



## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

### Competitions Programme 2018 – 19 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: Read in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules**. Further information can be found at <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/CompetitionsResources/competitionsresources> these rules to be read in conjunction with the 'How to' Guide available from NFYFC.

#### 1. DATE AND VENUE

- 1.1. After Area Rounds, Northern and Southern Regional Finals will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019.
- 1.2. After the Regional Finals, the National Final will be held at Competitions Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Stafford County Showground.

#### 2. REPRESENTATION

- 2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in the Area Final.
- 2.2. 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)
- 2.3. Regions will be represented at the National Final (after Regional Finals) by one County team per 6,000 members or part thereof. (**Northern 2; Southern 2; Wales 1**)

#### 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 2018 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

#### 4. SUBSTITUTION

- 4.1. If two or more of the original team are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent the Area.
- 4.2. **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.

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

### 8.2. NFYFC Regional Finals

- 8.2.1. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on the day of the Regional Finals
- 8.2.2. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members taking part in the Regional Finals



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