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**STAFFORDSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS**

**STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW**

**COMPETITION RULES**

**TUE 21st MAY – WED 29th MAY & THU 30th May 2024**



**ISSUED: 22ND FEBRUARY 2024**

**Leslie T. Chester Trophy - Tuesday 21st May 2024 Cheadle/Blythe Bridge NFU Trophy** presented in memory of the late Leslie T. Chester.  Staffordshire YFC Blog Writing Competition. Open to all Staffordshire Clubs, written by members aged 28 and under on the 1.9.2023. All entries are to be submitted to the County Office by Monday, 6th May, 2024. Results will be given as part of the Pre-Show Reception on the Tuesday, 21st May 2024.

Format – to Write a press release 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 ‘Club Achievements’

* MUST 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 press release blog post of between 300 and 500 words that can be uploaded to the Staffordshire YFC website ahead of National Young Farmers Week 2024. The blog contents should be written around the theme of ‘Club Achievements’ however the blog should be given an individual title at the discretion of the competitor. 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 21st May 2024.** SCFYFC Rules. No limit on the number of members in the act, must be aged 28 or under on 1.09.23. Please consider the stage size (24ft x 8ft). Act 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 in the act 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.

**Club Display – Tuesday 28th May 2024.**  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 Any Height. 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: club location, contact details, meeting days, how to join. Reference to NFYFC and some craft e.g. artwork, metalwork, woodwork, etc.
* Displays can be set up from Sun 26th or Mon 27th May from 10am until 4pm or on Tues 28th May from 9am up until 12 noon.
* All displays to be erected and complete no later than 12 noon on Tues 28th 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.
* Straw bales will be available to stage the display if required \*\*subject to availability, space & layout.

**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 29th May 2024. 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 2023 and the remainder of the team MUST be between 17 years and over, and 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023. 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 2023/2024. The two highest placed teams will go forward to the West Midlands Area Finals – venue details to be confirmed.

**NFYFC Tug-of-War (Female)** – **Wednesday 29th May 2024.** 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 2023 and the remainder of the team MUST be between 17 years and over, and 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023. 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 2023/24. The highest placed team will go forward to the West Midlands Area Finals - venue details to be confirmed.

**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.

**Theme**: “\*Childrens Books” \*note that if the “book” is part of a series i.e Harry Potter then only ONE from the series will be allowed.

**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.**

**Size of Float:** No limit providing any overhead electric wires and entry gates can be cleared.

**Signing in procedure:**

* Clubs will be asked to submit a list of names of their members taking part before the day to help with the sign in process - the details of this will be advised closer to the time.
* **Permission Slips** 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.
* Members are to be ready to be booked in at 12noon.
* All clubs to nominate a main point of contact who will liaise with the stewards on the day.

**Health & Safety –** **Risk Assessment for the float as presented on the day:**

* To be carried out by Clubs and submitted on the day to the Health & Safety stewards.
* An example will be supplied by the County Office prior to the day to assist with this.

**Judging Procedure:**

* All floats must be ready for judging at 12.30pm on the field.
* The floats will be judged on the field and in the ring.
* The “entertainment” element of the float will be judged in the ring only.

**Show Float Mark Scheme:**

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| Interpretation | 25 |
| Construction & Design | 25 |
| Artwork | 25 |
| Entertainment | 15 |
| Costumes | 15 |
| Overall Impression | 25 |
| Risk Assessment | 10 |
| **Total Marks Available** | **140** |

Prize money and certificates are awarded to the floats placed 1st – 4th.

All floats are given money for entering subject to adherence to the rules on the day.

**Best Name Board Competition:**

* Floats must have 1 board, no bigger than 5 ft x 2ft on the front of the tractor.
* The clubs name must be clearly displayed on there.
* No computer images or computer-generated artwork to be used.
* The board must be hand drawn/painted.
* Certificates will be awarded for the Best Name Board placed 1st – 4th

**“Most Interesting” Tractor Competition (\*\*NEW for 2024\*\*):**

Award kindly donated by Mark Madders who will judge and present on the day, in the Main Ring.

* Tractor must be privately owned, not loaned from a dealer.
* Tractor must be over 3 years old.
* Judge will choose the most interesting tractor on the day, in their opinion. This will not necessarily be the oldest, or the most highly restored and polished, although these could be taken into consideration. Other factors could be rarity, very good condition even though it is in daily work or has high hours, or originality. Think along the lines of a tractor that would attract the most interest from buyers or enthusiasts if offered for sale.

1 award and 1 certificate will be presented for this competition.

###### Float and Safety procedures for the ring:

1. All floats must enter and park in the Main Car Park as per the instructions on the Information Sheet which is circulated to all Club Secretaries prior to the Show.
2. 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.
3. No Club may throw missiles or any objects from the float at any time.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. All competitors should be on the trailers when leaving the main ring

**Failure to adhere to all rules could result in disqualification and/or payment for entering withheld.**

**Stewards will discuss with the judges on the day any violations of the rules and they will then decide if a Club should be disqualified.**

**Tractors and drivers:**

1. Drivers should be ready for briefing at 12noon.
2. Tractors should not be decorated to ensure visibility is kept clear.
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. The driver is the only person allowed in the tractor cab.
5. All tractors and trailers must comply with current Safety Regulations and must be completely roadworthy.
6. 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.
7. 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, 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.

**Water:**

1. Stewards will check the water limit of 200 litres.
2. Clean water must be used from clean containers.
3. Any contaminated water or unsuitable containers must be removed from the float before being judged.
4. No water may be thrown until the password is announced in the main ring after the results have been given.
5. No mechanical equipment may be used to propel the water – water pistols are mechanical devices, and therefore not allowed.
6. Water balloons are not allowed, as empty balloons create litter.
7. When any tractor engines start, ready to exit the ring, all water throwing must stop.



Any questions, queries, large or small, or if you’re just not sure on something, please call the County Office on 01785 248645 or ring your

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