

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

INFORMATION SHEET – SHOW FLOAT COMPETITION

**IMPORTANT
READ ALL
INFORMATION
CAREFULLY**

THURSDAY 30th May 2024

UPDATED 25TH APRIL 2024

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**** Note all under 18's
MUST submit their
Parental Permission
Slip via JotForm no
later than 9 am
Wednesday 29th May
2024**

ORDER FOR FLOATS TO ENTER THE RING

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>CHOICE</u>	<u>PRIZE MONEY</u>
WATERHOUSES	THE WIZARD OF OZ	1 ST PLACE £125 2 ND PLACE £100 3 RD PLACE £75 All clubs who take part in the competition, will receive £100 for entering (subject to satisfactory behaviour on the day)
ECCLESHALL	POSTMAN PAT	
CHEADLE	ALICE IN WONDERLAND	
UTTOXETER	THE THREE LITTLE PIGS	
ASHLEY	CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	
STONE	JACK AND THE BEANSTALK	
LEEK	HARRY POTTER	
CHASE	FANTASTIC MR FOX	
ABBOTSHOLME	ESIO TROT	
LICHFIELD	MARY POPPINS	

Judges:

SHOW FLOATS: Representatives of BD Fuels, Hixon & Mr John Stone

BEST NAME BOARD: Mr & Mrs A Key (Vice Chairman of SBAS)
Mr & Mrs I Dudson (Vice President of SBAS)

MOST INTERESTING TRACTOR: Mr M Madders & Mr D Heminsley

Main Ring Commentator: James Freeman and Harry Butson

Judges Stewards: Danny Emmott & Richard Robinson (Smart Dress please)

Float Chief Steward: Julia Taylor

Booking in Stewards: Liv Lockett, Harry Butson

***Float Stewards (Escorting floats over the road and round the ring):**

* Christine Large, Clare Shenton, Debbie Waring, Christine Allen, Alison Freeman, Donna Jennings, Richard Hooley, Becky Hooley, Sam Palmer, Sarah Clayton, Alex Townsend, Richard & Gemma Mottershead, Amanda Atherton, Della & Richard Matthews, Phil Brindley, Carol & Charles Larsson, Andrew Hill, Ange & Pete Woodward, Jo & Dave Bowers, Jack Sammons, Julie Baskerville, Helen & Rodger Sammons, Janet Stone, George Hawley, Beth Allen, Sarah Bourne, Polly Baines, Will Freeman, Lisa Hawley, Phil Bourne, Claire & Steve Shenton, Meg Elliott, Stephen Edwards, Marie Stubbs, Susie Wilson, Nic Knight, James Belfield, Mike & Elsa Tyler, Dave Mosley, Rachel Shaw, Bertie Clewes, + 2 from Abbotsholme.

Health and Safety Officers/Float Stewards: David Heminsley, George Hawley, Harry Butson

Lead Vehicle – 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 23rd May 2024 and to arrange collection of these from the office.

DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS – WILL BE REQUESTED WHEN BOOKING IN

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IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- Members must be joined & have access to their digital membership card no later than Tuesday 28th May 2024.
- 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 <https://form.jotform.com/231232719522349> **no later than 9am Wednesday 29th May 2024, or scan the QR code.**
- All members taking part must have access to their current digital membership card (2023-2024) 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)

TIMINGS:

12.15pm – Clubs to be ready for signing in. Booking in Stewards to ensure all floats are ready for judging, all vehicles and members to be moved away floats.

12.15pm – Richard Robinson to accompany the judges from BD Fuels & Mr John Stone from the YFC Office to the judging area.

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

1pm – Health and Safety Officers to check all floats comply with H&S

1.30pm- All members to mount the floats safely.

12.30pm – Judging of all floats commences

2pm – Danny Emmott to accompany Mr & Mrs A Key and Mr & Mrs I Dudson to the Main Ring.

*2.15pm - Floats to enter the main ring, judging of; Best Name Board; Most Interesting Tractor Award; and the entertainment part of the float competition 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 23rd May 2024.**
- 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 23rd May 2024.**
- 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.

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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.

RULES:

County Show Floats – Thursday 30th May 2024. SCFYFC Rules. Kindly sponsored by BD Fuels.

Eligibility: Members must be aged 28 and under on 1.09.23. There is no limit on the number of members on the float providing that safety is taken into consideration and safeguarding ratios are adhered to.

To avoid duplication of a theme, Clubs should phone the County Office LANDLINE (01785 248645) with their choice, after 9am on Monday 5th February 2024. 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 and membership cards between 12.15pm.
- 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 12.30pm.

Rules

1. will be requested for 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 23rd 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 23rd 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 sideboard 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 23rd May at 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.

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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, Construction & Design – 25, Artwork - 25, Entertainment– 15, Costumes – 15, Overall Impression – 25, Risk Assessment – 10. Total 140. 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.

***“Most Interesting” Tractor Competition (new for 2024) ***

- Award kindly donated by Mark Madders who will judge and present on the day, in the ring.
- Tractor must be privately owned, not loaned from any dealer.
- Tractor must be over 3 years old.
- Tractor will be judged for looking its “absolute best” on the day. Taking into consideration any restoration, polish, rarity, condition and originality.
- 1 award and 1 certificate will be presented for this competition.

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MAP:

