

**NORFOLK YFC &
COUNTRYSIDERS
2023/2024**



BLOCK ONE – CS



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.**

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

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

Countrysider Reading

Rules: National YFC rules to be adhered to, rules are available to download from the members area at, www.norfolkyfc.co.uk
Note. ALL Countrysider members are permitted to compete at the Norfolk YF round.
 Team to read given passages, from the book . Passages to be sent via email prior to competition.

Event:	WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY
When	Sunday 3rd December 2023
Where:	Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX
Time	10:00 TBC
No of teams per club:	1
Consisting of:	3
Age Range:	Registered Countrysider 16 & Under
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	TBC
National Final Date:	Saturday 6th July 2024 Competitions Day at Staffordshire Showground
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

Competitor(s) for this competition are:-

ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS
 If you have any queries about this competition, please
 call County Office 01603 748 931

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

Competitor(s) for this competition are:-

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Countrysider 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

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.

Event:	WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY
When	Sunday 3rd December 2023
Where:	Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX
Time	TBC
No of teams per club:	Unlimited
Consisting of:	Individual
Age Range:	Registered 16 & Under
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	TBC
National Final Date:	Saturday 6th July 2024
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Notes The winner will be expected to attend the following events throughout the year to act as an Ambassador for Norfolk YFC and Countrysiders:

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

Competitor(s) for this competition are:-

ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS

**If you have any queries about this competition, please
call County Office 01603 748 931**

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:	WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY	
When	Sunday 3rd December 2023	
Where:	Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX	
Time	Exhibit in by 10am	
No of teams per club:	1	
Consisting of:	Individual	
Age Range:	Registered 16 & Under	
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	N/A	
National Final Date:	N/A	
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Notes		

Competitor(s) for this competition are:-

ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS
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Christmas Mocktail

Rules: Member to provide a (minimum 300ml) of homemade Christmas themed mocktail 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.

Event:	WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY
When	Sunday 3rd December 2023
Where:	Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX
Time	Exhibit in by 10am
No of teams per club:	1
Consisting of:	Individual
Age Range:	Registered 16 & Under
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	N/A
National Final Date:	N/A
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

Competitor(s) for this competition are:-

ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS
If you have any queries about this competition, please
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A gift for Father Christmas

Rules: Member to submit an edible present for Santa

The present must be displayed on a plate, covered in cling film with a gift tag explaining why you think Santa will enjoy the present.

The recipe must be displayed.

You will be judged on presentation and taste.

Event:	WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY
When	Sunday 3rd December 2023
Where:	Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX
Time	Exhibits in by 10am
No of teams per club:	1
Consisting of:	Individual
Age Range:	Registered 16 & Under
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	N/A
National Final Date:	N/A
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

Competitor(s) for this competition are:-

ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS

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80th Ball

Rules: Member to produce the menu card for the Oak Ball (maximum size A5) Menu will be sent out via email prior to the competition.

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When	Sunday 3rd December 2023
Where:	Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX
Time	Exhibits in by 10 am
No of teams per club:	1
Consisting of:	Individual
Age Range:	Registered 16 & Under
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	N/A
National Final Date:	N/A
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

Competitor(s) for this competition are:-

ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS
If you have any queries about this competition, please
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Public Speaking

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

Event:	WINTER COMPETITIONS DAY
When	Sunday 3rd December 2023
Where:	Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX
Time	TBC
No of teams per club:	1
Consisting of:	3
Age Range:	Registered 16 & Under
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	TBC
National Final Date:	Saturday 6th July 2024
National Rules Available on Website:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

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Christmas Tree Decoration

Rules: 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	Sunday 3rd December 2023
Where:	Easton College Green Room, Jubilee building NR9 5DX
Time	TBC
No of teams per club:	1
Consisting of:	Individual
Age Range:	Registered 16 & Under
Eastern Area Eliminator Date:	N/A
National Final Date:	N/A
National Rules Available on Website:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes	

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2023 - 2024

NFYFC Reading

14 & under

R U L E S

COMPETITION AIM

To encourage members aged 10-14 to demonstrate their presentation and communication skills by working as a team to read selected passages to an audience

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Reading and communication skills including expression, diction, clarity and sense, teamwork and presentation.

