Glamorgan YFC

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2023-24

**Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers’ Clubs**

**General Competition Rules**

**2023-2024**

1.The Competition Committee shall be responsible for drawing up the rules of all Competitions other than those competition rules that have already been drawn up by Wales YFC or NFYFC and they are also responsible for the execution of the completed Winter and Rally Day programmes. The Committee has the right to amend any rules as necessary but where the rules relating to entries are amended to fall in-line with those rules of NFYFC or Wales YFC, rule 4a relating to substitution will still apply.

2.The County Administrator will have the overall responsibility of completing the arrangements for the above Competition Programme, and for the administrative duties entailed therein.

3.The briefing of the Competition Stewards shall be the responsibility of the Competitions Chairman and/or Chief Steward, who will make sure that all Competition Stewards and Competitors are familiar with the rules of the Competition before the start of any competition, that entries are fully completed before the start of the competition, named winners and reserves are announced at the end of all competitions and the results placed in the appropriate files. A mark must be allocated to each competitor/or team, and this must be recorded.

4.Clubs must provide the County Office with notice of numbers of team and names of team members for team competitions, and individual names for individual competitions at least **14 days** prior to the competition day.

a. Substitution of Competitors can be made up to **2 days** prior to the competition without loss of marks - 5 marks will be deducted for each late substitution of a member made within **2 days** prior to the day of the competition or on the day of the competition.

b. All entries to be received at the County Office **14 days** prior to the date of the competition. Entries received between 7 and 14 days before date of competition will be subject to a 5 mark per competing member penalty. No entries will be accepted after **7 days** prior to the competition date. (Additional rulings: Public Speaking: Senior – Entry **21 days** prior, no late entries permitted; Junior – No late entries are permitted; Rally Day – Entries for rally competitions required **21 days** prior to event)

c. Withdrawals can be made without penalty up to **14 days** prior to the competition. Withdrawals made within 7-14 days of the competition date will be subject to a 5 mark per entry penalty, within 7 days of the competition date will be subject to a 10 mark per entry penalty. Furthermore, Clubs will be responsible for any material costs or other costs incurred due to the withdrawal made within 14 days of the competition.

D. Where the competition rules require the submission of materials/ documentation by a specified date, late submissions will be penalised at a rate of 5 marks per late submission.

Adjudicators to use their discretion when marking late entries.

e. All marks for all competitions will be distributed immediately after the competition and in any case within 7 days, along with the penalty marks to be deducted as per county rules (albeit these marks will not be taken off until the end of the year). Any disputes with regard to marks awarded or deducted must be made in writing within 14 days of the date of the competition.

*The responsibility of checking marks will be placed in the job description of one of the county office holders or other suitable person.*

all penalty marks details in rules 4a-d above will be deducted from the clubs’ total mark in that programme of competitions which in turn will be deducted from the year end total.

5. Sliding Scale will be used for marking and for awarding trophies/cups.

6. All competitions, static or otherwise, will start at the stated time. All competitors must report half an hour prior to the start of the competition, unless otherwise agreed and stated by the Competitions Committee prior to the competition.

7. All Members must produce their current Membership Card when reporting for a competition. Upon failure to do so the Member will be subject to a **£5.00** fine, the maximum fine being **£5.00** even if there is more than one competition taking place on the same day, i.e. stockjudging day, rally day.

8. **The Judges decision will be final in all competitions.**

9.An outright winner must be selected for all National/Wales Competitions.

10.No alcohol, substance abuse or unreasonable behaviour will be tolerated.

11.Any queries or matters needing clarification relating to Competition Rules must be addressed to the County Office during working hours.

12.Stockjudging Day will be governed by all the above rules, with the exception of the penalty rules which apply to the day, and not the individual competition taking place on the day, i.e. if 5 marks are deducted for a late substitution the deduction will be made per member substituted for the stockjudging day competition, and not per ring of stock, vets quiz etc. which the entry was lodged for. Rule 11 applies to penalties incurred under rules 4a, b and c.

13. Any verbal entries must be confirmed in writing to County Office within 3 days.

14. Members representing Glamorgan YFC, who agree to compete at Wales/National level and receive entry tickets free of charge and then do not participate in the competition will be invoiced for the cost of the ticket.

15. Any club which does not enter the designated compulsory competitions will be disqualified from winning any of the shields, but will not face any other penalty.

16. A Representative from each club to sit on Rally Committee or lose points from overall rally score. (5pts deducted per club, for each meeting absent).

17. **On no account** should members/parents/club leaders/trainers/directors etc. approach judges voicing their complaint, or indeed writing to outside organisations, prior to the complaint being raised and discussed in their club committee and recorded in the minutes. The club chairman can then write, on behalf of their club, to county competitions committee enclosing a deposit of £10 and detailing their complaint/grievance. If the complaint/grievance is upheld by county their deposit will be returned.

18. Unacceptable behaviour by competitors or supporters will not be tolerated, and any behaviour which adversely affects other competitors will be penalized financially.”

