

**NORFOLK YFC &  
COUNTRYSIDERS  
2023/2024**



**BLOCK ONE – YFC**



## GENERAL RULES

1. Please note entries will **only** be accepted on the digital competition entry form and must be submitted to the County Office by **the set date**.
2. Clubs may enter the total number of entrants, please note that competitors over the age of 28 will not be able to compete at Eastern Area and National competitions and **that only one entry will count towards points**.
3. Provided a club has already submitted their current block entry, they may request to the Competitions & Training Committee (CAT) Chairman a late entry into competitions for that block. Acceptance of a late entry is at the discretion of the CAT Chairman and Vice-Chairman and will not be permitted where this will detrimentally affect the running of the competition.
4. Change of entries will **NOT** be accepted later than 3 working days prior to a weekend competition, and 5 working days for a weekday/evening competition; changes on the day may lead to disqualification. Late withdrawals from any competition, changes on the day or lack of attendance will issue a £40.00 fine which will be invoiced to the club, this will be reduced to £20.00 if paid within 7 days. **No show or Late Withdrawal from any competition will also result in 3 marks being deducted from the NFU Trophy score of the Club.**
5. All competition rules will be strictly enforced and if any Clubs are found to be in default after an event, their results will be discounted and any NFU Cup Points gained will be deducted. Clubs are asked to be particularly aware of the age qualifications for competitors in each individual competition. These are clearly laid down in each set of both County and National rules. **If you require clarification of any rules please refer to the CAT Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the YFC Office. National rules and guidelines will be in place for all National competitions.**
6. COMPETITORS **MUST** BE REGISTERED MEMBERS. **Members must produce a digital membership card with a photograph. Where a membership card cannot be shown digitally it must be printed.** If no card is presented (either digital or printed) then the member will not be allowed to compete.
7. **Insurance.** The cover provided by the National YFC Insurance Scheme will apply to all Clubs and members participating in any of these competitions. Any queries regarding Insurance, contact the County Office in the first instance. Non-members competing where not agreed prior to the competition with the County Office will invalidate the competition's insurance for the entire day.
8. If, at the time of the competition day, a club holds an overdue invoice owed to Norfolk FYFC the club will not be able to compete until the invoice is paid in full. This is in line to the Constitution.
9. Selection of competitors for Eastern Area/National Competitions will be organised on competition days if possible.
10. If there are not enough entries received for any individual competition, the competition will not take place.
11. **A "SCRATCH TEAM" is permitted. The team cannot be placed but will gain 1 point for entering.**

<b>COUNTRYSIDER</b>	<b>Member must be 10 – 16 as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 Countrysiders cannot join until their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>Member must be 10 – 16 as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023</b>
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	<b>Member must be 17 – 21 as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>Member must be 22 – 30 as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023</b>

For further details of the rules please contact the CAT Chairman, and the County Office.

## Hockey League

Rules: Full Norfolk YF rules are available to download from the members area at, [www.norfolkyfc.co.uk](http://www.norfolkyfc.co.uk) or see overleaf.

All playing members must be registered with the Norfolk YF County Office by 12noon of the MONDAY before the league day/s. Late withdrawal or no shows will be fined £100 reduced to £50 if paid within 7 days. There will be a fee to sign up to the hockey league this will be confirmed after 20th October and will be sent via email

Event:	<b>HOCKEY LEAGUE</b>	
When	TBC	
Where:	Dereham Hockey Club	
Time	TBC by Hockey Secretary	
No of teams per club:	1	
Consisting of:	7 (to include at least 2 men/women)	
Age Range:	Registered 18 & Over	
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	N/A	
National Final Date:	N/A	
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Notes** Norfolk YF denotes that our Hockey League will only be played by registered Norfolk members over the age of 18. A maximum of 3 members over the age of 16 will be permitted to play on a club/scratch team at the umpire and Hockey Secretary's discretion.

**Competitor(s) for this competition are:-**

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**call County Office 01603 748 931**

## Larking Gowen Quiz

**Rules: Teams must comprise of 6 members. All teams to compete on the same evening in a Pub Quiz style with refreshments.**

Event:	<b>LARKING GOWEN SENIOR QUIZ</b>
When	<b>Friday 8th December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>St Walstan's Hall, Norfolk Showground NR5 0TT</b>
Time	<b>7:00 for 7.30pm start</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>Up to 3</b>
Consisting of:	<b>6 (to include at least 2 men/women)</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 &amp; Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Final Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

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## Senior Member of the Year

**Rules:** National YFC rules to be adhered to, rules are available to download from the members area at, [www.norfolkyfc.co.uk](http://www.norfolkyfc.co.uk)

**Note.** Member to complete and submit the attached synopsis form to the County Office by Monday 6th November 2023, form to cover no more than two (2) sides of A4.

Interviews to be held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at the board room in the RNAA office at the Norfolk Showground.

Member to attend Winter Competitions Day on Sunday 3rd December 2023 for the results.

Event:	<b>SENIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR</b>	
When	Thursday 23rd November 2023	
Where:	Norfolk YFC Office, Norfolk Showground, NR5 0TT	
Time	Timetable to be issued upon entry	
No of teams per club:	Unlimited	
Consisting of:	Individual	
Age Range:	Registered 18 & Over	
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	TBC	
National Final Date:	Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st April 2024 venue TBC	
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Notes	<p>The winner will be expected to attend the following events throughout the year to act as an Ambassador for Norfolk YFC and Countrysiders:</p> <p><b>RNAA Spring Fling</b>  <b>Wayland Show</b>  <b>Norfolk Show</b>  <b>Aylsham Show</b>  <b>Harvest Festival</b>  <b>County AGM</b>  <b>Winter Competition</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Eastern Area</b></p> <p>representative</p>	

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Block No 1

Comp No 103



**Senior Member of the Year**

**Competitor(s) for this competition are:-**

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## Junior Member of the Year

**Rules:** National YFC rules to be adhered to, rules are available to download from the members area at, [www.norfolkyfc.co.uk](http://www.norfolkyfc.co.uk)

**Note.** Member to complete and submit to the County Office the attached synopsis form, and their individual presentation (MS PowerPoint preferred) by Wednesday 29th November 2023.

