

**First Field Day Rules
September 2024
Venue TBC**

Entries due –

- Senior Fencing
- Junior Fencing
- Sheepdog Trails
- Chicken Jointing

Senior Fencing

ELIGIBILITY

A team shall consist of three members 28 years of age or under on 1st September, 2024 and full members of a YFC Club based in Wales and affiliated to either Wales YFC or NFYFC. Competitors will be required to show their membership cards.

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HEALTH & SAFETY – ESSENTIAL READING / ACTION FOR ALL COMPETITORS

It is essential that all competitors read the Health and Safety Executive's guidance paper concerning fencing and note is taken of the safe working practices and protective clothing equipment that is recommended. The Health & Safety Executive guidance paper 'Fencing' (AFAG104) can be downloaded from the NFYFC or Wales YFC website.

PROCEDURE

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The fence shall be in a straight line for 30 metres.

The height from the ground to the plain wire is 75mm (3"), plain to net 75mm (3") net 800mm (31.5"), net to barb 100mm (4"), overall height 1050 mm (41.5").

The intermediate posts shall be at equal spacing.

It shall be constructed of post and netting with 1 strand of barbed wire above the netting. The netting shall be set 100mm (4") above the ground approximately.

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Netting and wire shall be secured to the end strainers using a recognised knot.

At one end of the fence there will be a box strainer assembly using a horizontal strut and diagonal brace wire as per diagram.

The box strainer shall be made with 2 x 2.4m (8') strainer with a 2.4m (8') 75-100mm (3"-4") diameter horizontal brace, with plain wire.

The horizontal brace shall be morticed into the strainers on both ends.

At the other end of the fence there should be a strainer with a diagonal strut. The assembly shall be made using a 2.4m (8') strainer and 2.4m (8') angled strut, with the strut secured using a horizontal thrust block. The strut must have a thrust plate at the end to prevent movement. The struts need to be left open for the judges to see. The strut is to be morticed into the strainer at 450mm (18") to the top of the strut – ie, between the 4th and 5th wire on the net.

Wire joints - All joints to be made during the competition. No joining aids will be permitted. A join in the netting should be made by hand approximately in the middle of the length. A join in the barbed wire approximately in the middle of the length must also be completed.

The team are required to prepare a written risk assessment/method statement, which is to be handed to the Chief Steward on the day of the competition - prior to the competition start. Failure to provide a written risk assessment/method statement or failure to comply with it; or working unsafely, will result in immediate disqualification. Please see an example of a Fence Erecting Risk Assessment Template below. This may be used and completed as teams wish (Risk 1 already entered as an example). Teams are welcome to complete their own risk assessment.

Glamorgan YFC Will supply the following:

3 x 2.4m (8ft) round pointed posts,
150-175mm (6"-7") diameter (strainers)
2 x 2.4m (8') round posts, 75-100mm (3"-4") diameter (horizontal strut, diagonal strut)
5 x 1.65m (5'6") round pointed posts, 75-100mm (3"-4") diameter (intermediates)
1 x chock (thrust plate) 1800mm x 125mm x 75mm (72 x 5 x 3 inches)

Teams to supply:

35 metres of X-Knot High Tensile FX8/80/22
35m x barbed wire.
50m x plain wire
10 x nails 5mm x 150mm
6-inch nails
Staples

Only hand tools will be allowed and the teams themselves must provide these. No powered tools or chain saws are allowed.

All tools and equipment used must be fit for purpose and be in good condition, well maintained and safely operated by members of the team at all times. Judges/stewards hold the power to stop the use of tool/piece of equipment if, in their view, it is not safe to use or is being handled/used in an unsafe manner.

Field Day Rules

Competitors are not allowed to shorten any of the vertical posts.

The Judge reserves the right to inspect any strut following completion of the task.

All teams are required to dismantle their fence after the Presentation of Awards (the thrust plate and must be out of the ground). Any team not complying with this ruling will be disqualified.

Cleaning the ground –Teams are required to clear away all debris and any off-cuts of wire etc must not be put down the postholes. Receptacles will be provided for this purpose. Soil will be available to make the ground good.

TIMING

2 hours will be allowed for the completion of the task.

To note that once the time of

2 hours has been reached, teams will be asked to stop, and the fence will be judged as seen.