19. Should a member require assistance to compete at a county final due to disability (learning/physical), every effort shall be made to ensure inclusion of the individual with dignity, respect and confidentiality. Glamorgan YFC requests prior knowledge of assistance required in order to maximise the benefit to the individual.

20.Points to be deducted when clubs cannot supply required number of stewards for competitions.

21. Clubs unable to supply the Necessary number of stewards for agreed outside event will be fined/Invoiced £10 per absent steward.

22. Competitions with limited entries are, Max 2 entries per Club, – Junior Member, Senior Member, Girls Car Maintenance, Boys Car Maintenance, Tractor Bale Handling.

23. All Club Books to be handed in at least 3 weeks before rally day for Judging pre Rally day. Minute Book, Treasures books and Scrap books. Club rally day signs to be erected at least three weeks before Rally day for Judging Pre Rally.

**HEALTH & SAFETY / CHILD PROTECTION**

Competitors must comply with Health & Safety legislation and meet the relevant safety standards. ALL members under the age of 18 must have completed Parental consent forms.

**SUBSTITUTION**

If the winning competitor (or more than half of the winning team) is(are) unavailable to compete at the Wales/National final, then the next highest placed competitor/s will be invited to represent Glamorgan.

**REMINDER**

**ALL COMPETITORS MUST HOLD CURRENT VALID MEMBERSHIP CARDS WITH PHOTOGRAPH ATTATCHED IN ORDER TO COMPETE. MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE SHOWN TO THE STEWARDS PRIOR TO COMPETING.**

**Rules of Infringement**

Any infringement of the Rules will result in a competitor being penalised by the judges.

**QUERIES/COMPLAINTS**

See General Rules.

**REMINDER The judge’s decision will be final on every competition.**

**Eligibility**:

**Junior** - Competitors must be 16 years of age or under on 1 September 2023.

**Intermediate** – Competitors must be 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2023.

**Senior** – Competitors must be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023.

(**Wales only) U18** – competitors must be 18 years of age or under on 1 September 2023.

Competition Year 2023/2024

**Wales YFC Eisteddfod** - Saturday 18th November 2023. Ynys Mon.

**National – English Winter fair (Stafford)** – 18th /19th November 2023.

**Welsh Winter Fair – 27th/ 28th November 2023.**

Lamb Carcass Competition

Butchers Beef Stockjudging

Butchers Lamb Stockjudging

Lamb Trimming

Decorate A Christmas Tree

Create A Christmas Card

Chicken Jointing

Winter Fair Promotional Video

Prime Lamb Producer

Baby Beef

**Feast of Entertainments’ – 9th & 10th March 2024, theatr Brycheiniog**

Performing Arts – Drama (English Language)

Performing Arts – Drama (Welsh Language)

Senior Member of the Year

Junior Member of the Year

**Public Speaking Day- 24th March 2024.**

Show Choir

Disco Dancing

English Reading (14 & under)

English Public Speaking (16 & under)

English Brainstrust (21 & under)

English Language Mace Debating (28 & Under)

Situation Vacant (16 to 21 years)

Situation Vacant (22 to 28 years)

Welsh Reading (14 & under)

Welsh Public Speaking (16 & under)

Welsh Language Debating (21 & under)

Welsh Language After Dinner Speaking (28 & under)

The Cube

**Wales Field Day - 27th April 2024 - Radnor**

Young Stockman of the Year

Senior Stockman of the Year

Fence Erecting (Senior)

Farm Machinery Skills

Fence Erecting (Junior)

Cube Exhibit

Sheepdog Trials

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Auctioneering

**Wales Sports Day – 16th June 2024.**

Mixed Rounders (10 - 16 years)

Ladies Netball (17 - 28 years)

Men’s 5 A Side Football (17 - 28 years)

Athletics

**Royal Welsh Show 22nd -25th July 2024**

Federation display -200 Years of the RNLI

Floral - A Bouquet for an NHS worker- (16 & Under).

Cookery - To prepare a meal suitable for a nurse on a night shift?

A meal for sailors? 28 & Under)

Craft **-** A gift for a key worker (21&Under)

A child’s hospital comfort toy

Gift to celebrate 200 years of RNLI

Mosaic for a reception area (more than one member)

Sheep shearing competition

Wool handling

Singing

Dancing

Main ring display – Relay ?

Limousin/ Charollais Cattle stock judging ?

Dressing - Emergency Services

Texel - sheep judging

A Sketch to recreate an emergency.

Tug of war – Juniors/ Men’s /Ladies

Junior tug of war

Junior woodwork Pallet Recycling -Item for a lambing shed, Postbox?

Senior Woodwork - Make a Memorial or Talking Bench

Generation game – Emergency Services

Section D Pony Judging

Design an Innovative new farm safety project or product.

7 a side rugby

Scrapbook

Promote Farm safety or the emergency services

County chairman generation game.

**Carcase Judging**

Monday 2nd October 2023 – Practice

Tuesday 17th October 2023 - Competition

**Lamb Carcase**

Team of four members (1 x 28, 1 x 21, 1 x 18 and 1 x 16 years of age or under on the 1 September 2023).