**Member to attend Winter Competitions Day on Sunday 3rd December 2023 for the results.**

Event:	<b>WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY</b>
When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>TBC on entry</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>Unlimited</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 17 &amp; Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>TBC</b>
National Final Date:	<b>Saturday 6th July 2024</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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**RNAA Spring Fling**  
**Wayland Show**  
**Norfolk Show**  
**Aylsham Show**  
**Harvest Festival**  
**County AGM**  
**Winter Competition**  
**Eastern Area representatives**

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## Cube Exhibit

**Rules:** National YFC rules to be adhered to, rules are available to download from the members area at, [www.norfolkyfc.co.uk](http://www.norfolkyfc.co.uk) An Exhibit to depict the theme of a Country of your choice.

The Club Team is required to exhibit 5 crafts. 1 craft from each of the headings below:

- Craft 1 - Floral Art (Any item using cut flowers and accessories in a suitable container)
- Craft 2 – Cookery/Baking (This craft will be tasted so must be covered with cling film)
- Craft 3 – Textile Handicraft (Must include British Wool, knitwear, embroidery or tapestry for example)
- Craft 4 – Natural Handicraft (Any item using wood, metal, clay, glass, stone or shell for example)
- Craft 5 – Art (An item that could include photography, a graphic or a picture in any medium)

The five (5) crafts need to be clearly marked 1-5 together with the heading the craft comes under. For example 1- Floral Art, 2 – Cookery, 3- Sewn Handicraft, 4- Natural Handicraft, 5- Art Handicraft.

Each whole Exhibit to have a **MAXIMUM WIDTH** of 1 metre at any given point and a **MAXIMUM DEPTH** of 1 metre and **MAXIMUM HEIGHT** of 1 metre. Any exhibit exceeding the maximum measurements will be disqualified. The measurement will be from the outside edges of the external walls of the exhibit. Any accessories or drapes used on the outside of the external walls of the cube will be included in the overall measurement of the exhibit. The external walls will be taken into account for the attractiveness of the exhibit marks and so should be covered to compliment the overall exhibit. The exhibit must have 3 walls.

The exhibits will be displayed on trestle tables.



**Cube Exhibit**

Event:	<b>WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY</b>
When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>To be in place by 10:00am</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>5</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 &amp; Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>TBC</b>
National Final Date:	<b>Saturday 6th July 2024</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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## Floral Art 16 and under

**Rules:** Exhibit Title: "Table Decoration" Centre Piece - should be viewed from all angles to the theme Christmas.

The maximum display area for each competitor **MUST NOT** exceed 76cm wide x 60cm deep x optional height (i.e. no limitations to height). Exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.

Exhibit is to be viewed from all sides. Competitors own backboard and base boards are allowed and must be provided by the competitor if required and must adhere to the size limitations. The reverse of these backboards **MUST** complement the theme and be neat and tidy. At the national finals, the exhibit will be displayed on a table with a white table covering.

Event:	<b>WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY</b>
When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>TBC</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 16 &amp; Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>TBC</b>
National Final Date:	<b>Sunday 29th September 2024</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## Floral Art 21 and Under

**Rules: Exhibit Title: "Door Wreath" A Front Facing Exhibit to the theme Christmas.**

**The maximum display area for each competitor MUST NOT exceed 76cm wide x60cm deep x optional height (i.e. no limitations to height) THIS INCLUDES THE BACKBOARD IF USED.**

**Exhibit is to be viewed from the front. Competitors own backboard and base boards are allowed and must be provided by the competitor if required and MUST ADHERE TO THE SIZE LIMITATIONS. The reverse of these backboards MUST complement the theme and be neat and tidy. Exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.**

**At the national finals, the exhibit will be displayed on a table with a white table covering.**

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When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>TBC</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 21 &amp; under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>TBC</b>
National Final Date:	<b>Sunday 29th September 2024</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

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## Floral Art 30 and Under

**Rules:** Exhibit Title: "Bouquet" viewed from all sides to theme Christmas. The maximum display area for each competitor **MUST NOT** exceed 76cm wide x 60cm deep x optional height (i.e. no limitations to height). Exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.

**Exhibit is to be viewed from all sides NO BACKBOARDS ALLOWED.**

**At the national finals, the exhibit will be displayed on a table with a white table covering.**

Event:	<b>WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY</b>
When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>TBC</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 and Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	
National Final Date:	<b>Sunday 29th September 2024</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

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## Advent Calendar

**Rules: Exhibit Must be hand crafted and contain 25 doors that can be opened. Photographs (minimum of 2) showing decorating process must be provided.**

Event:	<b>WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY</b>
When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>Exhibit in by 10am</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 &amp; Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Final Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Christmas Cocktail

**Rules: Member to provide a (minimum 300ml) of homemade Christmas themed cocktail in a clear bottle (plastic or glass). This also needs to include a label. Photo of process with recipe to be displayed. You will be judged on taste and appearance.**

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Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>Exhibit in by 10am</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 &amp; Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Final Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Situations Vacant

**Rules:** National YFC rules to be adhered to, rules are available to download from the members area at, [www.norfolkyfc.co.uk](http://www.norfolkyfc.co.uk)

**Note.** Applicants must submit their job advert, which must have been advertised within the last 12 months prior to the competition date. All Applicants must submit the original job advertisement with a reference as to where and when the advert was published together with a CV and covering letter, by Wednesday 29th November 2023.

The CV must not be more than two (2) sides of A4 paper, the Covering Letter must not be more than one (1) side of A4 paper.

Applicants are expected to attend an interview at Winter Competitions Day on Sunday 3rd December 2023

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When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>TBC on entry</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>Unlimited</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 16-21 as of 1st September 2023</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>TBC</b>
National Final Date:	<b>Saturday 6th July 2024 Competitions Day at Staffordshire Showground</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>TBC on entry</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>Unlimited</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 22-28 as of 1st September 2023</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>TBC</b>
National Final Date:	<b>Saturday 6th July 2024 Competitions Day at Staffordshire Showground</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## Brainstrust

**Rules:** National YFC rules to be adhered to, rules are available to download from the members area at, [www.norfolkyfc.co.uk](http://www.norfolkyfc.co.uk)

**Note.** Topics for discussion will be provided on the day to the team Chairman no more than 20 minutes before, these must be selected and withheld as per the National rules until the team is underway.

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When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>	
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>	
Time	<b>TBC</b>	
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>	
Consisting of:	<b>4</b>	
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 &amp; Under</b>	
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>TBC</b>	
National Final Date:	<b>Saturday 6th July 2024 Competitions Day at Staffordshire Showground</b>	
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Notes		

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## MACE Debating

Rules: National YFC rules to be adhered to, rules are available to download from the members area at, [www.norfolkyfc.co.uk](http://www.norfolkyfc.co.uk) and attached at the back of the block book

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When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>TBC</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>5</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 and Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>TBC</b>
National Final Date:	<b>Saturday 6th July 2024</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

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## Christmas Cake

**Rules: Member to decorate an 8" Christmas Cake. The cake will be tasted and will also be judged on presentation and decoration. No height restriction. Photographs (minimum of 2) showing decorating process must be provided.**

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When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>Exhibits in by 10am</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 &amp; Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Final Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## 80th Ball

**Rules: Member to produce the Oak Ball front cover (maximum size A5) celebrating 80 years of Norfolk Young Farmers**

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When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>Exhibits in by 10am</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 &amp; Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Final Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes

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## Christmas Tree Decoration

**Rules: Exhibit A hand painted bauble. The winning christmas bauble may be used to buy within the YFC shop. Photographs (minimum of 2) showing decorating process must be provided.**

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When	<b>Sunday 3rd December 2023</b>
Where:	<b>Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX</b>
Time	<b>TBC</b>
No of teams per club:	<b>1</b>
Consisting of:	<b>Individual</b>
Age Range:	<b>Registered 30 &amp; Under</b>
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Final Date:	<b>N/A</b>
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Fun, Learning and  
Achievement**

Status Final  
May 2023  
Eliminator

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**  
**Competitions Programme 2023 - 2024**  
**NFYFC Member of the Year**  
**(18 years & Over)**

**R U L E S**

**COMPETITION AIMS**

To encourage YFC members to share their experiences as a Young Farmer, reflect and evaluate their contributions and achievements in YFC and the wider community through an application and interview process.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Communication skills, presentation skills and personal development skills

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

1. **DATE & VENUE** – Venue to be Spa Centre, Leamington Spa on either Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and the results will be given during the Drama Competition Finals.
2. **REPRESENTATION**
  - 2.1. Counties may enter one competitor per 600 members or part thereof in Area Eliminators.
  - 2.2. Areas will be represented by one competitor in the Final competition.
  - 2.3. Member of the Year competitors are eligible to compete in a second NFYFC final on the same day if applicable.
3. **ELIGIBILITY**
  - 3.1. The competitor must be 18 years or over and 28 years or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and a full member of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
  - 3.2. If the competitor through to the National Final must withdraw from the competition, then the next highest placed competitor will represent the Area.
  - 3.3. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**
4. **PROCEDURE**
  - 4.1. **PART 1:** 28 DAYS prior to the National Final competitors will be required to submit to the Competitions Department at NFYFC a completed synopsis form (attached) to be no more than **2 sides of A4**, detailing their YFC activities. It is recommended that this form be used at County and Area level. (Special emphasis should be placed on their involvement at Club level).
  - 4.2. **PART 2:** Competitors will be interviewed by a panel of Judges. The interview will be formal, but will be in a supportive atmosphere with the opportunity for competitors to demonstrate why they should be Senior Member of the Year; prior to the Performing Arts competition.
  - 4.3. **PART 3:** Competitors will be required to attend the Drama Final during which they will be asked two questions on stage, one previously asked in the interview stage, and another based on the competitor's contribution to the YFC movement.
  - 4.4. **PART 4:** Results and Presentation of Awards will be made during the Drama Competition Finals.
5. **OBJECTIVES**
  - 5.1. The objective of the competition is to select a member who has shown that they are involved in all aspects of the YFC Movement and who can be an ambassador for YFC. Judges will be looking for:

- Involvement at Club level throughout the period of membership
- Overall YFC involvement (i.e., Club, County, Area or National)
- Specific involvement in activities in the previous 12 months (environment conservation, competitions, recruitment, programming, charity, sport, club officer)
- General commitment to YFC - awareness of other members' interests in YFC and objective view of the future of the organisation
- Knowledge of the YFC movement at Club, County, Area and National levels and to share that knowledge over the 12-month period following the final

6. **SCALE OF MARKS – Total 100 marks from Formal Interview and Stage Interview (Table below for guidance only)**

Synopsis Form	20
Ability to Answer Questions	20
YFC Knowledge	10
YFC experience	10
Appearance & enthusiasm	10
Other knowledge and experience	10
On Stage Interview	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

7. **AWARDS**

7.1. *Total Butler Fuels Plaque* to the winner.