Please note that the tidying of tools and equipment away will be included in the time to complete the task.

SCALE OF MARKS

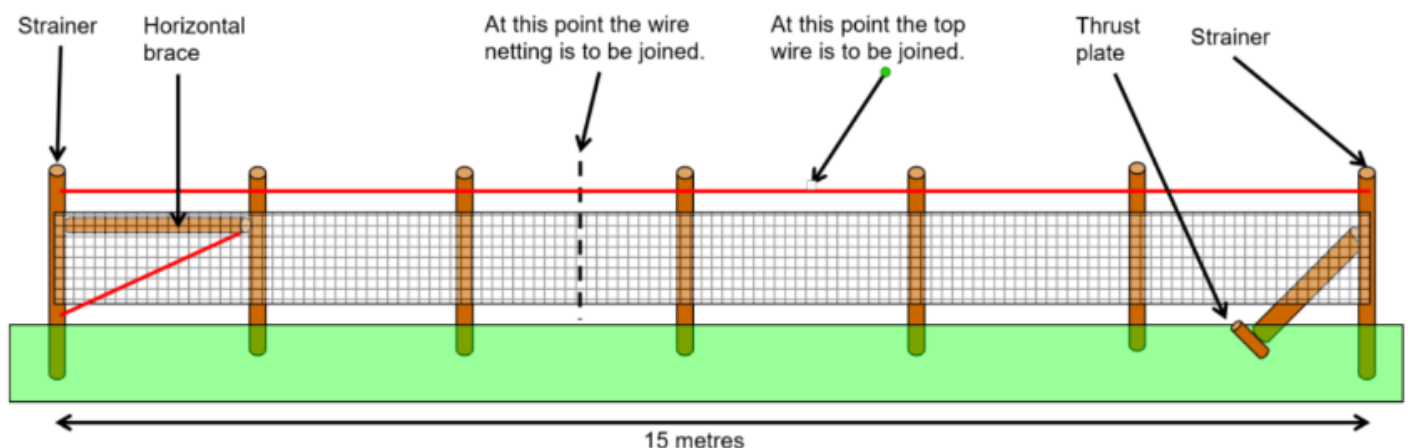
Fixing end posts, strainer post, diagonal strut & box strainer	30
Intermediate posts	10
Overall neatness	20
Fixing and tensioning of netting & barbed wire	25
Joint in netting and barbed wire	10
Written Risk Assessment	5
TOTAL	100

GENERAL

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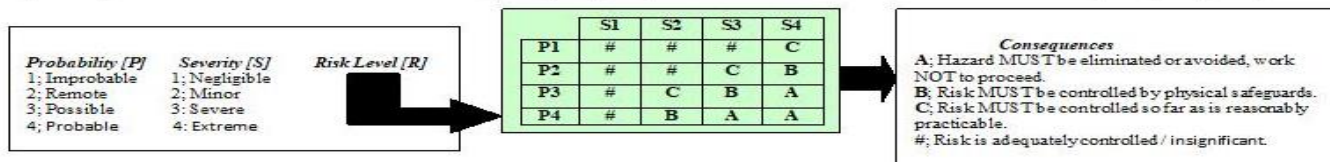
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Field Day Rules

Item	Activity <i>(Description of activity and associated hazards)</i>	Risk Evaluation <i>(No controls)</i>			Safety precautions <i>(Details of preventative or control measure for each hazard)</i>	Residual Risk Evaluation <i>(With Controls)</i>		
		P	S	R		P	S	R
1	Mild steelwire tensioned beyond breaking point causing eye damage	3	4	A	Wear suitable eye protection	3	2	C
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Junior fencing

ELIGIBILITY

A team shall consist of three members, two members shall be 21 years of age or under on the 1st September, 2024 and one member shall be 18 years of age or under on the 1st September 2024 and full members of a YFC Club based in Wales and affiliated to either Wales YFC or NFYFC. Competitors will be required to show their membership cards.

Field Day Rules

Failure to produce a valid membership card (with photo) will result in a £5 penalty charge. Any member whose name is not listed as a current paid up member of the Federation and who cannot produce a membership card at the start of the competition will not be allowed to compete.