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 6th 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 **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 14 years of age or under on 1st 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 title of the book (including ISBN number) to be used will be notified to each team three weeks prior to the day of the competition Final.
5.2. The team of three members will be required to read aloud a passage selected and provided by the Judge, in English and in front of an audience.
5.3. The passages to be read will be given to finalists by the Chief Steward **on the day of the final.**
5.4. A draw will be made for the order of appearance prior to the competition.
5.5. All teams will be held in the preparation room until it is their turn to compete to avoid an unfair advantage as all teams are reading the same text. Therefore, competitors and their trainer will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before competing.
5.6. Competitors have the choice to read from the book or from the card provided or from an electronic device such as a Kindle supplied by the competitor.
5.7. The Chairmen to introduce the team and give a brief background about the book.
5.8. Each member of the team (including the Chairman) will be required to read a different passage from the book, but each team will read the same set of passages as the other teams.

5.9. Teams will be given 30 minutes before they compete to read through the passages with their trainer in the preparation room.

5.9.1.1. Members may read through their given passages in the preparation room.

5.9.1.2. Books are allowed in the preparation room beforehand.

5.9.1.3. One Trainer per team is allowed into the preparation room.

5.9.1.4. 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

Chairman (opening)

2 minutes

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time.

Members reading will not have an allocated time.

7. SCALE OF MARKS

Chairman – Introduction

15

15

READING OF PASSAGE

Teamwork/Overall Presentation/Appearance

15

15

READER 1:

Diction

10

Clarity

10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)

10

30

READER 2:

Diction

10

Clarity

10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)

10

30

READER 3:

Diction

10

Clarity

10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)

10

30

Total marks

120

8. AWARDS

8.1. NFYFC Final

8.1.1. At the NFYFC Final the team placed 1st will be awarded **a Trophy** and Prize Cards

8.1.2. Special awards will be presented to the members voted 'Best Chairman' 1st, 2nd & 3rd and 'Best Reader' 1st, 2nd & 3rd on the day.

8.1.3. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd will be awarded Prize Cards

8.1.4. NFYFC 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 NFYFC 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 – no jeans!)



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2023 - 2024

NFYFC Public Speaking

16 & under

R U L E S

COMPETITION AIM

To encourage members aged 10-16 to think clearly, speak persuasively and listen to the opinions of others critically and constructively. (Taken from the English-Speaking Union)

LEARNING OUTCOME

Public speaking skills; effective listening, knowledge of subject, confidence and communication skills

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1. DATE AND VENUE

1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held on Competitions Day, **Saturday 6th 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 **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 16 years of age or under on 1st 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, Speaker and Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.

5.2. The procedure will follow that of a normal meeting.

5.3. Fifteen minutes (15) before his or her team is due to compete; the Chairmen will be introduced to the speaker.

5.3.1. The Speaker will provide written notes giving the subject chosen and personal background (e.g. school, special interests, YFC membership, Club Offices held, activities within the Club, etc.). These notes to be handed to the Chief Steward at the beginning of the competition and will be **available** for the Chairman and Judges. To note that Power Point may be used as a visual aid for the Speaker, but they are not to be used for the whole speech and can only be used to enhance the speech. I.e. this is **NOT** a business presentation competition.

5.3.2. The Speaker, who will be the guest of another team, will choose his/her own subject. The Speaker will then answer a question put by the Proposer of Vote of thanks and then a question from the judging panel. There is to be no questions asked from the floor/audience. A total of two questions will be asked.

5.3.3. The chairman will invite the judges to put one question to the speaker who will then respond.

5.3.4. The Proposer will be seated in the body of the hall. He/she will take up some point in the Speaker's address, comment, agree or disagree and ask one pertinent question on the subject matter of the address. He/she will give the Vote of Thanks to the Speaker after all questions have been dealt with.

5.4. No communication, written or verbal between any of the team members, or the audience, will be permitted, and to do so will result in **immediate disqualification**.