7.2. NFYFC Prize Cards awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> all other competitors will be awarded = 4<sup>th</sup>

8. **NOTES**

8.1. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario).



**YFC MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2023-24 (18 years & over)  
Synopsis Form**

Name:		
Date of birth:	Age (on day of the competition):	YFC Membership Card No:
Occupation:		
Name of YFC Club:	YFC County Federation:	
Year first joined YFC:		

**YFC History - posts held:**

**YFC Involvement (please record YFC activities you have participated in)**

**Club**

**County**

**Area/Wales**

**National**

**Proudest moment in YFC (so far!)**

**Ambitions in YFC**

**Ambitions outside YFC**

**Hobbies and interests outside of YFC**

**Additional Information**





## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2023-2024

NFYFC Brainstrust (21 & Under)

### RULES

#### COMPETITION AIM

Team, public speaking competition. To encourage members aged 21 and under to actively discuss chosen topics on rural affairs and general knowledge, answer questions on that topic and summarise accordingly.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Public speaking skills; effective listening, confidence and communication skills including relevance, range of discussion.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

**Rules to be read in conjunction with the 'How to' Guide – available from NFYFC.**

#### 1. DATE AND VENUE

1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held on Competitions Day, **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at Staffordshire Showground.

#### 2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Finals.  
2.2. Areas will be represented in the final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. A team shall consist of 4 members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

#### 4. SUBSTITUTION

4.1. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

#### 5. PROCEDURE

5.1. The team shall consist of a Chairman and a panel of three members. Draw for order of appearance will be made prior to the day. All competitors must be present 20 minutes before going onto the platform; the Chairman will be given a choice of sealed envelopes. One will be chosen which will contain six question topics, three of a general knowledge and three on rural affairs, from which he/she will select three for discussion by the team. One question must be selected from each section plus one other. The Chairman will have no prior communication with the team about the questions he/she has selected to be discussed. ***No written communication on the topics to be discussed may be given to the Panel or any use of a mobile phone at any time.*** The penalty will be automatic disqualification.

5.2. The Chairman will be responsible for introducing the panel to the audience, putting each question to the panel, summarising their answers, concluding the meeting, timing, control of the panel and coverage of each question.

5.3. The competition should be treated as a formal meeting.

5.4. Competitors may make their own notes FOR REFERENCE on the platform, but excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used while on the platform.

5.5. Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language. Teams are reminded that this is a Public Speaking Competition and marks are awarded for speeches - characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.

6. **TIMING**

- 6.1. Twenty (20) minutes will be allowed each team from the commencement of the Chairman’s introduction and the teams will be expected to keep to the timing stated.
- 6.2. Time penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.

7. **SCALE OF MARKS**

Chairman	Opening introduction & handling questions	10
	Handling of panel including timing	15
	Summing-up of discussions	10
	Closure of Meeting	5
	Ability and style	10
		<b>50</b>
Panel	Quality, relevance & range of discussion	20
	Each question: Co-operation and team work	15
	35 x 3	<b>105</b>
Panel	General deportment and style	15
Overall	Audibility	10
	Overall impression of team	20
		<b>45</b>
	TOTAL	<b><u>200</u></b>

- 7.1. The judges will have before them a duplicate copy of the question topics from which the selection was made for the team that is competing.

8. **AWARDS**

8.1. **IFYFC Final**

- 8.1.1. At the National Final the team placed 1<sup>st</sup> will be awarded **Ministry of Agriculture Cup** and Prize Cards
- 8.1.2. Teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded Prize Cards
- 8.1.3. IFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members at the National Final

9. **NOTES**

- 9.1. Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from IFYFC and all competing teams
- 9.2. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.
- 9.3. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)



## **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

**Competitions Programme 2023 - 24**

*Status Final  
May 2023  
Area Eliminator*

### **NFYFC Mace Debate**

Adapted from English Speaking Union rules

### **28 & under**

#### **RULES**

##### **Competition Aim**

To encourage members aged 28 or under to work as a team and develop their debating skills.

##### **Learning outcomes**

Develop knowledge of controversial issues and world affairs, while enhancing speech writing, public speaking, analytical thinking skills and confidence.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

#### **1. DATE AND VENUE**

1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held on Competitions Day, **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at Staffordshire Showground.

#### **2. REPRESENTATION**

2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Finals.

2.2. Areas will be represented in the final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

#### **1. REPRESENTATION**

1.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in the Area Final.

1.2. Areas will be represented in the Regional Final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

2.1. A team shall consist of **FIVE (5)** members, who must all be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

#### **3. SUBSTITUTION**

3.1. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

#### **4. PROCEDURE**

4.1. The team will comprise of a Chairman, two speakers for the Proposition and two speakers for the Opposition.

4.2. The teams will be split so that the Chairman from Team A will work with the two propositions from Team B and the two oppositions from Team C.

4.3. Debating subjects in the National Finals will be provided by the NFYFC twenty one days prior to the competition. Area rounds will debate subjects provided by the Area Committee twenty one days prior to the competition.



