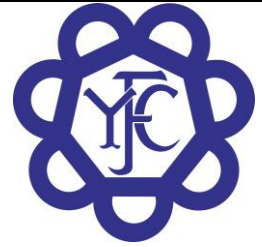




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# **STAFFORDSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS**

## **GENERAL COMPETITION RULES**

### **2023**

**FINAL – ISSUED TO ALL CLUBS 16.12.2022**

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## **STANDARDS OF PERSONAL BEHAVIOUR WITHIN YFC**

Staffordshire YFC is a rural youth organisation that prides itself on giving young people the opportunity to learn and develop by participating in our many and varied activities. We recognise that, in the majority of cases, members enjoy trouble free involvement with Staffordshire YFC. However, there may be occasions when unacceptable behaviour occurs at a YFC event or competition, and the **NFYFC Competitions Behaviour Policy** is designed to deal with such incidents and minimise their occurrence by encouraging good behaviour and penalising unacceptable behaviour. All members should also abide by the **YFC Code of Conduct** at all times. **To request a copy of the Policy or YFC Code of Conduct please contact the County Office on 01785 248645.**

### **MEMBERSHIP AGE RANGES:**

Junior:	16 or under on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022
Intermediate:	21 or under on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022
Senior:	28 or under on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022
Associate:	29 or over on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022

### **CLUB REGIONS**

<b>REGION 1</b>	<b>REGION 2</b>	<b>REGION 3</b>
Ashley YFC	Cheadle YFC	Chase YFC
Eccleshall YFC	Leek YFC	Lichfield YFC
Stone YFC	Waterhouses YFC	Uttoxeter JNFU
		Abbotsholme YFC

### **ALL CLUBS AND MEMBERS MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING WHEN TAKING PART IN ANY COMPETITION:**

- Members taking part in either a SFYFC or NFYFC Competition at a County Round for another Club within the Staffordshire Federation may do so at their own discretion. They may not take part in the same competition for more than one Club.
- All members are responsible for checking and abiding by the NFYFC General Rules 2022/23 [www.nfyfc.org.uk/Competitions/competitions](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/Competitions/competitions) when taking part in the NFYFC Competitions.
- Proof of membership will be requested by the Competition Stewards at the point of booking in. Anyone unable to prove their membership will be unable to take part.
- **Joining Up in time to take part in a competition:** It is the member's responsibility to ensure that the members taking part in a competition have joined the club in full and can produce a copy of their digital membership card.

<b>Day of the Competition</b>	<b>Latest day that members must be able to view/have access to their digital membership card (i.e. be fully completed on the NFYFC Membership System)</b>
Monday	Wednesday before the competition
Tuesday	Thursday before the competition
Wednesday	Friday before the competition
Thursday	Monday before the competition
Friday	Tuesday before the competition
Saturday	Wednesday before the competition
Sunday	Wednesday before the competition

- **Timekeeping** – All Competitions have the booking in time and start times clearly stated on the Information Sheet. A 30-minute limit is given from the booking in time stated. If a club or individual fails to turn up after this time, the club will be unable to compete. Any team or individual that is running late should advise the stewards as per the contact details given on the Information Sheet.

- If a Club does not notify the County Office of their **Intention to withdraw** within 7 days from the date of the competition this will result in 6 points deducted from the Overall Competitions Cup and a £15 fine. Note if the Competition is a Sat/Sun then the period is 8 days from the date of the Competition.
- If a Club does not notify the County Office of their **Intention to withdraw** from a County Competition within the required deadline, then any costs i.e. sports venues hire/umpire expenses will also be invoiced to that Club, in addition to the £15. This also applies should a team be disqualified.
- **Trophies and Awards. Note that any club is not obliged to store County Trophies and they can be kept at the County Office.** As per the NFU Insurance Policy, the following must be adhered to when receiving any awards or trophies which belong to SCFYFC, on behalf of a club or as an individual. All YFC Trophies owned or held by YFC Club's, County Federations, YFC Areas and the NFYFC are insured under the Insurance Policy provided by the NFU Mutual Insurance Scheme for YFCs. Whilst trophies are in YFC members' homes they are insured under the NFU Mutual Insurance Scheme for YFCs. Therefore, members are not required to add the trophy to their own home insurance policy. There is a limit per trophy of £5,000. If you have a trophy with a valuation of more than £5,000 contact your local NFU Mutual branch office.

