SCALE OF MARKS AND TIMING**

Chair (Introduction)	20	2 minutes
Chair (Overall Role)	10	Not timed
Speaker	50	6 minutes
Respondent to Speaker	50	6 minutes
Proposer to Visitors	35	4 minutes
Respondent on behalf of Visitors	35	4 minutes
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>200</u>	

6.1. Judges will take into consideration originality, presentation of speech, humour, timing, audibility, knowledge of subject, use of notes and dress.

6.2. Time deductions are 1 mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time by any member of the team, apart from the Chair whose speeches throughout (apart from their Introduction) are not timed.

7. **NOTES**

7.1. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.

7.2. These rules should be read in conjunction with the After Dinner Speaking 'How-To' guide available from NFYFC

7.3. Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams

7.4. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.

7.5. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing – no jeans!)

8. **AWARDS**

8.1. **NFYFC Final**

8.1.1. ***The Novartis Perpetual Challenge Lectern*** and Prize Cards will be award for the team placed 1st

8.1.2. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to teams placed 2nd and 3rd

8.1.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams placed 1st to 5th

8.1.4. An NFYFC Prize Card will be awarded to the highest individual scoring competitor in any of the roles.