- 4.4. The Chairman and Debaters must be available to meet each other at least thirty minutes before competing time, to enable the Chairman to prepare his/her introductory notes.
- 4.5. Points of Information
- 4.5.1. These are central to the interactivity of the debate and demonstrate ability to engage in arguments (approx 25% of the teams marks are for listening and response)
- 4.5.2. These cannot be made during the first and last minute of the main speeches or during the summary speeches, this time is known as protected time.
- 4.5.3. Points of Information are included in the time limit.
- 4.6. Rebuttal
- 4.6.1. Addressing the other side's arguments during your own speech is known as rebuttal
- 4.6.2. The aim or rebuttal is to undermine the oppositions case and leave your own case looking stronger
- 4.6.3. Rebuttal can be at any time during the speech but make sure the audience and adjudicators are clear that you are addressing the others sides arguments
- 4.7. The Vote shall be taken by a show of hands.
- 4.8. The Chairman shall announce the result of the Vote and declare the meeting closed.

## 5. SCALE OF MARKS

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>30</b>
Expression and delivery (5)	
Organisation and prioritisation (5)	
Accuracy of timing (10)	
Overall control of debate (10)	
<b>First Proposition - Main Speeches (1<sup>st</sup> Speaker)</b>	<b>40</b>
Expression and delivery (10)	
Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (10)	
Listening and response (10)	
<b>First Opposition - Main Speeches (1<sup>st</sup> Speaker)</b>	<b>40</b>
Expression and delivery (10)	
Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (10)	
Listening and response (10)	
<b>Second Proposition - Main Speeches (2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker)</b>	<b>40</b>
Expression and delivery (10)	
Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (10)	
Listening and response (10)	
<b>Second Opposition - Main Speeches (2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker)</b>	<b>40</b>
Expression and delivery (10)	
Organisation and prioritisation (10) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (10)	
Listening and response (10)	
<b>Opposition Summary Speech - Summary Speeches</b>	<b>20</b>
Expression and delivery (5)	
Organisation and prioritisation (5) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)	
Reasoning and evidence (5)	
Listening and response (5)	
<b>Proposition Summary Speech - Summary Speeches</b>	<b>20</b>

Expression and delivery (5)  
Organisation and prioritisation (5) (includes timing – 1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)  
Reasoning and evidence (5)  
Listening and response (5)

**Total per team** **230**  
**(Includes Chairman, 2x Opposition Speakers 2x Proposition Speakers and 2 x Summary Speeches)**

Further guidelines on how to be a successful debating team can be found via the competitions tab at [www.nfyfc.org.uk](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk) or in The Source or [www.esu.org](http://www.esu.org). On both pages The Speech and Debate Competition Handbook (Use the Mace Section) can be downloaded. Link to MACE guidelines: <https://www.esu.org/our-work/schools-mace>

6. **NFYFC Final**

- 6.1 At the NFYFC Final the team placed 1<sup>st</sup> will be awarded *the Novartis Trophy* and Prize Cards
- 6.2 Teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded Prize Cards
- 6.3 NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>
- 6.4 At the NFYFC Final an individual Prize Card will also be awarded to the Best Speaker does not have to be the highest scoring competitor (this will be at the judge's discretion).
- 6.5 Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams
- 6.6 Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.
- 6.7 Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)





**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**  
**Competitions Programme 2022 - 2023**  
**NFYFC Member of the Year**  
17 years & under

**R U L E S**

**Competition Aim**

To encourage junior YFC members to record and evaluate their YFC, educational and community contributions and achievements over the past year via a Curriculum Vitae, Presentation, and Interview.

**Learning outcomes**

Reflection, Self Evaluation, Communication, Presentation, and Interview skills

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All finalists in the junior member of the year competition are automatically offered a place on the NFYFC Youth Forum group. The group is one of the five steering groups of NFYFC and all its members are aged under 21. The Youth Forum works to improve the YFC membership for younger members by ensuring the voices and opinions of those members are heard and acted upon at a national level.

**1. DATE AND VENUE**

1.1. After Area Eliminator, the National Final will be held at Competitions weekend on **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at the County Showground Stafford.

**2. REPRESENTATION**

- 2.1. Counties may enter one competitor per 600 members or part thereof in Area Eliminator.
- 2.2. Areas will be represented by **one** competitor in the Final competition. (Northern Area 1, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 1, South East Area 1 and Wales 1)
- 2.3. Member of the Year (17 & under) competitors are eligible to compete in a second NFYFC final on the same day if applicable.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1. The competitor must be 17 years or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and a full member of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
- 3.2. If the competitor through to the National Final must withdraw from the competition, then the next highest placed competitor will represent the Area.
- 3.3. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

**4. PROCEDURE**

**4.1. PART 1 – SYNOPSIS FORM**

- 4.1.1. **28 DAYS** prior to the National Final competitors will be required to submit to the Competitions Department at NFYFC a completed synopsis form (attached) to be no more than **2 sides of A4**, detailing their YFC activities. It is recommended that this form be used at County and Area level. (Special emphasis should be placed on their involvement at Club level).

**4.2. PART 2 – PRESENTATION & FORMAL INTERVIEW**

- 4.2.1. The Competitor is requested to prepare a presentation using Microsoft power point software to include their experiences gained at YFC Club, County, Area, and National. They should also include activities outside of YFC.

- 4.2.2. The presentation should be based on experiences gained in the 12 months before the competition final. Competitors are therefore expected to build on the presentations they give at the Area round of the competition held earlier in the year.
- 4.2.3. This presentation is to complement your Synopsis Form
- 4.2.4. Timing – no less than 3 and no more than 10 minutes.
- 4.2.5. The presentation will be made to the judges only.
- 4.2.6. On completion of the presentation judges will ask questions on the Synopsis Form, on the competitor's knowledge of YFC and/or current issues or news relating to young people.

5.4 At the NFYFC National Final a laptop and projector will be provided. Area Finals should organise and provide their own equipment.