Competitors will be required to show their membership cards.

Procdure: Competitors will place and give reasons on one ring of four beef carcases. The carcases will be designated A B X Y and are to be judged as coming from animals finished ready for the butcher.

Competitors will not be allowed to handle any of the carcasses.

Timing: 10 minutes allowed for inspection, placing and classifying of each line of carcasses.

REASONS: Each competitor will be allowed two minutes to state his \ her reasons.

Competitors who exceed this time limit will incur penalties at a rate of two marks for each 15 seconds or part thereof up to half a minute. Thereafter four marks will be deducted per each 15 second or part thereof.

Minimum of 15 mins will be given for reason writing.

SCALE OF MARKS:

Placing 50

Accuracy of observations 25

Comparison 15

Style 10

Classification 50

TOTAL 150

\* White Coats Required

**Beef Carcase**

Team of four members (1 x 28, 21, 18 and 16 years of age or under on the 1 September 2023).

Procedure: Competitors will place and give reasons on one ring of four beef carcases. The carcases will be designated A B X Y and are to be judged as coming from animals finished ready for the butcher.

Timing: 10 minutes allowed for inspection, placing and classifying of each line of carcasses.

Reasons -2 minutes, after which two marks will be deducted per 15 seconds or parts thereof.

Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive.

Scale of Marks: Placing 50

Accuracy of observations 25

Comparison 15

Style, including presentation 10

Classification 50

Total per competitor 150

\*White Coats Required

**Pork Carcase**

Eligibility

Team of four members (1 x 28, 21, 18 and 16 years of age or under on the 1 September 2023).

Procedure: Competitors will place and give reasons on 1 ring of 4 pork carcases.

The carcases will be designated A B X Y and are to be judged as coming from animals finished ready for the butcher.

Timing: 10 minutes allowed for inspection, placing and classifying of each line of carcasses.

Reasons - 2 minutes after which two marks will be deducted Per 15 seconds or part thereof.

Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive.

Scale of Marks: Placing 50

Accuracy of observations 25

Comparison 15

Style, including presentation 10

Total per competitor 100

\*White Coats Required

**Chicken Jointing**

Eligibility: One member, who will be 28 years of age or under on the 1st September 2023.Competitors will be required to show their membership cards. Failure to produce a valid card (with photo) will result in a £5 penalty

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 and clubs will be invoiced accordingly.

Competitors to provide their own packing material.

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**

**County Eisteddfod**

Homework entries –9th October 2023

Competition Evening – Sunday 22nd October 2023

**Homework Section.**

1. 28 Or Under Prose

Theme: Wings - Any written medium apart from poetry.

1. Poem 28 Or Under- Theme: Locality
2. 28 Or Under **-** Parody of a Welsh song, not to contain material of an improper nature. Song must be a maximum of 5 minutes.

Time to be noted on the top of the page.

1. Article 28 Or Under- An article about any agricultural show.

No more than two sides of A4.

1. Competition For Members 16 Or Under – Individual or a group of up to four members.

Mosaic: Anglesey’s Landscape. No more than A3 size.

1. Competition For Members 21 Or Under - Create an Instagram Reel or TikTok promoting ‘Agricultural Produce’.

No longer than 1 minute. Up to 4 members.

1. Competition For Members 28 Or Under - Emulate the work of an artist from Anglesey. No more than A3 size (not including the frame)
2. Sentence 28 Or Under **-** BRANWEN
3. Limerick 28 Or Under **-** Limerick must include the word ‘Island’
4. Photography 28 Or Under- Theme: Bridges.

4 photographs 7 x 5 size on the theme ‘Bridges’ to be displayed on a board no bigger than ‘A3’ size.

**Music section. Stage Competitions**

1. Solo 16 Or Under

‘All through the Night’ translated by Sir Harold Boulton.

\*Copies available from Wales YFC Centre\*

Any Key is permitted but if changes are made to the original, the individual will be responsible for transposition and providing a copy for the accompanist in advance.

1. Solo 21 Or Under

‘Where’er you Walk’ by Handel, from Grade 5 ABRASM

Any Key is permitted but if changes are made to the original, the individual will be responsible for transposition and providing a copy for the accompanist in advance.

\*Copies available from Wales YFC Centre\*

1. Solo 28 Or Under

Any solo by a Welsh composer

1. Folk Singing Solo 28 Or Under

Song that includes a place name

1. Cerdd Dant Party 28 Or Under

Words: ‘Ynys Llanddwyn’ by Emyr Huws Jones

Melody: ‘Mallt y Nos’ by Owain Sion (1122) from the book Ceinciau Penyberth

1. Hymn Singing 28 Or Under

Any hymn from “Advent and Christmas” from Caneuon Ffydd (no more than 4 verses)

1. Instrumental Solo 28 Or Under

Own choice (not to exceed 5 minutes). \*Competitors should note that they themselves will be responsible for clearing copyright. Wales YFC will not be responsible for clearing copyright for the performance.

1. Duet 28 Or Under

Own choice. Not to exceed 5 minutes. \*Competitors should note that they themselves will be responsible for clearing copyright. Wales YFC will not be responsible for clearing copyright for the performance.