**Important Note:** Whilst trophies are insured on an All Risks basis, those YFC members in possession of a trophy do also hold the responsibility for ensuring that it is kept safely and securely at all times. This means trophies must never be left unattended at Meetings, Shows, Rallies or other events. Nor should they be left unattended in vehicles. It is important also that trophies are always returned, in person, or via another YFC member in person and are never shipped by Royal Mail or other carrier without consultation with the County Office, YFC Area or the NFYFC where a decision can be made after examining the valuation certificate – some trophies are simply too valuable to be shipped by courier or post! As agreed by the Competitions Committee, June 2022, the following charges are applicable to all Staffordshire YFC Clubs regarding trophies and awards and will be invoiced:

- Late return of trophy (date due is published on the trophy liability form) - £20 fine
- Trophy not engraved - £10 fine plus cost of engraving
- Trophy returned late and not engraved - £30 fine plus cost of engraving
- Lost/damaged trophy resulting in insurance claim - £150 (NFU Excess Premium) plus £50 fine

*If it is awarded to a named individual i.e., Member of the Year Award or Merit Award, then the named individual who signed for the award is responsible.*

- **Parental Consent Forms** will be requested at County, Area and NFYFC Competitions for anyone aged 17 or under on the day of the competition. It is the competitors' responsibility to follow the deadlines as stated on the Competition Information Sheet.
- **NFYFC Rules** are on their website [www.nfyfc.org.uk](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk). It is the club/members responsibility to check the NFYFC Rules when taking part in a competition.

### **WITHDRAWING FROM A WEST MIDLANDS AREA (WMA) COMPETITION**

If a team or individual does not notify the County Office of their intention to withdraw from an Area competition within the deadlines as imposed by the WMA club/individual by West Midlands Area then any fines received will be directly sent onto the club or individual concerned.

### **WITHDRAWING FROM A NFYFC COMPETITION**

Please refer to the NFYFC General Rules 2022/23 for information about fines imposed for late withdrawal or no-shows for competitions as well as late submission of Parental Consent Forms. These can be downloaded via [www.nfyfc.org.uk/Competitions/competitions](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/Competitions/competitions). Any fines imposed on a club/individual by NFYFC which again must be paid by the club or individual concerned.

### **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

Any complaint regarding a competition or results should be made to the named stewards on the day of the competition before leaving the site. The Judges' decision is final on all occasions.

## **CUPS AWARDED DURING THE YEAR:**

**OVERALL COMPETITIONS CUP:** This is presented annually at the County AGM to the Club who are overall winners of all competitions in the Federation's year. This competition will run from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August and is relevant to all County Competitions except those at the Rally. A Cup will also be awarded to the Runner up Club.

### **Points will be awarded as follows:**

1 <sup>st</sup> place	7 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	3 points

The above includes the one point for entering. In the case of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the scoring procedure will be: -

Joint 1<sup>st</sup> = 7 + 5, divided by 2, giving 6 points to each club.

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 + 3, divided by 2, giving 4 points to each club.

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> = 3 + 1, divided by 2, giving 2 points to each club

If a team is made up of two Clubs and agreed beforehand, then the points will be divided equally between the two. If a club enters more than one team into any competition, then points will only be allocated to the highest placed team for that Club. Points will then be allocated to the next highest placed team from another Club.

**MOST IMPROVED CLUB - COMPETITIONS CUP:** Donated by the County NFU and first presented in 1996, is given to the club that has shown the greatest improvement in points from the previous year in Overall Competitions. Presented at the County AGM.

**SMALL CLUBS TROPHY:** Donated by the County NFU and first presented in 1996, is given to the club out of the **FOUR** smallest clubs in the County in terms of membership, who have achieved the most points throughout the year for competitions. Presented at the County AGM.

**OVERALL COMPETITIONS CUP FOR THE COUNTY SHOW:** Presented to the Federation by Mr R Tonge in 1967 for the best exhibits at the County Show. It is now awarded for the Club who collates the highest number of Competition Points at the County Show Competitions.

**THE KEN UNWIN MBE MEMORIAL CUP:** (donated to Staffordshire YFC by the Staffordshire NFU and is given in memory of Mr Ken Unwin MBE and first presented in 2011). It is awarded to the Club who most improves in the competition areas which were Ken's passions. Namely, Male and Female Tug Of War, Stockman of the Year, Carcase Judging and Public Speaking.

**THE DAVID STUBBS AWARD:** (Donated by The Stubbs Family in 2022 in memory of Mr David Stubbs, former County Chairman and Vice President of the Federation). First awarded in 2023. It is awarded to the club who most improves in the competition areas which were David's passions. Namely, Dairy Stockjudging, Stockman/ Young Stock judge of the Year and Carcase Judging.

**W.H.D. HOBSON TROPHY:** Presented at the County AGM to the Club with the highest percentage increase in membership from the previous membership year.

**WRITER'S SHIELD (SPONSORED BY THE STAFFORDSHIRE NEWSLETTER):** Presented at the County AGM for the best entry of information in the Book of the Year. The Book of the Year editor judges this competition.