HEALTH & SAFETY – ESSENTIAL READING / ACTION FOR ALL COMPETITORS

The team are required to prepare a written risk assessment/method statement, which is to be handed to the Chief Steward on the day of the competition - prior to the competition start. Failure to provide a written risk assessment/method statement or failure to comply with it; or working unsafely, will result in immediate disqualification. Please see an example of a Fence Erecting Risk Assessment Template below. This may be used and completed as teams wish (Risk 1 already entered as an example). Teams are welcome to complete their own risk assessment.

PROCEDURE

The team will be required to erect a stock proof boundary fence, using the materials provided (as illustrated in the diagram).

The fence shall be 12 meters in a straight line, constructed of post and netting with 1 strand of barbed wire above the netting and 1 strand of barbed wire below the netting.

At both ends of the fence there must be a strainer with a diagonal strut (strut secured using a thrust plate).

A join in the netting must be made by hand (no gripples/crimps) where shown on the diagram.

The barbed wire must be tensioned and tied with a knot at both ends.

Posts may be driven into the ground, where required. Water may be used down the holes (teams to provide this themselves).

Only materials supplied by the organisers are to be used for the Glamorgan YFC Final (see list of materials below).

Only hand tools will be allowed and the teams themselves must provide these. No powered tools or chain saws are allowed.

All tools and equipment used must be fit for purpose and be in good condition, well maintained and safely operated by members of the team at all times. Judges hold the power to stop the use of tool/piece of equipment if, in their view, it is not safe to use or is being handled/used in an unsafe manner.

Competitors are not allowed to shorten any of the vertical posts.

The Judge reserves the right to inspect any strut following completion of the task.

All teams are required to dismantle their fence after the Presentation of Awards. Any team not complying with this ruling will be disqualified.

Field Day Rules

Cleaning the ground – Teams are required to clear away all debris and any off-cuts of wire etc. must not be put down the postholes. Receptacles will be provided for this purpose. Soil will be available to make the ground good.

List of Items provided by Glamorgan YFC:

2 x Strainers: 2.2m, 125mm – 150mm diameter round posts with points (7ft, 5" – 6")
2 x Diagonal Struts: From 2.4m x 100mm diameter round post (8ft, 3" – 4")
3 x Intermediate posts: 1.7m x 100mm diameter round posts (5ft 6", 3 – 4")
2 x Thrust Plates: 9" x 3" x 4" (wood)

Teams to provide:

15m x mild steel stock netting C8/80/15
30m x mild steel barbed wire
6 x 5" nails
Staples

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TIMING

One hour 45 minutes will be allowed for completion of the task.

Time penalties

Teams will be encouraged to complete the task but will lose one (1) point for every minute or part thereof over the allocated time. At the Glamorgan YFC final teams will be asked to stop 30 minutes after the allocated time. i.e. at 2 and a quarter hour.

Please note that the tidying of tools and equipment away will be included in the time to complete the task.

The judging will take place straight after stated time above.

SCALE OF MARKS

Straining posts & Strut fixing	50
Fixing and tensioning of netting	50
Fixing and tensioning of barbed wire	25
Join in netting	20
Intermediate post	25
Overall neatness of finished job	30
TOTAL	200