5.5. Competitors may take notes FOR REFERENCE on to the platform as long as these notes are written on POSTCARDS. However, excessive, and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used by teams while on the platform, except for visual aids intended to add to the understanding of the subject by the audience.

5.6. 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.

5.7. Speakers are asked to be mindful of the topic chosen for their speeches as this is a junior competition.

6. NFYFC is an inclusive organisation that encourages and supports the participation of all our members. If you require any additional support or resources to participate effectively in any element of this competition, please contact the competitions department two weeks prior to the competition final to allow us to work with you so that specific arrangements can be made.

7. TIMING

Chairman (opening)	2 minutes
Speaker	6 minutes
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (question)	no time limit
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (thanks)	1 minute and 30 seconds

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

8. SEATING

8.1. Stewards are to make sure that competitors are seated as a team and in a designated area, separate from parents and supporters, throughout the competition.

9. SCALE OF MARKS

Speaker	Presentation of speech and ability to speak	20
	Content of speech and knowledge of subject	20
	Answer to questions	10
		<u>50</u>
Chairman		30
Proposer of Vote of Thanks		20
TEAM TOTAL		<u>100</u>

10. AWARDS NFYFC FINAL

10.1.1. At the NFYFC Final the team placed 1st will be awarded **Case IH Trophy** and Prize Cards

10.1.2. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd will be awarded Prize Cards

10.1.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members at the National Final

10.1.4. At the NFYFC Final individual trophies will also be awarded to the Chairmen, Speaker and Vote of Thanks who have received the highest marks on the day of the final. Individuals who come 2nd & 3rd will also receive Prize Cards.

11. NOTES

11.1. Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams

11.2. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.

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



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
Competitions Programme 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

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.**

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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, 6th 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 1st 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
TOTAL MARKS	100

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd with all other competitors receiving 4th 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



**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, 29th 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.

Idea	20
Colour	20
Composition	30
Technical	30
TOTAL MARKS	100

8. AWARDS

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



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2023 - 2024

NFYFC Reading

14 & under

R U L E S

COMPETITION AIM

To encourage members aged 10-14 to demonstrate their presentation and communication skills by working as a team to read selected passages to an audience

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Reading and communication skills including expression, diction, clarity and sense, teamwork and presentation.

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 6th 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 **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 14 years of age or under on 1st 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 title of the book (including ISBN number) to be used will be notified to each team three weeks prior to the day of the competition Final.
5.2. The team of three members will be required to read aloud a passage selected and provided by the Judge, in English and in front of an audience.
5.3. The passages to be read will be given to finalists by the Chief Steward **on the day of the final.**
5.4. A draw will be made for the order of appearance prior to the competition.
5.5. All teams will be held in the preparation room until it is their turn to compete to avoid an unfair advantage as all teams are reading the same text. Therefore, competitors and their trainer will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before competing.
5.6. Competitors have the choice to read from the book or from the card provided or from an electronic device such as a Kindle supplied by the competitor.
5.7. The Chairmen to introduce the team and give a brief background about the book.
5.8. Each member of the team (including the Chairman) will be required to read a different passage from the book, but each team will read the same set of passages as the other teams.

5.9. Teams will be given 30 minutes before they compete to read through the passages with their trainer in the preparation room.

5.9.1.1. Members may read through their given passages in the preparation room.

5.9.1.2. Books are allowed in the preparation room beforehand.

5.9.1.3. One Trainer per team is allowed into the preparation room.

5.9.1.4. 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

Chairman (opening)

2 minutes

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time.

Members reading will not have an allocated time.

7. SCALE OF MARKS

Chairman – Introduction

15

15

READING OF PASSAGE

Teamwork/Overall Presentation/Appearance

15

15

READER 1:

Diction

10

Clarity

10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)

10

30

READER 2:

Diction

10

Clarity

10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)

10

30

READER 3:

Diction

10

Clarity

10

Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)

10

30

Total marks

120

8. AWARDS

8.1. NFYFC Final

8.1.1. At the NFYFC Final the team placed 1st will be awarded **a Trophy** and Prize Cards

8.1.2. Special awards will be presented to the members voted 'Best Chairman' 1st, 2nd & 3rd and 'Best Reader' 1st, 2nd & 3rd on the day.