**MERIT AWARD (PRESENTED BY THE LATE MR & MRS W.A. TAYLOR):** Presented at the County AGM. Given to the Federation following Mr. Taylor's two years as County President from 1992 - 1994. Awarded to a member aged 28 or under on 1st September 2022. The member must have given a continuous and consistent positive input into their club and / or County Federation during the last 12 months of their membership i.e., 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023. Each club may nominate a maximum of TWO members for this category. The County

President, County Chairman and Club Efficiency Judges may also make nominations to consider as well. The nominations will be judged by the County President, County Chairman, Club Efficiency Judges and County Organiser, who will make the final decision on the winners of the awards.

**JUNIOR MERIT AWARD (GIVEN TO THE FEDERATION BY LONGNOR & DISTRICT YFC 1983-1990):** Presented at the County AGM and is awarded to a member aged 17 or under on 1st September 2022. The member must have given a continuous and consistent positive input into their club and / or County Federation during the last 12 months of their membership i.e., 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023. Each club may nominate a maximum of TWO members for this category. The County President, County Chairman and Club Efficiency Judges may also make nominations to consider as well. The nominations will be judged by the County President, County Chairman, Club Efficiency Judges and County Organiser, who will make the final decision on the winners of the awards.

**THE FCN/YFC KINDNESS AND COMPASSION AWARD:** Launched in 2022 by Staffordshire FCN and Staffordshire YFC. To recognise a Staffordshire YFC member who has shown an example of outstanding kindness, compassion and care to others during the last 12 months. This could be something within YFC, their local community, their family and / or friends, or a combination of all. Nominations may be made by members, parents, past members, associate members, Club Presidents—anyone can nominate! This is judged by Staffordshire FCN and a representative of Staffordshire YFC. The award is presented at the County AGM.

**DAVID PALIJ CHALLENGE AWARD:** The competition is open to all Young Farmers' Clubs in the County of Staffordshire and is presented at the County AGM for Charity/Community Work done in a particular year, but not necessarily based on the amount of money raised. The Award was presented in memory of the late David Palij, a severely disabled victim of thalidomide who worked in the YFC Office during 1983 until his tragic death in a road accident at the age of 21. This competition helps Staffordshire YFC remember the brave and cheerful way in which David accepted, and in many cases, successfully rose above the limitations set by his disability. Entries from clubs will be assessed as follows:

1. The amount of money raised for charity may be stated but will not necessarily be taken into account by the Judges.
2. Work done.
3. Participation of the club members.
4. Ingenuity of method of work done.
5. A member of the Club should be prepared to give reasons to the Judges for their choice of charity.
6. Project must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> August.
7. Clubs may enter as many projects as they wish.

**COUNTY CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY FOR OUTSTANDING COUNTY OFFICER (DONATED BY DONNA TAVERNOR IN 2009, FOLLOWING HER YEAR AS COUNTY CHAIRMAN):** Presented at the County AGM to the most outstanding County Officer. The County Chairman, in consultation with the County President and County Organiser, decide the winner.

**THE YOUNG FARMERS AMBASSADORS (YFA) TROPHY:** This Trophy was given to The Staffordshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs by the English Reunion Committee which hosted the YFA Reunion in Stoke-on-Trent in 1997. The Award is presented at the County AGM. *Due to there being no YFC Travel Programme during 2020 – 2022 this award is currently on hold.*

**MANIFOLD MARKETING AWARD:** Donated by Norman Manifold, first presented in 1995. Presented at the County AGM. This will be awarded to the Club gaining the highest number of points in the following Club Efficiency Competition Elements – *Promoting your Club and Participation and Engagement in Club, County and Community Events*. This is judged by the Club Efficiency Judges, with input from the County President, County Chairman and County Organiser.

**YFC SCRAPBOOK AWARD:** Presented at the County AGM. Competitors will be required to produce a Scrapbook depicting "A year in the Life of our Club". The Scrapbooks will be required in the County Office by a specified date

for judging. The Scrapbook should run from 1st September 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. Marks will be awarded - Originality 20; Artistic Ability and Design 20; Content 40; Presentation and Overall Impression 20. Total 100.

**THE RICHARD MOTTERSHEAD CLUB PROGRAMME AWARD:** Donated by Richard Mottershead, first given to the federation at the end of his year as County Chairman for 2017-18. First presented in November 2019. Presented at the County AGM. This will be awarded to the Club gaining the highest number of points within the Club Efficiency Competition Elements – *for the Club Programme section*. This is judged by the Club Efficiency Judges, with input from the County President, County Chairman and County Organiser

**CLUB EFFICIENCY SHIELD:** Presented at the County AGM. The aim of the competition is to encourage members, officers and clubs to work together as an effective team for the benefit of all. Judging includes looking at all aspects of how the club is being run on a weekly basis, good club administration and record keeping, strong leadership and governance and active promotion of the clubs through publicity and community engagement. Judges also want to see teamwork, ideas and enthusiasm from all club members and officers in leadership roles. The full criteria for this competition is published directly to all Club Officers in October and will commence on 1st November annually. There is also an award for the Runner Up in this competition.

