



STAFFORDSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW COMPETITION RULES

TUES 30th MAY – THURS 31st MAY 2018



ISSUED: 8TH MARCH 2018

Leslie T. Chester Trophy Cheadle/Blythe Bridge NFU Trophy - Tuesday 29th May 2018 presented in memory of the late Leslie T. Chester. (Competitors to be 26 and under on 1.09.17) TO BE TYPED AND EMAILED INTO THE COUNTY OFFICE BY MONDAY 21ST MAY. No entries will be accepted after this deadline for this competition. The story is to be no more than 500 words and to include the following 15 words: ***sweating, executed, dab, unicorn, election, Montbéliarde, oak, maraca, kiwi, bearing, smelly, vets, discombobulate, envelope, gin.*** The entries will be word checked and counted and checked for punctuation at the County Office, marked by the judge and then results will be given at the Pre Show Reception. Clubs may send in two entries.

Club Display – Tuesday 29th May 2018. SCFYFC Rules. Clubs will be required to mount a display promoting their Club in a space of **any size up to a maximum of 1m x 1m x 1m**, which can be displayed on two *straw bales. (*subject to availability of space and layout as decided by the Development Committee). All sides, including the outer edges must be covered for display purposes. Also note that the display is measured from the OUTER edge, not the INNER edge. Displays can be set up from Sun 27th May or Mon 28th May from 10am until 4pm or on Tues 29th May up until 12 noon. All displays to be erected and complete no later than 12 noon on Tues 29th May. Any incomplete entries after this time, will incur a time penalty of 2 marks per 5 minutes or part thereof. Marks: Effectiveness of Exhibit in depicting full range of activities 40; Relevance of impact on Young People 30; Presentation 30. Total 100.

YFC's Got Talent – Tuesday 29th May 2018. SCFYFC Rules. Teams to consist of up to five members, 26 or under on 1.09.17. Competitors will be given five minutes on stage to present any talents they may have, suitable for a family audience. If CD is being used, this should be submitted prior to the competition for sound/compatibility checking. Results will be decided by a panel of judges and also voting by the audience on the night for their favourite. Scale of Marks – Presentation 40, Originality 20, Overall effect 40. Total 100.

LIVE MAGIC ACT – Wednesday 30th May 2018. SCFYFC Rules. No limit to number of members in the entry, however bear in mind the space available will be on a stage, sized around 3m x 8m.

- ✓ All members taking part must be aged 26 years or under on 01.09.17.
- ✓ Each act will be given up to ten minutes to present their act, including an introduction and ending.
- ✓ All acts must be able to set up and clear their stage themselves.
- ✓ There will be microphones available.
- ✓ Any other equipment the act needs must be provided by the act.
- ✓ Any music or sound effects must be provided on CV and submitted to the County Office prior to the competition for checking.
- ✓ The competition will be performed in front of the general public and therefore must be suitable for a family audience.

Scale of Marks : Presentation – 40; Skill – 40; Overall Effect – 40 Did the magic happen? – 40
Originality – 40 Total 100 marks.

NFYFC Tug-of-War (Male) - Wednesday 30th May 2018. Please read NFYFC Rules for full procedure, marks and details. A team shall consist of 8 members aged 26 or under on 1.09.16. **Two members only may be between the age of 15 and 17 and the remainder of the team MUST be over 18 but under 26 on 1.09.17.** A coach who must be an amateur under ToWA Laws is allowed, and need not comply with other rules of eligibility. A WEIGHT LIMIT WILL BE IMPOSED OF 680KGS FOR A TEAM OF 8 COMPETITORS. The two highest placed teams will go forward to the West Midlands Area Finals at The Three Counties Show in on Sunday 17th June, where the NFYFC Rules will apply.

For the competition, clubs should note that in the Male Section, clubs are eligible to make up the team from female members if they wish to enter a Club Team. However, if the winning team is mixed, the Club will be responsible for making up the numbers from within its own club or other clubs taking part in the competition, to go on to the next round. This is subject to members being eligible to compete at the time of the County round as per the NFYFC Rules.

NFYFC Tug-of-War (Female) – Wednesday 30th May 2018. Please read NFYFC Rules for full procedure, marks and details. For the County round, a team shall consist of 6 members, 26 or under on 1.09.16. **Two members only may be between the age of 15 and 17 and the remainder of the team MUST be over 18 but under 26 on 1.09.17.** A weight limit pro rata of the NFYFC rules will apply for the 6 i.e. not exceeding 435kg. A coach who must be an amateur under ToWA Laws is allowed, and need not comply with other rules of eligibility. The two highest placed teams will go forward to the West Midlands Area Finals at The Three Counties Show in Malvern on Sunday 17th June, where the NFYFC Rules will apply and the team of 8 must comply with the weight limit of 580kg.

County Show Floats – Thursday 31st 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 22nd 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 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 17th 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 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.
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.

Any questions, queries,
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just not sure on
something, please call
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