



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2019 - 20

NFYFC Mace Debate

Adapted from English Speaking Union rules

26 & under

RULES

Competition Aim

To encourage members aged 26 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: 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 Finals the Regional Finals for North and South of England will be held 21st March 2020. The Competitions Steering Group voted to remove the Regional Finals of this competition at the 22nd June 2019. There will be no Regional Eliminators in 2020. After consultation with Counties, a decision will be made regarding representation at the NFYFC Finals, on the 26th October 2019.~~
- 1.2. After Regional Finals, the National Final will be held at Competitions Day on Saturday 4th July 2020 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) Proportional representation will be applied. There will be 10 teams at the National Final.~~

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. A team shall consist of **FIVE (5)** members, who must all be 26 years of age or under on 1 September 2019 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

2. SUBSTITUTION

- 2.1. If 3 or more of the original team are unable to compete at the next round the next highest scoring team will represent area/region.
- 2.2. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1. The team will comprise of a Chairman, two speakers for the Proposition and two speakers for the Opposition.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. 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.

- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. Points of Information
 - 3.5.1. 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)
 - 3.5.2. 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.
 - 3.5.3. Points of Information are included in the time limit.
- 3.6. Rebuttal
 - 3.6.1. Addressing the other side's arguments during your own speech is known as rebuttal
 - 3.6.2. The aim or rebuttal is to undermine the oppositions case and leave your own case looking stronger
 - 3.6.3. 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
- 3.7. The Vote shall be taken by a show of hands.
- 3.8. The Chairman shall announce the result of the Vote and declare the meeting closed.
- 3.9. Teams are reminded that material considered to be of a distasteful or inappropriate may result in a loss of marks. All material to be suitable for a family audience.

4. SCALE OF MARKS

Chairman	30
Expression and delivery (5)	
Organisation and prioritisation (5)	
Accuracy of timing (10)	
Overall control of debate (10)	
First Proposition - Main Speeches (1st Speaker)	40
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)	
First Opposition - Main Speeches (1st Speaker)	40
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)	
Second Proposition - Main Speeches (2nd Speaker)	40
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)	
Second Opposition - Main Speeches (2nd Speaker)	40
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)	
Opposition Summary Speech - Summary Speeches	20
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)	
Proposition Summary Speech - Summary Speeches	20
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 or in The Source www.nfyfc.org.uk/thesource or The English Speaking Union website 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>

5. AWARDS

5.1. ~~NFYFC Regional Finals~~

~~5.1.1. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to teams placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd on the day of the Regional Final~~

~~5.1.2. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams placed 3rd to 5th on the day of the Regional Final, i.e. those that do not qualify for the NFYFC final.~~

5.2. NFYFC Final

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

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

5.2.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams placed 1st to 5th

5.2.4. At the NFYFC Final an individual Prize Card will also be awarded to the Best Speaker. The award for the best speaker does not have to be the highest scoring competitor (this will be at the judge's discretion).