GENERAL

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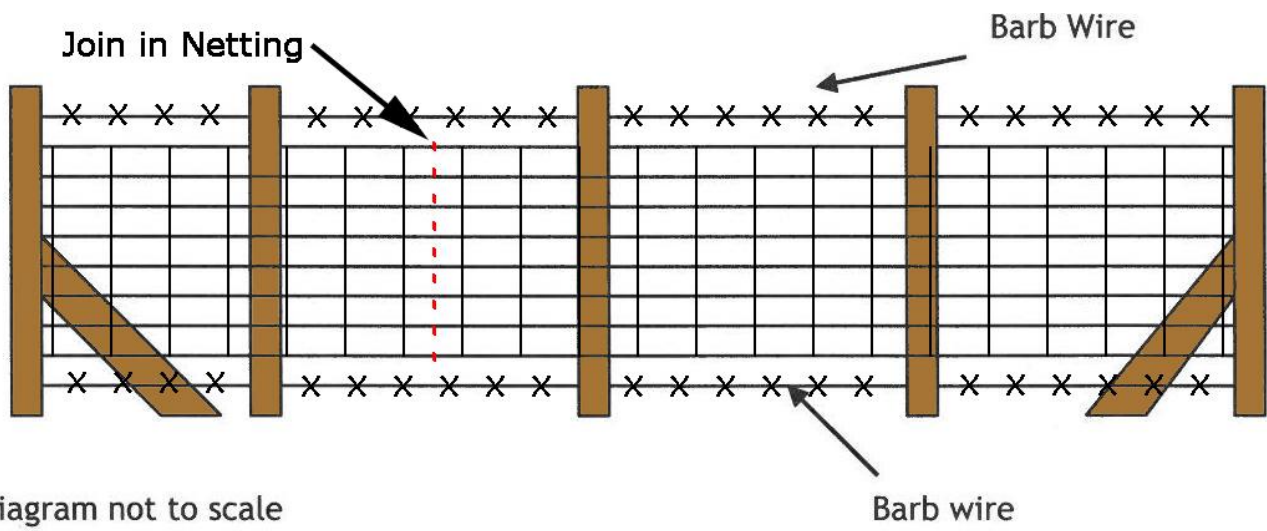


Diagram not to scale

Field Day Rules

Sheepdog Trails.

ELIGIBILITY

One competitor whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2024 and full members of a YFC Club based in Wales and affiliated to either Wales YFC or NFYFC.

Competitors will be required to show their membership cards.

Failure to produce a valid membership card (with photo) will result in a £5 penalty charge. Any member whose name is not listed as a current paid up member of the Federation and who cannot produce a membership card at the start of the competition will not be allowed to compete.

PROCEDURE

The course is intended to test the dog's ability to perform certain tasks which the dog may be required to carry out in everyday work on the farm.

1 OUTFRUN - The dog is sent from the handler's feet and should make a wide sweep to either left or right, ideally slowing down as the semi-circular movement is completed in a near direct line from the handler.

2 LIFT - The dog, having completed the outrun, should make a gentle approach to lift the sheep.

3 FETCH - Moving the sheep from the lift position, the dog is now required to bring the sheep at a steady pace towards the handler in the straightest possible line, negotiating a set of gates en route.

4 DRIVE- The first drive, at an angle away from the shepherd.

5 CROSS DRIVE - With tight turns around the gates.

6 PEN The dog should bring the sheep at a gentle pace towards and then into the pen. The run is completed when all 4/5 sheep are in the pen and the gate is closed.

A group of three sheep will be provided for each competitor.

TIMING

The judges and stewards will set a time after the course has been set, to give adequate time for the members to complete the course.

SCALE OF MARKS

Outrun	20
Lift	10
Fetch	20
Drive	30
Pen	10
TOTAL	90

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Field Day Rules

Chicken Jointing

ELIGIBILITY

One member, who will be 28 years of age or under on the 1st September 2024. Competitors to be full member of a Club affiliated to Wales YFC or NFYFC.

Competitors will be required to show their membership cards.

Failure to produce a valid card (with photo) will result in a £5 penalty charge plus verification on the YFC database prior to being allowed to compete. Any member whose name is not listed as a current paid up member of the Federation and who cannot produce a membership card at the start of the competition will not be allowed to compete.

PROCEDURE

The task is to joint and pack into skin-on portions, a shop bought chicken as follows - drumsticks, boneless thighs, Supremes and winglets.

Birds will be provided for jointing. Wishbones must be removed.

Competitors to provide their own packing material. Chickens must be packed in a single bag or container and carcass must be placed in a separate bag.

Competitors to bring all necessary equipment and protective clothing must be worn e.g. white coats and hair nets / hats.

Competitors will be judged on method used during the competition, taking into consideration hygiene practices and presentation.

A competing area of half a trestle table will be available per competitor.

TIMING

20 minutes will be allowed.

TRAINING

Wales YFC have produced a training video to help members with the correct technique. The video can be found here;

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IUOoG_Dt6ZmeFA2mVsp0ZKbkE63k5H9-/view?usp=sharing

SCALE OF MARKS

Preparation of Table and Method	15
Butchery and Knife Skills	20
Portioning carcass	20
Skin Coverage of Joints	15
Cleanliness	15
Packaging and Presentation	15
TOTAL	100

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