**GWEN EARP HAWARD AWARD:** Presented on Public Speaking Day. This is awarded for the Club who achieves the highest placings in the Junior Reading, Junior Speaking, Intermediate and Senior Public Speaking Competitions on the day.

**HAMMER COMPETITION.** This competition is open to all paid up members of the YFC to participate in.

1. The Hammer will be held by the Club that won the most recent challenge.
2. The winning Club may be challenged by any other Club to take part in any activity not already included in the County YFC programme.
3. Any other Club, including the Club who has just lost the Hammer, may challenge the Club holding the Hammer.
4. When a Club wins the Hammer, it's the clubs responsibility to inform the County office so that a challenge may be offered to other clubs via Action Press.
5. No Clubs should refuse a challenge. All challenges must be communicated clearly by email, which states what activities are to take place, and what clothes are required, with a copy to the County Office. The challenge must take place within **one month** of the date of the email.
6. If no challenges are forthcoming, then a Club will be drawn at the County Competitions Committee Meeting to take up the challenge.
7. Hammer Challenge will be discussed at every Competitions Meeting.
8. The Club holding the Hammer will be responsible for recording the challenge and result in the Hammer Book.
9. The Club holding the Hammer must give at least 7 days notification of cancellation if unable to attend the challenge.
10. The Hammer must be forfeited if this happens within the 7 days before the day of the competition. All cancellations are to be resolved by the clubs with good reasons only.
11. As agreed at the Competitions Committee Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014, any School Club holding the Hammer may hold it during the school holidays and be challenged in term time only.

## **STAFFORDSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS COMPETITIONS CALENDAR 2023**

**Ten Pin Bowling - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.** SCFYFC Rules. A team to consist of 6 members, 28 or under on 1.09.22. At least two team members must be of the opposite gender and two other members may be Associate members i.e., 29 and over but must be current members. Only the first game played will count towards the competition with the highest scoring team winning.

**County Quiz – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023.** SCFYFC Rules for “Written Pub Quiz”. A Team to consist of 4 members 28 or under on 1.09.22. Eight rounds of ten questions will be asked to which teams will be required to submit written answers. The Quiz Master’s decision will be final.

**Indoor Cricket League - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023.** SCFYFC Rules.

**Eligibility:** Teams can consist of up to 15 players, of which at least 2 must be of the opposite gender. Each game is played with 8 players and at least 1 member of the opposite gender must play in every game. Teams must comprise current members only. Members are only eligible to play for 1 team. Members must be 28 years and under on 1st September 2022.

Indoor cricket has the same basic rules as normal cricket except:

- The game is played over 16 overs
- Bowlers can bowl only 2 overs
- Batman can only bat for 4 overs
- You can get caught out off the net/wall.
- When you get out you lose 5 runs (The batman stays in until he/she has completed his 4 overs)
- You get runs by hitting the ball and running, hitting to different sections of the court (4 & 6 runs possible). Also, by the bowler bowling a no ball or a wide (it cost 2 runs).
- The ball is live throughout the game
- **If the ball goes in the net, a maximum of 1 run will be awarded.**

Points are awarded as follows: -

Win	4 points
Draw	2 points

Bonus points are received for:

Scoring 75 runs	1 point
Scoring 150 runs	2 points
Scoring 225 runs	3 points
Keep opponent under 50	1 point

The procedure to be followed in the event of late arrival of a team:

5 runs will be given to the waiting team for the first five minutes if a team has not arrived. For every two minutes thereafter, two runs will be awarded to the waiting team. If a team has not arrived after fifteen minutes, the 4 points would be awarded to the waiting team. If a team does not attend their match, they will be responsible for paying the costs of the hire of the sports venue for both teams.

Costs for this competition will be invoiced to each club

**Silage Competition – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>TOTAL PER COMPETITOR</b>	<b>150 (200 Intermediate &amp; Senior)</b>	

**Darts (Doubles and Singles) -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.** Team to consist of 6 members who will play as follows: 2 double teams, 2 singles. Players to include at least 2 members of the opposite gender, 28 or under on 1.09.22, and one member may be an Associate member, i.e. 29 or over on 1.09.22. The draw will be made before the competition. Teams will not be required to start on a double. However, if competitors are trying to get the same double at the end, and have not achieved this after 9 darts, they should throw 1 dart and the nearest to the bullseye wins. Singles to start at 301 - down; doubles to start at 501 - down. The winners of each competition (Singles & Doubles) will be taken as the final result towards the Overall Competitions Cup." It was confirmed that 4th place can be confirmed if any of the top 3 are from the same club - i.e. highest place receives the points and then others move up.

**NFYFC Cookery Competition – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules for full procedure, marks and details. Teams to consist of 3 members, 1 must be 28 or under, 1 21 or under and 1 16 or under on 1.09.22. Each team will be required to prepare and display an Executive Meal for a day at the Races, with local produce. All teams to supply their own gas stoves which will be subject to safety checks. The two winning teams will go forward to represent the County at the NFYFC Finals held at The Malvern Autumn Show, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023.