1. Musical Or Film Solo 18 Or Under

Own choice.

Not to exceed 5 minutes.

Competitors can only compete in one section of the Musical or Film Solo. \*Competitors should note that they themselves will be responsible for clearing copyright. Wales YFC will not be responsible for clearing copyright for the performance.

1. Musical Or Film Solo 19-28 Years Of Age

Own choice.

Not to exceed 5 minutes.

Competitors can only compete in one section of the Musical or Film Solo. \*Competitors should note that they themselves will be responsible for clearing copyright. Wales YFC will not be responsible for clearing copyright for the performance.

1. Vocal Ensemble 28 Or Under

Any translation of a song originally written in Welsh after 01.01.2000 (acapella). Up to 9 members.

1. One Voice Party 28 Or Under

‘Longing’ arranged by Brian Hughes from ‘Curiad’

\*Copies available from Wales YFC Centre\*

1. Mixed Choir 30 Or Under

‘Rhowch i Mi’. Commissioned by Catrin Angharad Jones

\*Copies available from Wales YFC Centre\*

**Recitation Section**

1. Recitation 16 Or Under

‘The Schoolboy’ by William Blake.

\*Copies available from Wales YFC Centre\*

1. Recitation 21 Or Under

‘Dulce et Decorum Est’ by Wilfred Owen

\*Copies available from Wales YFC Centre\*

1. Recitation 28 Or Under

‘Daffodils’ by William Wordsworth

\*Copies available from Wales YFC Centre\*

1. Recitation Party 28 Or Under

‘Welsh Landscape’ by R.S. Thomas

\*Copy of words available at YFC Centre\*

1. Monologue 28 Or Under

Own Choice.

Maximum of 5 minutes.

**Light Entertainment Section**

1. Sketch 28 Or Under

Theme: Eisteddfod.

No more than 5 minutes. Original work is encouraged and material of an improper nature will be penalised.

\*Script to arrive at Glamorgan YFC by 9th October 2023

1. Mime To Music 28 Or UNDER

Theme: Travelling.

No more than 5 minutes. Material of an improper nature will be penalised.

\*Please bear in mind when choosing songs that some are harder to clear for copyright than others.

1. Humorous duet or trio 28 or under own choice.

Not to exceed 5 minutes. Material of an improper nature will be penalised.

\*Script to arrive at Glamorgan YFC by 9th October 2023

1. Story And Sound 28 Or Under

Two members. Story by Rocet Arwel Jones.

Performances will be judged on the sound, not the motions.

One member to read a story and the other to create sound effects as the story is being read. The story will be given to the reader 5 minutes prior to going on stage.

1. Contemporary Song 28 Or Under

An original song. Not to exceed 5 minutes.

1. Show Your Talents 28 Or Under

No more than 5 minutes. Up to 6 members.

Own choice. e.g. dancing, stand up, magic, playlet.

Not to include an item from the rest of the programme.

**Stockjudging**

Llantrisant to Host

Thursday 26th October 2023 – Dairy Ty Fry Farm Pendoylan, Cowbridge CF71 7UJ

Saturday 4th November 2023– Beef, Lamb, Pigs & Lamb trimming, Garth Fawr Farm, Cilfynnydd, Pontypridd, RCT, CF37 4HP

**STOCKJUDGING**

Competitors must be 28, 21, 18 or 16 years of age or under on 1.9.2022. Competitors will be required to judge four rings of stock (**4 Dairy Cows, 4 Butchers Cattle, 4 Butchers Lambs, 4 Bacon or Pork Pigs)** and each member will give Reasons on all four rings of stock. Animals in each ring will be designated A, B, X, Y. All competitors will be required to complete an Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire which will be provided. Competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges and Stewards under penalty of disqualification. Competitors must wear white coats. Judging cards will be provided**, no other papers or literature may be used**. *When stating Reasons, competitors may use only the Notes Section on the official cards provided. These notes are intended for reference only and the competitors who read their notes verbatim to the Judges may be penalised.*

Timing:- Competitors will be allowed 15 minutes at county level (10 minutes at Wales level) to judge each ring of stock and 30 minutes to complete the Animal Health and Husbandry Questionnaire. Competitors will be allowed up to 2 minutes for stating their Reasons on each ring of stock to the judge.

Competitors who exceed this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of two marks for each 15 seconds or part thereof up to half a minute. Thereafter four marks will be deducted per each 15 seconds or part thereof. The marks to be deducted from their total score.

(At Wales final competitors may give ‘Positive’ style reasons in Dairy Section.)

**Scale of Marks:** -  
Stock judging:

Placing 50

Accuracy of observations 25

Comparison 15

Style 10

Animal Questionnaire 50 marks

**\* White Coats Required**

**Lamb Trimming**

Eligibility

One member to be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023. Competitors must be full members of a YFC Club based in Wales and affiliated to either Wales YFC or NFYFC. Members will be required to show their current Membership Card.

Failure to produce a valid card (with photo) will result in a £5 penalty.