5. **SCALE OF MARKS (At the national final)**

Synopsis Form	30
Presentation to judges (activities inside & outside YFC)	30
Formal Interview	30
Appearance	10
<b>TOTAL MARKS</b>	<b>100</b>

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over or under the allocated time of the presentation. The judges may also deduct marks if the timings are below half of what is expected.

6. **AWARDS**

- 6.1. *Di Chennells Trophy* and NFYFC Prize Card to the winner.
- 6.2. NFYFC Awards cards to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with all other competitors receiving 4<sup>th</sup> place cards
- 6.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement awards to all those taking part in the National Final

7. **NOTES**

- 7.1. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)

**YFC MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2023 (17 years & under)**

**Synopsis Form**

Name:		
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Date of birth:	Age (on day of the competition):	YFC Membership Card No:
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Education/ Occupation:

Name of YFC Club:	YFC County Federation:
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Year first joined YFC:	
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**YFC History**

**YFC Involvement (including posts held and any other aspects of the YFC movement)**

**Proudest moment in YFC (so far!)**

**Ambitions in YFC**



**Ambitions outside YFC**

**Hobbies and interests outside of YFC**

**Highlight of your year**



## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2022-2023

### NFYFC Situations Vacant

16 to 21 years

22 to 28 years

#### RULES

##### Competition Aim

To encourage YFC members to work as an individual to prepare a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Covering Letter for their chosen job advert. Prepare and take part in a competency-based interview.

##### Learning outcomes

Communication, planning, presentation and personal development skills.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

#### 1. VENUE

1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held at the Competitions Day on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2024** at the County Showground Stafford.

#### 2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Counties may enter one competitor per 600 members or part thereof in the Area Eliminator.

2.2. Areas will be represented in the Final by one competitor per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY – To note that there are now two age groups to this competition – treat as two separate competitions.

3.1. Competitors must be between the ages of 16 years of age and 21 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC. This means competitors have attained their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and may be 22 on the day of the national final.

3.2. Competitors must be between the ages of 22 years of age and 28 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC. This means competitors have attained their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and may be 29 on the day of the national final.

#### 4. SUBSTITUTION

4.1. If the original winner at area final is unable to go to the national final, then the next highest placed competitor will represent the Area.

4.2. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

#### 5. PROCEDURE

5.1. The Competitor will be required to choose their own job advertisement to apply for, which is relevant to them. The advert must have been advertised within the last 12 months prior to the competition date. All Applicants must submit the original job advertisement with a reference as to where and when the advert was published together with a CV and covering letter.

5.2. The CV must not be more than 2 sides of A4 paper.

5.3. The Covering Letter must not be more than 1 side of A4 paper

5.4. For the National Final, applications must be submitted to NFYFC no later than Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024.

5.5. The Competitor will then be requested to attend an interview which will consist of specific questioning about the job being applied for and relevant requirements relating to the advertisement. Questions will also focus on life experiences and will be structured around the form “Tell me about a time when you ....” (E.g: “Tell me about a time when you had to meet a deadline). Applicants should consider the Situation (What was happening), Task (What was required), Action (What did YOU do) and the Result (What was the outcome) when answering.

6. **SCALE OF MARKS –**

CV	50
Covering Letter	40
Relevance and Quality of Advert	10
Interview	100
• Knowledge of the Industry/Organisation	
• Ability to answer questions concisely	
• Overall Impression / Appearance / Presentation	
<b>Total marks</b>	<b>200</b>

7. **AWARDS**

7.1. **Trophy** and NFYFC Prize Card to the winner.

7.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to competitors placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

7.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all competitors.

8. **NOTES**

8.1. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)



## **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

Competitions Programme 2023-24

### **NFYFC Cube Exhibit**

**Theme: Countries Around the World**

28 & Under

#### **RULES**

##### **Competition Aim**

To encourage YFC members to work together as a team to produce a Cube Exhibit which showcases their craft skills related to the competition theme.

##### **Learning Outcomes**

Teamwork, planning, floral arts, cookery, workmanship, and presentation skills

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

#### **1. DATE VENUE**

1.1. After Area Eliminators, the National Final will be held at Competitions Day on **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at the County Showground Stafford.

#### **2. REPRESENTATION**

- 2.1. Counties may enter one exhibit per 600 members or part thereof in the Area Final.
- 2.2. Areas will be represented in the Final by one exhibit per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)
- 2.3. Competitors staging the Cube Exhibit are eligible to compete in a second NFYFC final on the same day if applicable.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1. Competitors (the Club Team) to be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and a full member of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.
  - 3.1.1. A maximum of five (5) members of the Club will stage the exhibit on the day of the competition on behalf of the whole club.

#### **4. SUBSTITUTION**

- 4.1. If the original winner at area final is unable to go to the national final, then the next highest placed competitor will represent the Area.
- 4.2. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

#### **5. PROCEDURE**

- 5.1. An Exhibit to depict the theme of a Country of your choice. This theme can be interpreted in any way that the club sees fit.
- 5.2. The Club Team is required to exhibit 5 crafts. 1 craft from each of the headings below:
  - Craft 1 - Floral Art (Any item using cut flowers and accessories in a suitable container – floral foam cannot be used. An alternative eco friendly option must be used).
  - Craft 2 – Cookery/Baking (This craft will be tasted so must be covered with cling film).
  - Craft 3 – Textile Handicraft (must include British Wool) (Knitwear, Tailored, Crochet for example)
  - Craft 4 – Natural Handicraft (Any item using wood, metal, clay, glass, stone or shell for example)
  - Craft 5 – Art (An item that could include photography, a graphic or a picture in any medium)

- 5.3. The five (5) crafts need to be clearly marked 1-5 together with the heading the craft comes under. For example 1- Floral Art, 2 – Cookery, 3- Textile Handicraft, 4- Natural Handicraft, 5- Art Handicraft.
- 5.4. Each whole Exhibit to have a MAXIMUM WIDTH of 1 metre at any given point and a MAXIMUM DEPTH of 1 metre and MAXIMUM HEIGHT of 1 metre. **Any exhibit exceeding the maximum measurements will be disqualified.** The measurement will be from the outside edges of the external walls of the exhibit. (I.e. Make your exhibit slightly smaller than the maximum dimensions). Any accessories or drapes used on the outside of the external walls of the cube will be included in the overall measurement of the exhibit. The external walls will be taken into account for the attractiveness of the exhibit marks and so should be covered to compliment the overall exhibit. The exhibit must have 3 walls.
- 5.5. The exhibits will be displayed on trestle/ round tables.