**Clay Pigeon Shoot – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023.** Refer to NFYFC Rules. 28 & Under Category: Competitors to be 28 years of age or under on 1.09.22. 17 & Under Category: Competitors to be aged between 14 years and over and 17 years of age and under on 1st September 2022 (this age range must be adhered to.) This means competitors have attained their 14th birthday on 1.09.22 and may be 18 on the day of the national final. Under 14's are not allowed to take part in the Competition at County/National Finals due to NFYFC Insurance. Clubs may enter as many members as they wish but please advise numbers to the County Office by the deadline given. Only fibre wad cartridges must be used. For the County round, certificates will be awarded for the highest scoring male and female members as individuals in the 28 & Under category. **Any competitor who uses two score sheets during the competition should note that only their lowest sheet will be counted – this is to be checked by the stewards on the day.** The two highest scoring members in each age category be eligible to take part in the NFYFC finals held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Oakedge, Rugeley.



**Pool Competition** – **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.** SCFYFC Rules. Each Club may enter up to 3 teams of 4 members, aged 28 or under on the 1.09.22 (maximum teams in total for the competition – 21.) Teams may also consist of 1 Associate member aged 29 and over on 1.09.22. Depending on the number of entries, teams may receive a ‘bye’ in the first round at the Stewards’ discretion. The competition will be played to “World Eight Ball Pool Federation Rules”. Please refer to the website: [www.wepf.org/rul\\_rules.php](http://www.wepf.org/rul_rules.php), a copy of which is available on the night. As decided at the Competitions Meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008, it is the team with the highest number of wins that will be counted towards the Overall Competitions Cup.

**Mixed Volleyball** - **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023.** SCFYFC Rules. Teams to consist of 6 members, aged 28 or under on 1.09.22. Only 4 members play at any time and must be 2 male and 2 female. Games will be played for 7 minutes, and the winner will be the first team to reach 15 points. If neither of the teams get to 15 points then it will be the final score at 7 minutes. Please note that Clubs may enter 2 teams if they wish, but they must notify the County Office.

**Dairy Stockjudging** – **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules.

Each club may enter up to 2 teams consisting of six members: -

2 members 16 or under on 1.09.22.

2 members 21 or under on 1.09.22.

2 members 28 or under on 1.09.22.

The Senior Competition is Dairy Cattle Linear Assessment; competitors will be required to give positive reasons to justify the placing. Intermediates will be required to judge and give reasons on 6 dairy cows and Juniors will be required to judge and give reasons on 4 dairy cows. Competitors must wear white coats and clean Wellingtons. Overall team for this competition will be taken from the scores for each competitor totalled together. Two competitors from each age group will go forward to the NFYFC Finals on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at The Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate.

**Stockman of the Year** – **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules. Team of 8 comprising 4 – 21 or under and 4 - 28 or under on 1.09.22. Competitors will not be required to complete an Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire for the County round. Competitors will be required to judge and give reasons on 4 rings of stock comprising 4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Butchers Lambs, 4 Bacon or Pork Pigs (subject to availability). White coats and clean Wellingtons must be worn. Prize Money kindly donated by the Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society will be presented along with certificates on the day to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Overall Intermediate and Senior Stockjudge of the Year. Up to 16 competitors in this competition will go forward to the WMA round – details TBC.

**Young Stockjudge** – **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules. Clubs may enter team of 4 members. Competitors must be 18 or under on 1.09.22. Competitors will be required to judge and give reasons on 4 rings of stock comprising 4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Butchers Lambs, 4 Bacon or Pork Pigs (Subject to availability). White coats and clean Wellingtons must be worn. Prize Money kindly donated by the Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society will be presented along with certificates on the day to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Overall Intermediate and Senior Stockjudge of the Year. Up to 16 competitors will go forward to the WMA round – details TBC.

**Leslie T. Chester Trophy Cheadle/Blythe Bridge NFU Trophy** – presented in memory of the late Leslie T. Chester. Staffordshire YFC Blog Writing Competition. Open to any Staffordshire YFC member (28 & under) Format – to Write a blog post of between 300 and 500 words, include up to 4 images relevant to the blog contents. Blog to be made relevant to the theme ‘My YFC Journey’

- Include key buzz words that will help the blog to rank well when searched on google, such as:
  - National Young Farmers Week
  - Staffordshire YFC
  - Club Name
  - Fun, Learning, Achievement

Individuals to write a blog post of between 300 and 500 words that can be uploaded to the Staffordshire YFC website ahead of National Young Farmers Week 2023. The blog contents should be written around the theme of 'Your YFC Journey' however the blog should be given an individual title at the discretion of the competitor. The theme is open to the competitor's interpretation as to whether they wish to write it from the perspective of their personal journey, the club or the county. Must be suitable for family viewing. Competitors to include up to 4 good quality images.

