

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

INFORMATION SHEET – SHOW FLOAT COMPETITION

**IMPORTANT
READ ALL
INFORMATION
CAREFULLY**

THURSDAY 1ST JUNE 2023

Kindly Sponsored by



**** Note all under 18;s
MUST submit their
Parental Permission
Slip via JotForm no
later than 9 am
Wednesday 31st May
2023**

ORDER FOR FLOATS TO ENTER THE RING

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>CHOICE</u>	<u>PRIZE MONEY</u>
UTTOXETER	CORONATION DAY	<p>1ST PLACE £125 2ND PLACE £100 3RD PLACE £75</p> <p>All clubs who take part in the competition, will receive £100 for entering (subject to satisfactory behaviour on the day)</p>
ABBOTSHOLME	GREAT FIRE OF LONDON	
STONE	FIRST MAN ON THE MOON	
WATERHOUSES	VE DAY	
LICHFIELD	CHRISTMAS DAY	
LEEK	OLYMPICS 2012 "SUPER SATURDAY"	
CHASE	ABBA WINNING EUROVISION	
ECCLESHALL	SINKING OF THE TITANIC	
CHEADLE	WORLD CUP 1966	
ASHLEY	1 ST DAY OF THE MILLENNIUM	

Judges:

SHOW FLOATS: Mr & Mrs T Barker of BD Fuels, Hixon & Mr George Hawley

BEST NAME BOARD: Mr & Mrs T Williams (Vice Chairman of SBAS)
Mr & Mrs G Roobottom (Vice President of SBAS)

Main Ring Commentator: Emily Cartmail, Harry Butson and Toby Hall

Judges Stewards: Hannah Britland & John Stone (Smart Dress please)

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

**Richard Hooley, Ange Woodward, Polly Baines, Will Freeman, Chris Wheawall, Lisa Hawley, Sam Palmer, Phil Bourne, Henry Robinson, Sarah Bourne, Beth Allen, Rob Mollatt, Sarah Clayton, Dave & Jo Bowers, Christine & Phil Large, Jess Powell, Connor Whitehead, Christine Allen, Phil Wilson, Johnny Wilson, Isobel & Andrew Britland, Mark & Rachel Rushton, Frank Hammond, Francis Mollatt, Alison Freeman, Dave Heminsley, Clare & Steve Shenton, Richard & Julie Whitehurst and Cathie Hurdman

** your name was suggested at the Competitions Committee meeting – please let us know if you are able to help.

** Any Stewards who require entry tickets to the County Show, please contact Julia at the Office.

Health and Safety Officers/Float Stewards: David Heminsley, George Hawley, Emily Cartmail, Harry Butson & Connor Whitehead

Lead Vehicle – kindly supplied by Johnsons of Cheadle, Driver TBC

Entry Tickets – Clubs are allocated 10 tickets for those who are taking part in the Show Float Competition Club Secretaries are asked to submit a list of names no later than 25th May 2023 and to arrange collection of these from the office.

DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS – WILL BE REQUESTED WHEN BOOKING IN

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- Members must be joined & have access to their digital membership card no later than Tuesday 30th May 2023.
- Any club who withdraws within 7 days of the competition will receive a £15 fine and -6 points

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- Any members aged 17 years and under must complete a parental permission slip via JotForm <https://form.jotform.com/231232719522349> **no later than 9am Wed 31st May 2023, or scan the QR code.**
- All members taking part must have access to their current digital membership card (2022-2023) either on mobile or printout.



Public Health / Infection Control Responsibility

- Please do not attend/take part if you have any covid symptoms or are feeling unwell
- Note current government guidance must be followed at all times (this may change from the above)
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TIMINGS:

12.30pm – Float Stewards to meet for briefing at the YFC Office

1.15pm – Clubs to be ready for signing in with Float Stewards

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

1.15pm – Float 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 – John Stone to accompany the judges from BD Fuels & Mr George Hawley from the YFC Office to the judging area.

1.30pm – Judging of all floats commences

2pm – Hannah Britland to go to accompany Mr & Mrs Williams and Mr & Mrs Roobottom to the Main Ring.

*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*

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 a company, then full details including registration number, make, model and value must be sent to the County Office by Thursday 25th May 2023.**
- 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.
- 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 Thursday 25th May 2023.**
- 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 when signing in. The emphasis of these assessments should be with regard to the actual day of the Show Float Competition and your float i.e. public safety, getting on/off the float, any projections and moving part, moving tractors. Failure to complete and adhere to this may result in Disqualification.

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RULES:

County Show Floats – Thursday 1st June 2023. 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 28 years or under on 1.09.22. The theme for the Show Floats is “A Day in History”

To avoid duplication of a theme, Clubs should phone the County Office LANDLINE (01785 248645) with their choice, after 9am on Monday 7th February 2023. No choices will be accepted before this date and time.

Choices will not be accepted via any other numbers, email or messages. Any changes to a club choice must be notified to the office at the earliest opportunity. 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.

Clubs to note the following for signing in on the day:

- Teams are to be ready to sign in with their members, consent forms and membership cards between 12noon – 12.45pm.
- All clubs to nominate a main point of contact who will liaise with the stewards on the day.
- All floats must be ready for judging at 1.15pm.

Rules

1. **Permission Slips** WILL be requested from ALL members aged 17 and under before taking part in the competition. These are to be submitted via the published JotForm to the County Office no later than Thursday 25th May at 12noon.
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 along with tractor information must be submitted to the County Office no later than Thursday 25th May at 12noon.**
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. The circuit of the parade around the main ring may be clockwise or anti-clockwise, therefore there should not be a side board obstructing the view on one side.**
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 no later than Thursday 25th May, 12noon.
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

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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.)
25. **Scale of Marking for the Show Floats** – Interpretation - 25, Overall Presentation - 25, Entertainment- 25, Artwork/Costumes - 25. Risk Assessment – 10. Total 110. Prize money and certificates are awarded to the floats placed 1st – 4th. All floats are given money for entering.

There will also be a trophy given for the **Best Club Name Board Competition. Certificates will also be awarded.**

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: