



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://nfyc.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)

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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 of rebuttal is to undermine the opposition's 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 other side's 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

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 or 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 1st will be awarded *the Novartis Trophy* and Prize Cards

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

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

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)