Procedure

One member to prepare a lamb for a Fat Stock Show. No electric machine to be used to clip. All equipment to be used must be provided by the competitors including stand or holder.

Lambs will be provided by Glamorgan YFC.

Timing

One and half hours is allowed to complete the task.

Scale of Marks

Preparation of Lamb 20

Use of Shears 20

Safe Working 10

Finished Lamb 50

Total 100

**County Quiz Friday 10th November 2023**

**Venue tbc**

**DECORATE A CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION**

Eligibility

Two members, who will be 18 years of age or under on the 1st September 2023. 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

Procedure

To decorate a Christmas tree (Members to provide) with handmade decorations.

On competition day the members will be asked to complete a practical test as instructed by the judge and therefore must bring replica materials with them to make the handmade decorations.

Competitors to bring all decorations and electric lights may be used. One electric socket will be provided.

Timing

1 hour is allowed to decorate the Christmas tree. An additional 15 minutes will be allocated to complete the practical test.

Scale of Marks

Originality of Decorations 20

Craftsmanship of Decorations 25

Practical Test 15

Overall effect of Tree 40

Total 100

Judge’s decision is final.

\* White coats are required to be worn.

**CREATE A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION**

Eligibility

One member who will be 28 years of age or under on the 1st September 2023. 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

Procedure

To create a Christmas Card no bigger than A5 size (or A4 Folded in half).

The card should be made before hand using any form of materials, and be brought on the day to display.

On competition day the members will be asked to complete a practical test as instructed by the judge and therefore must bring replica materials with them.

Timing

15 minutes is allowed for the Practical Test.

Scale of Marks

Design 20

Craftsmanship 20

Practical test 20

Overall effect 40

Total 100

Judge’s decision is final.

\* White coats are required to be worn.

**DISCO DANCING**

Eligibility

A team may consist of between 6 and 12 members, with at least 2 male and 2 female team members, all of whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and full members of a YFC Club based in Wales and affiliated to either Wales YFC or NFYFC. The team must consist of a minimum of 2 members of the opposite gender. 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.

Procedure - The team should perform one Disco Dancing routine\*

Size of dance area to be approximately 10m x 10m

\*Definition: “Freestyle Disco Dancing is the trendiest and most popular form of dance in the UK today. It involves runs, spins, kicks and leaps as well as many other diverse steps and movements with lots of different arm and hand actions. The music can be fast and “beaty” or slow and sensuous, allowing dancers of all ages to use freedom of expression to enhance their style” (taken from the International Dance

Teachers Association website www.idta.co.uk - click on Styles).

Music to be submitted to Wales YFC no later than three weeks prior to the Wales Final on an agreed format.

All music must be a *Radio Edit – i.e. suitable for radio broadcast to family audiences.*

Finalists will be required to submit a paragraph about the team and music being sung for the compere. This should include the Song Name, Artist and for the semi-directed piece the date in which it appeared in the charts.

Timing

A minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes will be allowed for the routine.

Time Penalties

Time deductions are one mark for each 15 seconds (or part thereof) over or under the allocated time by any member of the team.

Scale of Marks

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| Choreography | 25 |
| Musicality | 15 |
| Costume | 10 |
| Content & Variety | 25 |
| Overall Performance of team | 25 |
| TOTAL | 100 |

**SHOW CHOIR**

Eligibility

The minimum number of singersis eight (8) and the maximum is twenty (20), all of whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and a full member of a Club affiliated to either Wales YFC or NFYFC. Competitors will be required to show their membership cards. Failure to produce a card will result in a £5 penalty charge.

Procedure-

The programme

A maximum of ten (10) minutes will be allotted for each group’s performance. This includes time for the conductor or nominated person to make a short introduction to the choir and music to be sung and any applause from the audience. Introduction to both pieces should be made at the beginning of the performance. Once the Choir is on stage, timing will start from the moment the first sound is made until the moment the last sound is finished.

The programme should include a semi-directed piece and an own-choice E.g.: The programme will consist of two pieces as detailed below. These MUST be accompanied and the quality of the accompaniment will only be considered in terms of the overall performance.

Musical accompaniment, where required, may be provided by one musical instrument (e.g. piano or guitar) or by pre-recorded backing track. The accompaniment must be purely instrumental and must not contain any vocals. Pre-recorded accompaniment must be submitted to the organisers on CD no later than fourteen (14) days before the Wales YFC final.

Piece 1 - Semi-directed piece: Semi-directed piece to be chosen from the Top 40 singles in the United Kingdom from 1st January 2023 to 1st January 2024. This can include a medley of hits from the stated time period.

Piece 2 - Own choice: Own choice, to contrast with Piece 1

Please note the following: Choirmaster. If the teams so wish to have a conductor they must be within membership age (must be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 and a full member of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC). The conductor would be in addition to the singers. Musical accompaniment. A maximum of one (1) member within membership age and holding a current membership card may be appointed to provide live musical accompaniment. This is in addition to the singers. Additional percussion instruments may be added by singers if wished.

