



STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

YFC Centre, County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD

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INFORMATION SHEET AND RULES

Staffordshire YFC Silage Competition



DATE: Saturday 11th February 2023

TIME: Teams to arrive **promptly** at 10.30am for booking in.

JUDGES: Senior – **TBC**
Intermediate – **TBC**
Junior – **TBC**

STEWARDS: Harry Butson and Olivia Lockett

Clubs taking part:

ASHLEY A	LEEK
ASHLEY B	LICHFIELD
ASHLEY C	UTTOXETER A
CHASE A	UTTOXETER B
CHASE B	WATERHOUSES
CHASE C	

RULES: See page 2

VENUES: Sign in 10.30am at Green Tree Farm (address as below)

Three clamps will be judged as follows:

1st Clamp at 10.45am – Green Tree Farm, Green Lane, Rudyard, Nr Leek, ST13 8PN by kind permission of Mr and Mrs P Woodward and family.

2nd Clamp at 11.15am – Red Earth Farm, Rudyard, Leek, ST13 8PT by kind permission of Mr and Mrs S Heath and family.

3rd Clamp at 11.45am – **TBC**

Lunch & Reason Giving: Venue TBC and advised – a meal will be booked at a local establishment (est cost £10-15 / head)

(Lunch will be provided for our judges).

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- All members taking part must have access to their digital membership card no later than Wednesday 8th February 2023
- Any club who withdraws within 7 days of the competition will receive a £15 fine and -6 points
- Any members aged 17 years and under must complete a parental permission slip via JotForm no later than 12noon on Wednesday 8th February 2023

Covid Responsibility

Anyone taking part is asked to not attend if they have any covid symptoms or feel unwell

Contact details on the day are Harry Butson, Competitions Chair 07385 51121.

Remember that if you Club withdraws from a competition within 7 days of the day of the competition, then you will receive a £15 fine and -6 points from the Overall Competitions Cup ☹️



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Silage Competition – Saturday 11th February 2023. SCFYFC Rules. A team to consist of 3 competitors, 1 competitor 16 and under, 1 Competitor 21 and under and 1 28 or under on 1.9.22. Members may enter as individuals if a full team is not available.

1. The Silage competition shall comprise three clamps as to their suitability for winter-feed using the following assessment criteria to mark them:
 - i. Dry Matter %
 - ii. Effluent control
 - iii. Soil contamination and quality of crop ensiled
 - iv. Clamp filling, shoulders and consolidation
 - v. Clamp sealing, sheets, nets and covers
 - vi. Face management and clamp cleanliness
 - vii. Top, side and shoulder waste
 - viii. Usage rate and wastage feed-out
 - ix. Visual quality assessment
 - x. Overall Impression

Each of the above points is marked by the competitor on a 0 – 5 scale.

For the Senior and Intermediate section, competitors will also be required to calculate the clamp size.

2. Each competitor will be allowed 15 minutes to judge each silage clamp and complete a scorecard. The completed scorecard shall be handed to the Steward 15 minutes after judging each clamp.
3. Each competitor shall give reasons for their choice within a maximum of three minutes to the master judge. Marks will be deducted at 2 marks for every 15 seconds over or part thereof.
4. Certificates shall be awarded to the first three members in each Section of the Competition as well as the first three overall teams when junior, intermediate and senior marks are combined.
5. If there is a tie - the competitor presenting the best reasons in the opinion of the Judges shall be the winner.
6. The judges decision is final.

7. SCALE OF MARKS

Correct Assessment	50	
(1 point will be deducted for each point of variation from the Master Judge’s score)		
Placings	50	
Accuracy of Observations		25
Positive Comparison	15	
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10	
Clamp Size Score (Intermediate and Senior only)	50	
TOTAL PER COMPETITOR		150 (200 Intermediate & Senior)