The blog will be uploaded onto Staffordshire YFC's social media platforms after the competition.

**YFC's Got Talent – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.** SCFYFC Rules. Teams to consist of up to five members, 28 or under on 1.09.22. Competitors will be given five minutes on stage to present any talents they may have, suitable for a family audience. It is the responsibility of the competitors to check their music source is compatible with the sound system being used on the night. Results will be decided 2 judges and also voting by the audience on the night for their favourite.

Scale of Judges Marks – Presentation 40, Originality 20, Overall effect 40. Total 100.

**NFYFC Fashion Make and Model – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.** NFYFC Rules. 1 member aged 28 and under on 1.9.22. Competitors are required to make an outfit relating to the theme "Day at the Races." There is no price limit, however, the judges will be taking into consideration the value for money of the garment(s). On the day of the competition the competitor will have to show costings by producing receipts. The competitor will also need to produce a paragraph explaining the outfit, fabric used and how it is has been made for the compere on the day. Refer to NFYFC Rules for full details.

Outfit to be modelled during the Pre-Show Reception during the evening where the final results will be announced.

The two winning entries will go forward to the WMA at the Three Counties Show in June.

**Club Display – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.** 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.
- The purpose of this competition is to promote a YFC club to the public, appealing to potential members and explaining what opportunities are available by being a part of YFC.
- Content within the Club Display must include the following: a point of contact name and details for the Club; a date for a new members night in Sept/Oct; Club Meeting Place location and a programme with dates/events for the 2 – 3 weeks. This is to help each club to attract new members and will give potential new members some firm details to encourage them to join the club.
- Displays can be set up from Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May or Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May from 10am until 4pm or on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> May from 9am up until 12 noon.
- All displays to be erected and complete no later than 12 noon on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> May.
- Any incomplete entries after this time, will incur a time penalty of 2 marks per 5 minutes or part thereof.
- Note NO trophies or awards to be displayed on Club Displays
- Results will be announced via social media and the cup presented at the June Competitions Meeting.

**Marking Scheme:** Eye catching and appealing layout – 20; Effectiveness of promoting YFC to public – 20; Display shows an array of opportunities – 20; Overall Presentation and Finish – 40; Total - 100

**NFYFC Tug-of-War (Male) - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules, Boot Guide and "How to" Guide for full procedure, weights and eligibility. A team shall consist of (eight) 8 pulling members of the same gender\*. No more than two (2) members of a team may be between the ages of 15 and over, and under 17 years on 1 September 2022 and the remainder of the team MUST be between 17 years and over, and 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2022. A coach who must be an amateur under ToWA Laws is allowed and need not comply with other rules of eligibility. \*For the county round, clubs may note that in the Male Competition, clubs are eligible to make up the team from female members if they wish. 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 WMA round. This is subject to members being eligible to compete at the time of the County round as per the NFYFC General Rules 2022/23.

The two highest placed teams will go forward to the West Midlands Area Finals being held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**NFYFC Tug-of-War (Female) – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules, Boot Guide and “How to” Guide for full procedure, weights and eligibility. For the County round A team shall consist of (six) 6\* pulling members of the same gender. No more than two (2) members of a team may be between the ages of 15 and over, and under 17 years on 1 September 2021 and the remainder of the team MUST be between 17 years and over, and 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2021. A weight limit pro rata of the NFYFC rules will apply for the 6 i.e. not exceeding 420kg. A coach who must be an amateur under ToWA Laws is allowed, and need not comply with other rules of eligibility. Note that at the West Midlands Area round, the NFYFC Rules will apply and the team of 8 must comply with the weight limit of 560kg. This is also subject to members being eligible to compete at the time of the County round as per the NFYFC General Rules 2021/22.

The highest placed team will go forward to the West Midlands Area Finals being held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**County Show Floats – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> May, 12noon.
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.
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 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Go-Karting –Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023.** SCFYFC Rules. Teams to consist of 5 people aged 14 or over (on the day of the competition) and 28 or under on the 1.9.22. Each team may have up to 1 Associate Member (note Associate members for this year are aged 29 and over) and the team should have at least 1 male/1 female. This Competition is an ‘Grand Prix Sprint’ at a cost of £25 per person. The exact details of the competition will be subject to the number of teams taking part and will be decided by ‘Fast Lane Karting’.

**Raft Ride - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.** Teams on each raft of four people of the same gender in order to qualify for the ride, all 28 and under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. Note only two team members may be aged 16 – 17 years. No one 15 or under may take part.

1. Health and Safety must be a consideration at all times by the participants and the stewards.
2. All rafts will be subject to safety checks before entering the water. The Chief Stewards on the day have the right to disqualify any raft if it does not comply with safety standards and the ride rules.
3. When booking in, all participants will have the full rules of the Raft Ride explained to them. Their Raft will also be checked at the same time.