Scale of Marks

Choice of Programme 20

Accuracy and intonation 20

Quality and Balance 20

Interpretation 20

Overall Ensemble & Presentation 20

Appropriateness and creativity of Movement 20

Total 120

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

The Judges decision is final.

**1st Public Speaking day – Venue TBC**

**ENGLISH JUNIOR READING**

Eligibility

A team shall consist of three members, each of whom must be 14 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 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

Procedure

The team of three members to read a passage selected and provided by the Judge. Competitors will be required to read aloud, in English and in front of an audience. The title of the book (including ISBN number) to be used will be notified to each team three weeks before the day of the competition Final.

The passages to be read will be given to finalists by the Chief Steward on the day of the final. A draw will be made for the order of appearance prior to the competition. 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 trainers will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before competing. 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.

The Chairmen to introduce the team and give a brief background about the book. 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. Teams will be given 30 minutes before they compete to read through the passages with their trainer in the preparation room. Please bear in mind that the preparation room will be shared by all teams.

* Members may read through their given passages in the preparation room.
* Books are allowed in the preparation room beforehand.
* One Trainer per team is allowed into the preparation room.

Wales / Glamorgan YFC 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 YFC Centre two weeks prior to the competition final to allow us to work with you so that specific arrangements can be made.

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.

Scale of Marks

Chairman

Opening Introduction 15

Reader 1- Chairman

Diction 10

Clarity 10

Sense & Expression (Dramatic Meaning 10

Total 30

Reader 2

Diction 10

Clarity 10

Sense & Expression (Dramatic Meaning 10

Total 30

Reader 3

Diction 10

Clarity 10

Sense & Expression (Dramatic Meaning 10

Total 30

Teamwork Overall Presentation Appearance 15

Total 120

The Judges decision is final.

**SITUATIONS VACANT – INTERMEDIATE**

Eligibility

Competitors must be between the ages of 16 years of age and 21 years of age on 1 September 2023. This means competitors have attained their 16th birthday on the 1 September 2023 and may be 22 on the day of the national final.

Failure to produce a valid membership card (with photo) will result in a £5 penalty charge.

Procedure

The Competitor will be required to choose their own job advertisement to apply for, which is relevant to them. The advert must have been advertised within the last 12 months prior to the competition date. All Applicants must submit the original job advertisement with a reference as to where and when the advert was published together with a CV and covering letter.

The CV must not be more than 2 sides of A4 paper.

The Covering Letter must not be more than 1 side of A4 paper

submitted to Glamorgan/ Wales YFC three weeks prior to the competition final.

The Competitor will then be requested to attend an interview which will consist of specific questioning about the job being applied for and relevant requirements relating to the advertisement. Questions will also focus on life experiences and will be structured around the form “Tell me about a time when you .....“ (E.g: “Tell me about a time when you had to meet a deadline). Applicants should consider the Situation (What was happening), Task (What was required), Action (What did YOU do) and the Result (What was the outcome) when answering.

Scale of Marks

CV 50

Covering Letter 40

Relevance and Quality of advert 10

Interview 100

Knowledge of the Industry/ Organisation

Ability to answer questions concisely

Overall Impression/ Appearance/ Presentation

Total 200

The Judges decision is final.

**SITUATIONS VACANT – SENIOR SECTION**

Eligibility

Competitors must be between the ages of 22 years of age and 28 years of age on 1 September 2023. This means competitors have attained their 22nd birthday on the 1 September 2023 and may be 29 on the day of the national final.

Failure to produce a valid membership card (with photo) will result in a £5 penalty charge.

Procedure

The Competitor will be required to choose their own job advertisement to apply for, which is relevant to them. The advert must have been advertised within the last 12 months prior to the competition date. All Applicants must submit the original job advertisement with a reference as to where and when the advert was published together with a CV and covering letter.

The CV must not be more than 2 sides of A4 paper.

The Covering Letter must not be more than 1 side of A4 paper

For the Glamorgan/Wales Final, applications must be submitted to Wales YFC three weeks prior to the competition final.

The Competitor will then be requested to attend an interview which will consist of specific questioning about the job being applied for and relevant requirements relating to the advertisement. Questions will also focus on life experiences and will be structured around the form “Tell me about a time when you .....“ (E.g: “Tell me about a time when you had to meet a deadline). Applicants should consider the Situation (What was happening), Task (What was required), Action (What did YOU do) and the Result (What was the outcome) when answering.

Scale of Marks

CV 50

Covering Letter 40

Relevance and Quality of advertising 10

Interview 100

Knowledge of the Industry/ Organisation

Ability to answer questions concisely

Overall Impression/ Appearance/ Presentation

Total 200

The Judges decision is final.

**JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Eligibility

The competitor shall be 17 years or under on 1st September 2023 and a full member 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 card will result in a £5 penalty charge.

Procedure

PART 1 – SYNOPSIS FORM

28 DAYS prior to the Glamorgan/ Wales YFC Final competitors will be required to submit a completed synopsis form (available from Glamorgan/Wales YFC) to be no more than 2 sides of A4, detailing their YFC activities. (Special emphasis should be placed on their involvement at Club level).

