

**STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS  
INFORMATION SHEET – SHOW FLOAT COMPETITION  
ALL CLUBS TO READ CAREFULLY**

**THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2018**

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**PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE  
COMPLETED YOUR FULL  
RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE  
DAY & ALSO SUBMITTED  
YOUR DRIVER  
INFORMATION TO THE  
OFFICE BY MON 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

**SHOW FLOAT THEME – “British Sitcoms”**

**ORDER FOR FLOATS TO ENTER THE RING**

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>CHOICE</u>	<p align="center"><b>PRIZE MONEY IS KINDLY SPONSORED BY BD FUELS</b> <b>AS FOLLOWS:</b> 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE £100 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE £75 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE £50  <i>All clubs who take part in the competition, will receive £75 for entering (subject to satisfactory behaviour on the day)</i></p>
ASHLEY	DAD'S ARMY	
CHEADLE	MRS BROWNS BOYS	
ECCLESHALL	GAVIN & STACEY	
STONE	PORRIDGE	
ABBOTSHOLME	VICAR OF DIBLEY	
LEEK	FAWLTY TOWERS	
RIDWARE	ONLY FOOLS & HORSES	
UTTOXETER	BLACKADDER	
WATERHOUSES	ON THE BUSES	
LICHFIELD	BENIDORM	
CHASE	ALLO, ALLO	

**Judges:**

**SHOW FLOATS –  
BEST NAME BOARD –**

Mr and Mrs T Barker, BD Fuels, Hixon  
Mr & Mrs R Bourne (Vice Chairman of SBAS) and Mr & Mrs R  
Neild (Vice President of SBAS)

**Main Ring Commentator:**

Lisa Hawkins & Will Gallimore

**Judges Stewards:**

David Heminsley & Polly Baines (Smart Dress please)

**\*Float Stewards (For booking in, checking water, escorting floats over the road and round the ring):**

Johnny Wilson, Rob Mollatt, Richard Hooley, Howard Kennerley, Rob Atkin, Toby Lawton, Tom Bridge, Nat Roe, Becky Stubbs, Steve Dodd, Becky Fowell, Jake Manning, Luke Gallimore, Karl Hockenhull, Vic Nicholls, Al Hulley, Will Freeman, John Slater, Chris Hall, Kate Stanley-Magee, George Goodwin, Sam Fowell, Phil Large, George Hawley, Zoe Foster.

**\*If you are not able to help, please would you let the County Office know\*\***

**\*Health and Safety Officers/Float Stewards:** Steve Hill, Andy Goldstraw, David Heminsley, Richard Mottershead

**\*If any stewards require entry tickets, please contact the County Office.**

**Lead Driver - Mick Gallimore**

**Entry Tickets** – 10 tickets are enclosed for each club to distribute amongst their members taking part in this competition **ONLY**. For any additional entry tickets, members are expected to join the SBAS and for £5 (26 and under members only). Membership forms have been circulated for this.

**TIMINGS:**

12.45pm – Show Float Stewards to meet at the County Office for briefing and to collect all info

1.15pm – Show Floats Stewards to book in all competitors, check floats

1.15pm – Health and Safety Officers to check all floats comply with H&S

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1.15pm – Stewards to ensure all floats are ready for judging, all vehicles to be moved away from between floats, all members to be on the float, dressed and ready.

1.15pm – David Heminsley to accompany the judges from BD Fuels from the YFC Office to the judging area.

**1.30pm – Judging of all floats commences**

2pm – Polly Baines to go to accompany Mr & Mrs Bourne and Mr & Mrs Neild to the Main Ring from the Grandstand.

2.15pm\* - Floats to enter the main ring, judging of Best Name Board takes place whilst the floats are circulating.

3pm\* - Floats leave the Main Ring

*\* Subject to the Main Ring running to time*

**\*\* Note all 17 and under members on floats must bring along a signed Parental Consent Form \*\***

**TRACTORS & DRIVERS:**

- All Floats must enter the Main Car Park of the County Show via the Stafford Entrance – please see enclosed map for details.
- If a tractor is loaned from an external company, ie. Hallmark, David Eaton etc then full details including registration number, make, model and value must be sent to the County Office **by Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May**
- If the total amount of insured vehicles exceeds £125,000 on the day, or an individual vehicle exceeds £40,000, then an additional premium will be charged pro rata to those clubs involved.
- If a tractor is loaned from a member or member's parents, then their own insurance company must be advised. There may be a charge incurred but this is at the discretion of their own insurance company.
- All Tractors used to pull the Show Floats are restricted to a 250HP engine. Any tractors which exceed this will result in the Show Float being disqualified, and a fine of £50 imposed. **Name & details of driver of tractor to be sent to County Office by Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May.**
- Please note that it is a legal requirement for any trailer over 750kg to have some form of brakes. Hydraulic trailer brakes only meet the basic legal requirements when drawn at speeds up to 20mph.