4. All participants must sign to confirm that they are a competent swimmer. For those aged 16 – 17 years, parents will be asked to verify this on their permission slip.
5. All Rafts will be subject to safety checks before entering the water and the stewards on the day have the right to not allow any unsafe rafts on the water.
6. ALL team members must be competent swimmers.
7. ALL team members must wear life jackets. Teams are asked to provide their own.
8. All rafts must be man-powered only and have no sharp edges.
9. No alcohol is to be taken onto rafts or consumed before/during the ride.
10. No sports equipment such as surf boards etc. to be used.
11. Participants must remain on their raft, unless an emergency situation arises.
12. Chemical drums must be thoroughly cleaned before use.
13. All participants on the raft must be able to carry the raft on their own (bearing in mind the various depths of the river).
14. Participants are responsible for their own rafts and any Clubs leaving items in the river at the start or finish of the race may be charged for the removal.
15. Proof of Membership will be requested. No card = no ride
16. Any unacceptable behaviour by any individual or team, on the day, on or off the Raft, may result in disqualification of the team or Club. This is left to the discretion of the Stewards and Responsible County Officers on the day.

**NFYFC Fence Erecting Competition – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023** kindly hosted by Stone District Agricultural Society. Please read NFYFC Rules for full procedure, marks and details. Team should consist of 3 members aged 28 or under on 1.09.23. For the County round, NFYFC rules will be followed as closely as possible; however, exact details will be sent nearer the date. Teams must report to the steward before leaving the site, to check that everything all is in order. The two winning teams will represent the county in the West Midlands Area round in 2024 – details TBC.

**Male & Female 5 a side Football 1 day Tournament - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

Teams should consist of a maximum of seven players. Teams must comprise of members 28 or under on 1.09.22 and 16 years of age or over on 1.10.23 (day of play). Players are only eligible to play for one team in the competition.

1. Tournament matches will be played straight through without a break, the duration of the game will be determined prior to the start of the tournament.
2. Only 5 players will be permitted on the pitch at any one time, one of whom will be the goalkeeper.
3. Any team found with unregistered or suspended players on the field will have the match awarded against them by a score of 6-0
4. Up to 7 team players only may be named for a match, who must be available for inspection by the referee prior to the match starting. Players may only play for one team during the event. Any players found playing for more than one team shall be disqualified.
5. Players must be attired in proper strips and footwear including shin pads. Jewellery must be removed or taped up.
6. The entire team must be behind the ball at kick off.
7. The game will begin with one team taking the kick off from the centre, decided by the toss of a coin. A centre kick may be played in any direction and a goal may be scored direct from the centre.
8. Only the defending keeper is allowed to play the ball inside the area.
9. A goal may be scored from any point outside the goal area and within the field of play.
10. The goalkeeper must return the ball into play by rolling it out of his area with an under arm bowling action. A keeper failing to do this will be penalised with an indirect kick being awarded against him 2M outside the area.
11. The ball may not be returned to the goalkeeper until at least 2 other players have touched it. An indirect free kick will be awarded against the goalkeeper 2M outside the area where a defender returns the ball directly back to him.
12. A keeper who deliberately leaves the area in an attempt to gain an advantage, or plays the ball outside the area under any circumstance, will be penalised with the awarding of a penalty against him.

13. A defender who enters the area attempting to gain an advantage, or who plays the ball when the ball is in the area, will be penalised by the awarding of a penalty.
14. Teams may not change their keeper more than once during a match and must gain the referees permission to do so.
15. Two substitutes per team are allowed and can be used as often as required. All substitutions must first be authorised by the referee and only made when the ball is out of play.
16. If any team is reduced to 3 players due to misconduct, the game will be awarded to their opponents with a score of 6-0, or the result at the time the game ended should the goal difference be greater.
17. The ball may not be played above head height. Head height is 6ft, and where the ball clearly travels over 6ft.
18. The ball will remain in play if after rebounding off the keeper, posts, crossbar or kick boards, or when the ball inadvertently goes above head height.
19. The award of an indirect free kick will be given for the following offences:
  - a. ball played over head height
  - b. goal keeper not returning the ball underarm
  - c. obstructing an opponent
  - d. heading the ball
  - e. Player returning the ball directly back to the keeper after receiving the ball from him.
20. A player who commits any of the following offences will have a direct free kick awarded against him:
  - a. charges an opponent
  - b. body checks or slide tackles
  - c. holding the fences
  - d. any contact by a defending player towards an attacking player whilst in the corners of the pitch
21. A player may not stand closer than 2M from the ball when defending a free kick. Contravention of this rule will result in the kick being taken again from the place where the defending player stood at the time the kick was taken. Free kicks must be taken 2M from the boards / goal area.
22. Penalty kicks will be taken with a one step rule.
23. Teams must have a minimum of 3 registered players adjacent to the pitch 5 mins before scheduled kick off time.
24. Violent conduct on or off the pitch will result in immediate suspension of the individual concerned for the duration of the game. Lucozade Powerleague reserve the right to ban any individual or whole team from all future participation in leagues or tournaments.
25. Persistent contravention of the rules in the first instance will result in a player spending a period of 2 mins (3 mins for tournaments) in the sin bin (POWER PLAY). For any further offences a player will be subject to a formal caution (yellow or red card if deemed necessary). Any bookings made will be submitted to the FA by the referee.
26. When the ball is played into the corners of the pitch, the player who retrieves the ball will be allowed to take the ball out unhindered by the opposition. A defending player who makes contact with the ball player will have a direct free kick awarded against him. The ball player will have no more than 5 seconds to bring the ball back into play. NB Referee's have been instructed to allow only minimum contact on all other areas of the kick boards.
27. In addition to the above rules, all players may be subject to the Staffordshire YFC policy on Personal Behaviour if their conduct is deemed to be unsatisfactory by the referee and/or stewards on the day.