PART 2 – PRESENTATION & FORMAL INTERVIEW

The Competitor is requested to prepare a presentation using Microsoft power point software to include the competitors experiences gained at YFC Club, County and including activities outside of YFC

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 County round of the competition held earlier in the year.

This presentation is to compliment your Synopsis Form

Timing – no less than 3 and no more than 10 minutes.

The presentation will be made to the judges only.

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.

At Glamorgan/ Wales YFC Final a laptop and projector will be provided.

Scale of Marks

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Synopsis Form | 30 |
| Presentation to judges  (activities inside & outside YFC) | 30 |
| Formal Interview | 30 |
| Appearance | 10 |
|  |  |
| TOTAL | 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.

Max 2 entries per Club

# **SENIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Eligibility

The competitor shall be 18 years or over and 28 years or under on 1st September 2023 and a full member 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 card will result in a £5 penalty charge.

Procedure

PART 1

28 DAYS prior to the Final at the Glamorgan/Wales YFC, competitors will be required to complete and submit to the YFC County Office a synopsis form to be no more than 2 sides of A4, which will show details of their YFC activities.

(Special emphasis should be placed on their involvement at Club level).

PART 2

Competitors will be interviewed The interview will be formal, but will be in a supportive atmosphere with the opportunity for competitors to

demonstrate why they should be Senior Member of the Year.

Objectives

The objective of the competition is to select a member who has shown that they are involved in all aspects of the YFC Movement and who can be an ambassador for YFC. Judges will be looking for:

* Involvement at club level for period of membership.
* Overall YFC involvement. (i.e. club, county, area or national)
* Specific involvement in activities in the previous 12 months. (conservation, competitions, recruitment, programming, charity, sport, club officer)
* General commitment to YFC - awareness of fellow members’ interests in YFC and objective view of the future of the organisation.
* Knowledge of the YFC at Club, County, Area and National levels and to share that knowledge over the 12 month period following the final.

Scale of Marks

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Synopsis Form | 20 |
| Ability to Answer Questions | 20 |
| YFC Knowledge  YFC Experience | 10  10 |
| Appearance and Enthusiasm  Other Knowledge and Experience  Interview | 10  10  20 |
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| TOTAL | 100 |

Max 2 entries per Club

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE MACE DEBATING**

Eligibility

A team shall consist of five members, each of whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 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 card will result in a £5 penalty charge.

Procedure

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

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.

Debating subjects in the Glamorgan /Wales Finals will be provided twenty one days prior to the competition.

The Chairman and Debaters must be available to meet each other at least twenty minutes before competing time, to enable the Chairman to prepare his/her introductory notes.

Points of Information

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)

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.

Points of Information are included in the time limit.

Rebuttal

Addressing the other side’s arguments during your own speech is known as rebuttal. The aim or rebuttal is to undermine the opposition’s case and leave your own case looking stronger.

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.

The Vote shall be taken by a show of hands.

The Chairman shall announce the result of the Vote and declare the meeting closed.

Scale of Marks

Chairman

Expression & delivery 5

Organisation & Prioritisation 5

Accuracy of Timings 10

Overall Control of Debate 10

Total 30

First Proposition-

Main Speeches (1st Speaker)

Expression & Delivery 10

Organisation & Prioritisation 10

(Including timing-1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)

Reasoning & Evidence 10

Listening & Response 10

Total 40

First Opposition -

Main Speeches (1st Speaker)

Expression & Delivery 10

Organisation & Prioritisation 10

(Including timing-1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)

Reasoning & Evidence 10

Listening & Response 10

Total 40

Second Proposition-

Main Speeches (2nd Speaker)

Expression & Delivery 10

Organisation & Prioritisation 10

(Including timing-1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)

Reasoning & Evidence 10

Listening & Response 10

Total 40

Second Opposition-

Main Speeches (2nd Speaker)

Expression & Delivery 10

Organisation & Prioritisation 10

(Including timing-1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)

Reasoning & Evidence 10

Listening & Response 10

Total 40

Opposition Summery Speech-

Summery Speeches

Expression & Delivery 5

Organisation & Prioritisation 5

(Including timing-1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)

Reasoning & Evidence 5

Listening & Response 5

Total 20

Proposition Summery Speech-

Summery Speeches

Expression & Delivery 5

Organisation & Prioritisation 5

(Including timing-1 mark deducted per 30 seconds over or part thereof)

Reasoning & Evidence 5

Listening & Response 5

Total 20

**Glamorgan YFC Drama Finals**

**Tech Day 11th February 2024**

**Competition dates -17th & 18th February 2024**

**Venue– Princess Royal Theater, Port Talbot**

**ENGLISH DRAMA**

Eligibility

All competitors must be 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2023 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 card will result in a £5 penalty charge.

CONTENT/MATERIAL (TASTE/DECENCY)

Members are reminded that in taking part in the Performing Arts competitions, material of a questionable nature will be penalised. Members are asked to bear in mind that they are performing to a family audience.