8.1.3. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd will be awarded Prize Cards

8.1.4. NFYFC 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 NFYFC 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 – no jeans!)



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2023 - 2024

NFYFC Public Speaking

16 & under

R U L E S

COMPETITION AIM

To encourage members aged 10-16 to think clearly, speak persuasively and listen to the opinions of others critically and constructively. (Taken from the English-Speaking Union)

LEARNING OUTCOME

Public speaking skills; effective listening, knowledge of subject, confidence and communication 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.**

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1. DATE AND VENUE

1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held on Competitions Day, **Saturday 6th 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 **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 16 years of age or under on 1st 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, Speaker and Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.

5.2. The procedure will follow that of a normal meeting.

5.3. Fifteen minutes (15) before his or her team is due to compete; the Chairmen will be introduced to the speaker.

5.3.1. The Speaker will provide written notes giving the subject chosen and personal background (e.g. school, special interests, YFC membership, Club Offices held, activities within the Club, etc.). These notes to be handed to the Chief Steward at the beginning of the competition and will be **available** for the Chairman and Judges. To note that Power Point may be used as a visual aid for the Speaker, but they are not to be used for the whole speech and can only be used to enhance the speech. I.e. this is **NOT** a business presentation competition.

5.3.2. The Speaker, who will be the guest of another team, will choose his/her own subject. The Speaker will then answer a question put by the Proposer of Vote of thanks and then a question from the judging panel. There is to be no questions asked from the floor/audience. A total of two questions will be asked.

5.3.3. The chairman will invite the judges to put one question to the speaker who will then respond.

5.3.4. The Proposer will be seated in the body of the hall. He/she will take up some point in the Speaker's address, comment, agree or disagree and ask one pertinent question on the subject matter of the address. He/she will give the Vote of Thanks to the Speaker after all questions have been dealt with.

5.4. No communication, written or verbal between any of the team members, or the audience, will be permitted, and to do so will result in **immediate disqualification**.

5.5. Competitors may take notes FOR REFERENCE on to the platform as long as these notes are written on POSTCARDS. However, excessive, and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used by teams while on the platform, except for visual aids intended to add to the understanding of the subject by the audience.

5.6. 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.

5.7. Speakers are asked to be mindful of the topic chosen for their speeches as this is a junior competition.

6. NFYFC is an inclusive organisation that encourages and supports the participation of all our members. If you require any additional support or resources to participate effectively in any element of this competition, please contact the competitions department two weeks prior to the competition final to allow us to work with you so that specific arrangements can be made.

7. TIMING

Chairman (opening)	2 minutes
Speaker	6 minutes
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (question)	no time limit
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (thanks)	1 minute and 30 seconds

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

8. SEATING

8.1. Stewards are to make sure that competitors are seated as a team and in a designated area, separate from parents and supporters, throughout the competition.

9. SCALE OF MARKS

Speaker	Presentation of speech and ability to speak	20
	Content of speech and knowledge of subject	20
	Answer to questions	10
		<u>50</u>
Chairman		30
Proposer of Vote of Thanks		20
TEAM TOTAL		<u>100</u>

10. AWARDS NFYFC FINAL

10.1.1. At the NFYFC Final the team placed 1st will be awarded **Case IH Trophy** and Prize Cards

10.1.2. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd will be awarded Prize Cards

10.1.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members at the National Final

10.1.4. At the NFYFC Final individual trophies will also be awarded to the Chairmen, Speaker and Vote of Thanks who have received the highest marks on the day of the final. Individuals who come 2nd & 3rd will also receive Prize Cards.

11. NOTES

11.1. Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams

11.2. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.

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



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
Competitions Programme 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

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.**

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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, 6th 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 1st 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
TOTAL MARKS	100

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd with all other competitors receiving 4th place cards
- 6.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement awards to all those taking part in the National Final

7. **NOTES**

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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



**Fun, Learning and
Achievement**

Status: Final
May 2023
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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, 29th 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.

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7. **MARKS**

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- 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
- 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 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.*