**HEALTH & SAFETY:**

Risk Assessments are to be carried out by Clubs and submitted on the day of the Competition to the Health & Safety Officers. The emphasis of these assessments should be with regard to the actual day of the Show Float Competition and your float ie getting on/off the float, any projections and moving part, moving tractors. Failure to complete these may result in Disqualification.

**RULES:**

**County Show Floats – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.** SCFYFC Rules. Kindly sponsored by BD Fuels. There is no limit to the number of members on the float providing safety is taken into consideration. All members on the float must be aged 26 years or under on 1.09.17. **The theme for the Show Floats is “British Sitcoms”**

**To avoid duplication of a theme, Clubs should phone the County Office with their choice, after 9am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018. No choices will be accepted before this date and no contact via email/answer messages will be accepted. Any changes to a club choice must be notified to the office as well.** If the Judges and Stewards consider behaviour not to be satisfactory on the day, then a deduction will be made to the overall entry/prize money paid to the

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Club. There is no limit on size providing any overhead electric wires and entry gates can be cleared. All floats must be ready for judging at 1.15pm.

### Rules

1. **Parental Consent Forms** WILL be requested from ALL members aged 17 and under before taking part in the competition. Avoid wasting time by ensuring your members come prepared.
2. The driver is the **only** person allowed in the tractor cab, regardless of the number of seats in the cab.
3. **The name of the driver of the Show Float must be submitted to the County Office no later than Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**
4. All tractors and trailers must comply with current Safety Regulations and must be completely roadworthy.
5. Floats to be viewed and entertaining from both sides.
6. The tractor should NOT be decorated apart from the front Name Board.
7. ***All floats should be towed by a Tractor with a maximum engine size of 250hp and 12 tonnes weight limit, to prevent problems in main ring if wet. If a tractor is over this limit, the float will be disqualified from the competition although it will be allowed to enter the ring. Any float disqualified from the competition will also be fined £50. No other vehicles are to be used to tow the float at the Show. For clarification, this rule also excludes the use of telescopic handlers, even if they meet EU tractor homologation rules or are taxed as an agricultural tractor.***
8. If the total costs for the Insurance on the tractors exceeds the NFU limit then the Clubs will be billed accordingly from the County Office
9. Tractors on loan from local companies must be advised to the County Office with full details so that they can be covered by the YFC insurance policy.
10. Fuel – Please refer to the [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk) website for the most up to date current legislation.
11. No vehicle may travel at more than 5 mph on the Showground, or in the main ring.
12. It is essential that all floats enter and park in the Main Car Park as per the instructions on the Information Sheet which is circulated to all Club Secretaries two weeks prior to the Show. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.
13. No Club may throw missiles or any objects from the float at any time.
14. The carrying or consumption of alcohol is strictly forbidden. Any members who are under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed on the float.
15. Stewards will check the water limit of 35 gallons. Failure to remain within this limit may result in the deposit being withheld.
16. Stewards should discuss with the judges on the day any violations of the rules and they will then decide if a Club should be disqualified. This will be announced over the loudspeaker
17. Stewards will ensure that the floats are ready for judging and that all booking in and health and safety checks have been completed prior to the master judges inspecting the floats.
18. No water may be used outside the ring at any time or in the ring until the judges have completed their inspection and made a decision.
19. After results have been given and judges have left the ring, a password will be announced so that water may be thrown
20. No mechanical equipment may be used to propel the water – water pistols are mechanical devices, and therefore not allowed. Water balloons are not allowed.
21. Clean water must be used from clean containers. Any club using any containers that have previously been used for any harmful or irritant substances will be disqualified.

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- 22. After the water throwing, when any tractor engines have been started ready to exit the ring, all water throwing must stop. All competitors should be on the trailers when leaving the main ring.
- 23. Competitors must be safely seated on the float at all times when the tractor engine is running. The only exception is when the float is parading inside the Main Ring.
- 24. **Health & Safety – Risk Assessments for the use of the float on the day of the competition** – to be carried out by Clubs and submitted on the day of the Competition to the Health & Safety Officers – failure to do so may result in Disqualification. An example will be supplied by the County Office prior to the day to assist with this. (Note that Risk Assessments for float building should be done as normal club practice, but are not required to be shown on the day of the competition.)

**Scale of Marking for the Show Floats** – Interpretation - 25, Overall Presentation - 25, Entertainment– 25, Artwork/Costumes - 25. Total 100

There will also be a trophy given for the **Best Club Name Board Competition**.  
The rules for this are: Floats must have 1 board, no bigger than 5 ft x 2ft on the front of the tractor and this should have the clubs name clearly on there. There must be no computer images or computer generated artwork to be used. The board must be hand drawn/painted.

**MAP:**