6. **TIMINGS**

Each team will be allowed to 1 hour to set up their display on the morning of the NFYFC Finals.

7. Competitors must accept responsibility for transporting their exhibits to the NFYFC final as per the instructions which will be issued and to make arrangements for collection of the exhibits **after 5.00pm**. Competitors' exhibits may be collected on their behalf.

8. **SCALE OF MARKS**

Craft 1 (Floral Art)	50
Craft 2 (Cookery)	50
Craft 3 (Textile)	50
Craft 4 (Natural)	50
Craft 5 (Art)	50
Attractiveness of exhibit (including external walls)	50
Originality and ingenuity	50
Relevance to theme	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>

9. **AWARDS NFYFC FINAL**

- 9.1. **Trophy** and NFYFC Prize Cards for team placed 1<sup>st</sup>(one certificate per exhibit)
- 9.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>(one certificate per exhibit)
- 9.3. An NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to the exhibiting YFC Club placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> (one certificate per exhibit).

10. **NOTES**

- 10.1. Only those members aged 28 or under may put the cube exhibit in place on the day of the final.



**Fun, Learning and  
Achievement**

Status: Final  
May 2023  
Direct

## **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

*Competitions Programme 2023 - 2024*

### **NFYFC Floral Art**

**(in conjunction with NAFAS – National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies)**

**16 & under, 21 & under, 28 & under**



**MALVERN**  
**AUTUMN SHOW**

#### *RULES*

##### **Competition Aim**

To provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate their acquired skills in creating a floral display depicting an agreed theme.

##### **Learning outcomes**

Principles of flower arranging including creativity and composition.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

#### **1. DATE AND VENUE**

1.1. The National Final will be held at the Malvern Autumn Show, Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Subject to invitation by TCAS.

#### **2. REPRESENTATION**

2.1. Counties may enter one competitor per 600 members or part thereof in each section.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

3.1. Competitors to be:

- 3.1.1. **16 & under section:** 16 years of age or under on the 1 September 2023.
- 3.1.2. **21 & under section:** 21 years of age or under on the 1 September 2023.
- 3.1.3. **28 & under section:** 28 years of age or under on the 1 September 2023.

#### **4. THEME/PROCEDURE.** Overall Theme:

4.1. At the NFYFC final, the Competitor will have one (1) hour to individually create a piece as described in the following **Floral Art Schedules**:

#### **OVERALL THEME – CHRISTMAS**

##### **4.2. 16 & Under**

- 4.2.1. **Exhibit Title: "Table Decoration" Centre Piece** - should be viewed from all angles to the theme Christmas.
- 4.2.2. The maximum display area for each competitor **MUST NOT exceed 76cm wide x 60cm deep x optional height** (i.e. no limitations to height). Exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.

4.2.3. Exhibit is to be viewed from all sides. Competitors own backboard and base boards are allowed and must be provided by the competitor if required and must adhere to the size limitations. The reverse of these backboards **MUST** complement the theme and be neat and tidy.

4.2.4. At the national finals, the exhibit will be displayed on a table with a white table covering.

#### 4.3. **21 & Under**

4.3.1. **Exhibit Title: "Door Wreath"** A Front Facing Exhibit to the theme Christmas.

4.3.2. The maximum display area for each competitor **MUST NOT exceed 76cm wide x 60cm deep x optional height** (i.e. no limitations to height). Exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.

4.3.3. Exhibit is to be viewed from the front. Competitors own backboard and base boards are allowed and must be provided by the competitor if required and must adhere to the size limitations. The reverse of these backboards **MUST** complement the theme and be neat and tidy.

4.3.4. At the national finals, the exhibit will be displayed on a table with a white table covering.

#### 4.4. **28 & Under**

4.4.1. **Exhibit Title: "Bouquet"** viewed from all sides to theme Christmas.

4.4.2. The maximum display area for each competitor **MUST NOT exceed 76cm wide x 60cm deep x optional height** (i.e. no limitations to height). Exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.

4.4.3. Exhibit is to be viewed from all sides no backboards allowed.

4.4.4. At the national finals, the exhibit will be displayed on a table with a white table covering.

### 5. **DISPLAY**

5.1. A worktable will be provided close to the display area – approx half a trestle table to be allocated per competitor.

5.2. Each exhibit will be displayed to their best advantage with the space allocation.

5.3. All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitors and must be assembled in the hall.

5.4. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges or Stewards, under penalty of instant disqualification. No other person, other than the competitors, will be allowed in the competing area.

5.5. At the NFYFC final, the NFYFC will provide a County Name and Number label for each display and workspace.

5.6. Competitors may use a battery-operated glue gun or any other form of adhesive. There will no mains power supply available

5.7. Any exhibit exceeding the maximum measurements will be disqualified. The measurement will be from the outside edges of the back board or base board (i.e. the thickness of the backboard will be included in the size restrictions). Any accessories or drapes used on the outside of the back board or base board will be included in the overall measurement of the exhibit and should be within the size restrictions. The external side of the back board will be taken into account for the attractiveness of the exhibit marks and so should be covered to compliment the overall exhibit.