**Carcase Judging – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.** Please read NFYFC. *Note that a practice night for all Clubs will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September BKP TG Sargeants, Bramhall (subject to invitation).* Team of 9 - 3 members 16 or under on 1.09.23; 3 members 21 or under on 1.09.23; 3 members 28 or under on 1.09.23

Clubs may enter any members who wish to do the competition just for practice providing they notify the Steward when booking in. There will be no live judging; otherwise, competition is as per NFYFC rules. One member from each age group to judge one class of carcasses each and give reasons. Two teams of two members (1 28 & Under / 1 21 & Under) may be entered into the NFYFC Beef and Lamb Live and Carcase Judging at the English Winter Fair. A composite team will also go forward to the YFC Stock and Carcase Judging Classes at English Winter Fair in November.

**NFYFC Sports Competitions – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023** – details to be confirmed by the Competitions Committee.

**NFYFC Member of the Year (18 & over) – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Please read NFYFC Rules for full procedure, marks and details. For the County round, clubs may send two members forward, one male and one female, both 28 or under on 01.09.23. Subject to entry numbers, there will be two separate panels of judges. All competitors will be required to fill in the NFYFC synopsis form giving personal details, which will be sent out to clubs prior to the competition. As well as a formal interview on the day, the competitors will also be interviewed on the Public Speaking Day in front of an audience. The two highest placed members will go forward to the WMA round – Details TBC.

**NFYFC YFC Member of the Year (17 & under)- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Please read NFYFC Rules for full procedure, marks and details. For the County round, clubs may enter two Competitors 17 or under 1.09.23. Competitors will be required to submit a NFYFC synopsis form prior to the County Final. Competitors will then be required to present a power point presentation to complement their Synopsis Form and have a formal interview as per the NFYFC Rules. The two highest placed members will go forward to the WMA round – Details TBC.

**NFYFC Junior Reading – Sunday 26 November 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules and “How to” Guide for full procedure, marks, and details. A team shall consist of three members, each of whom must be 14 or under on 1.09.23. Teams will be notified 3 weeks before the competition of the book chosen for reading. The team of three members to read a passage selected and provided by the Judge. The passage will be printed on white paper in black text. A draw will be made for the order of appearance prior to the competition. The two highest placed teams will go forward to the WMA round – Details TBC. This competition counts towards the Gwen Earp Haward Award.

**NFYFC Junior Public Speaking - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules and “How to” Guide for full procedure, marks, and details. The team will consist of three members aged 16 or under on 1.09.23. The two highest placed teams will go forward to the WMA round – Details TBC. This competition counts towards the Gwen Earp Haward Award.

**NFYFC Intermediate Just a Minute Competition – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** Rules to be finalised by NFYFC. The two highest placed teams will go forward to the WMA round – Details TBC. This competition counts towards the Gwen Earp Haward Award.

**NFYFC Senior MACE Debating - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** Rules to be finalised by NFYFC. The two highest placed teams will go forward to the WMA round – Details TBC. This competition counts towards the Gwen Earp Haward Award.

**NFYFC Situations Vacant – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules for full procedure, marks and details. Two competitions - 1 Competitor aged between 16 and 21 years on 1.09.23, 1 Competitor aged between 22 and 28 years on 1.9.23. Clubs may enter two competitors into this competition. Competitors will be required to choose their own job advertisement to apply for, which is relevant to them. The job must have been advertised in the last 12 months. Applicants must submit the original job advertisement with reference to where and when it was advertised along with a covering letter and CV. 2 members from each age category will represent the County at the WMA Final – Details TBC.

**NFYFC Show Choir – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules for full procedure, marks and details. Further information will be updated when received from NFYFC.

**NFYFC Disco Dancing – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** Please read NFYFC Rules for full procedure, marks and details. Further information will be updated when received from NFYFC.