Producers/writers must carefully consider how taste, sexual matters, violence and strong language is dealt with. Every audience includes people of different ages (including young children), cultures, religions and sensibilities. Audience sensibilities and standards do vary widely, and producers/writers should be very mindful of this at all times.

HEALTH & SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING

All competitions carried out at Glamorgan/ Wales level must comply with Health and Safety Legislation and meet the relevant safety standards.

All Productions MUST, as part of the competition, submit all the relevant paperwork required by 8th January 2024.

Assessment of the Production that covers all activities both on and off the stage.

NOTE: If a Risk Assessment is not forthcoming by the deadline before the competition, that team is eligible for be disqualification.

All teams must abide by the Health and Safety Regulations and fire regulations of the theatre. All stage scenery must be fireproofed.

PROCEDURE

Drama is a form of storytelling used to show the strengths and weaknesses of human nature.

Teams may choose either a single act from a full-length play, excerpts from a full-length play or a complete one-act play.

Plays can be presented in curtain settings with cut-outs. Box sets will be allowed and all sets must be freestanding.

Where published works are used within the production, the team must provide original copies of the script and the adapted script for use by the judges at all stages of the competition. The competition round organisers will advise on the quantities required at each stage. If any amendments/ cuts have been made to the original, these must be highlighted with both the original wording and the new amendments.

*It is the responsibility of the team to ensure the correct Royalties are paid for each performance.*

Material of a questionable nature will be penalised. Members are asked to bear in mind that they are performing to a family audience.

Teams entered are responsible for producing a Risk Assessment that is adequate and suitable for all activities within the production.

The stage and theatre manager(s) hold the right, under these rules, to refuse an activity that does not meet current safety standards. The stage manager and theatre staff have full authority to stop a production that is not safe.

All teams must abide by the Health & Safety and fire safety Regulations of the theatre. All stage scenery must be fireproofed. Copies of the any theatre regulations will be sent to teams. Note this information should be recorded in the Risk Assessments

The Risk Assessment template is available from the Glamorgan/ Wales YFC Centre.

TIMING- Platform times shall not be more than sixty (60) minutes, which will include setting, performance and clearing the stage. The performance must be a minimum of twenty minutes.

If the total platform time exceeds 60 minutes, or is under the minimum of 20 minutes teams will have marks deducted at the rate of two points per minute, or part thereof, from the overall score.

BACKSTAGE

A maximum of six helpers who need not be of membership age will be allowed. There is no restriction to the number of helpers who are of membership age. All helpers who are visible on stage must be YFC members under the age of 28.

To note: If using a prompt they must be of membership age.

*Producer*

Each production must have one appointed; there are no restrictions of membership which applies to this position, i.e. they do not require a membership card.

At the Glamorgan Final Live musical accompaniment can be performed by an over age member and will be sited off stage.

Taped sound effects/music is permitted. (Glamorgan /Wales YFC cannot be held responsible for the efficiency or quality of any sound system in any hall used).

Scale of Marks

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| --- | --- |
| Acting | 40 |
| Production | 35 |
| Stage Presentation | 15 |
| Dramatic Achievement | 10 |
|  |  |
| Total | 100 |

Theatre

Visual effects, electrical appliances, etc., belonging to competing teams must not interfere with the theatre lighting and must be in accordance with the safety regulations pertaining to that theatre.

Glamorgan / Wales YFC and the Theatre Management will note be responsible for providing any equipment that is not available in the theatre and included on the list of available equipment.

Please note that at the Glamorgan/ Wales Finals you will have the use of a maximum of 6 head set microphones. (Glamorgan yfc will supply 6 microphones for each club, if clubs require more they will be invoiced accordingly)

We will provide a black or white back drop for the finals and you will be able to use any one of these. You can provide your own back drop. Rules regarding flying to be confirmed

Teams competing must prepare and submit a plan to the Glamorgan/ Wales YFC by the 8th January 2024 showing the stage setting. Details of any inserts to be included in the curtain setting, back-cloths, a list of basic furniture, a lighting cue sheet and any information about costumes/props, etc., that have been prepared by the members should be attached together with a cast list for inclusion in the programme.

All teams must abide by the fire regulations of the theatre. All stage scenery must be fireproofed.

Order of Competing.

The draw for order of competing will be undertaken at the Competitions meeting in October.

GENERAL

Glamorgan/ Wales YFC will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by competitors nor for arrangements for accommodation.

The adjudicators’ decision will be final.

NOTES

*ACTING (40)*

Not so much examples of outstanding individual performances as the general standard of the performance as a whole, teamwork and high average level of acting, audibility, timing, light and shade, movement and gesture and variety of tone.

*PRODUCTION (35)*

Interpretation of the play; tempo and variety of pace, casting and the blending of the players into a team; grouping; business; smoothness of the presentation as a whole.

*STAGE PRESENTATION(15)*

The setting; stage dressings; properties; efficiency of stage management; effects; costumes; make-up lighting; safety considerations.

*DRAMATIC ACHIEVEMENT (10)*

Suitability of the play for the available cast; effectiveness of the performance within the scope of the play; endeavours and general standards.