5.8. Exhibits must remain in position throughout the day of the competition. Any entry removed before the Presentation of Awards will be disqualified.

5.9. All exhibits and competitor's property will be at the risk of the competitor and NFYFC cannot accept liability for any loss or damage sustained – therefore, competitors are advised to use items of little established value.

### 6. **TIMING**

6.0. Allowance of **one hour to include final checks and measurement of the exhibit**. Before leaving the competing area, competitors will be given a further 5 minutes to clear and tidy the work site.

6.1. Competitors may unpack their equipment and plant material/flowers onto the worktable before the one-hour practical session commences.

6.2. No floral foam is allowed - Eco friendly alternatives **MUST** be used. See the NAFAS Guide to Mechanics for ideas on alternative methods to use.

6.3. Competitors may set up their Eco-friendly flower arranging support material/mechanics in position prior to the one-hour practical session if required.

6.4. Competitors are able to set up their display bay before the one-hour practical session commences.

### 7. **MARKS**

If a very high number of entries are received, on the day of the NFYFC final, the NFYFC reserves the right to use the NFYFC 'Standards Judging' system. i.e exhibits will be in the Excellent, Proficient or Competent categories.

<b>Idea</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Colour</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Composition</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Technical</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>TOTAL MARKS</b>	<b>100</b>

## 8. AWARDS

- 8.0. **16 & under - Lady Northcliffe Cup** and Prize Card will be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup>
- 8.1. **21 & under - Millers' Mutual Cup** and Prize Card will be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup>
- 8.2. **26 & under - London Flowers Perpetual Challenge Trophy** and Prize Card will be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup>
- 8.3. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to competitors placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each section.
- 8.4. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in each section.

## 9. NOTES:

- 9.0. **Competitors to note that all buckets will be checked by Stewards on arrival for pre-arranged foliage**
- 9.1. **Competitors must not bring photographs/diagrams of previously arranged Floral Exhibits into the competing arena. Any competitor found doing so may be disqualified.**
- 9.2. **Competitors must wear white coats during the period of the competition. Club, County and Sponsor logos are permitted on either the front or the back of the coats.**
- 9.3. A "Competitions Manual" is available from NAFAS Enterprises Ltd. [www.nafas.org.uk](http://www.nafas.org.uk)
- 9.4. ALL EXHIBITS WILL BE JUDGED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NAFAS COMPETITIONS MANUAL 2023. A "Competitions Manual" is available from [www.nafas.org.uk](http://www.nafas.org.uk) to visit the NAFAS on-line shop.

## 10. NAFAS Definitions (The National Association of Flower Arranging Societies of Great Britain) From the NAFAS Competitions Manual (Fourth Edition 2023).

### 10.0. An EXHIBIT:

- 10.0.1. *Is composed of natural plant material in all its forms, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule.*
- 10.0.2. *Accessories need to go in front of backgrounds, bases, containers, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics may always be included in an exhibit, unless otherwise stated.*
- 10.0.3. *More than one placement may always be included, unless otherwise stated.*
- 10.0.4. *In all exhibits natural plant material must predominate. Plant material must now predominate in all Still Life Exhibits*

### 10.1. NATURAL PLANT MATERIAL

- 10.1.1. *Natural plant material is any vegetable matter*
- 10.1.2. *It includes fresh, dried, garden, wild, foliage, fungi, vegetables and seaweed or made-up plant material.*
- 10.1.3. *It is acceptable to enhance plant material by the application of oil, milk, wax, leaf shine or other similar products.*

### 10.2. ARTIFICIAL PLANT MATERIAL

- 10.2.1. *Artificial plant material is realistic or fantasy plant-forms, made wholly or partly from non-plant material. This includes, clay, glass, metal, plastic, plaster, polyester, shells, silk, wax, etc. This also includes fabric and ribbon made from a non-plant source, which is used as a substitute for natural plant material in an exhibit.*
- 10.2.2. *Artificial plant material is **not allowed** unless specifically permitted in a show schedule (see reasons for disqualification).*
- 10.2.3. *Artificial plant material or artificial plant forms that are an integral part of a container, base, background or accessory are permitted.*
- 10.2.4. **Artificial grass turf must not be used for any purpose including bases.**

### 10.3. An ACCESSORY

- 10.3.1. *Anything other than natural plant material in an exhibit, such as, feathers, shells, stones, wax candles*
- 10.3.2. *The following are not accessories and may also be used unless prohibited by the show schedule: backgrounds, bases, containers holding plant material, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics. These may be*



*decorated in any way but greater credit should be given for use of natural plant material where appropriate.*

**10.4. REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

10.4.1. *Failure to comply with any specific requirements of a class as stated in a show schedule, i.e. the measurements or the components. (Just remember – it is better to aim to be at least several cms smaller than the size allowed as the size stated is the MAXIMUM size).*

10.4.2. *Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed by a show schedule)*

10.4.3. *Inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have roots or the cut ends of stems in water or water-retaining material. Exceptions: Air Plants, Cacti, Fruits, Grass Turf, Lichen, Moss, Succulents, Vegetables and long lasting plant material which will remain turgid for the duration of a show. (Definition of turgid – the state of firmness of plant tissue resulting from adequate moisture, causing the plant cells to be fully expanded).*

**NOT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE DISQUALIFICATION:** *the term used when an exhibit does not comply with the requirements of the schedule – see NAFAS reasons for disqualification above. The judge will write 'Not according to schedule' and the reason.*

