

DEVON FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2020-21

DFYFC Debating 27 & under RULES

Competition Aim

To encourage members aged 27 or under to work as a team and develop their debating skills.

Learning outcomes

Communication skills, presentation skills and personal development skills.

1. DATE AND VENUE

1.1. The Devon YFC Final will be held via Zoom on the 11th February from 7:30pm

2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Groups may enter one team.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. A team shall consist of **FIVE (5)** members, who must all be 27 years of age or under on 1 September 2020 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

4. SUBSTITUTION

4.1. If 3 or more than the original team are unable to compete at the next round the next highest scoring team will represent area/region.

5. PROCEDURE

5.1. The team will comprise of a Chairman, two principal speakers and two support speakers.

5.2. The teams will be split so that that (for example) the Chairman from Team A will work with the Proposer and Secunder from Team B and the Opposer and Secunder from Team C. 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.

5.3. Debating subjects in the National Finals will be provided by the NFYFC twenty-one days prior to the Final (19th June 2021). Area rounds will debate subjects provided by the Area Committee twenty-one days prior to the competition.

5.4. Competitors may use notes but may be penalised if these are excessive.

5.5. The situation should be that of a formal meeting.

5.6. The Chairman opens the meeting, introduces the debate and the debater and then calls upon the Proposer to put the motion for debate. He/she will then invite the Opposer to reply. "Competitors should not respond directly to these points or questions, but rather refer to them in their summary speeches."

5.7. The Seconders for the proposition and opposition will speak in turn.

5.8. The Chairman shall then throw the debate open to speakers from the floor of the house for a maximum of five minutes. The competitors may respond to the floor during their summary within the allocated time limit.

5.9. The Chairman will then ask for OPPOSER TO SUM UP.

5.10. The Proposer then speaks for the last time.

5.11. The Chairman, as concisely and impartially as possible, shall sum up the debate ending by reminding members of the exact terms of the motion.

5.12. The Chairman at his/her discretion may appoint tellers.

5.13. The Vote shall be taken by a show of hands.

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

6. **SCALE OF MARKS** – Marks will be scored for technique in opening the proceedings.

Chairman	40	(Chairmanship 25 – Summary 15)	
Proposer	25		
Opposer	25		
Secunder	25		
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Proposer (for quality of debate in summary)			30
Opposer (for quality of debate in summary)			30
TOTAL			<u>200</u>

7. **TIMING**

7.1. Time shall be allocated as follows:

Chairman	Opening	3 minutes
Proposer		4 minutes
Secunder		3 minutes
Opposer		4 minutes
Secunder		3 minutes
Chairman (open to floor)		5 minutes maximum
Opposer (final reply)		4 minutes
Proposer (final reply)		4 minutes

8. **PENALTIES**

8.1. **Time deductions** are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.

8.2. **Language** the use of foul language will be penalised with a deduction of marks.

8.3. Teams are reminded that material considered to be of a distasteful or inappropriate may result in the loss of marks. All material to be suitable for a family audience.

9. **AWARDS**

9.1. **DFYFC Final**

9.1.1. At the DFYFC Final the team placed 1st will be awarded *the winning trophy*.

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

9.1.3. A team will be selected to go through to the SWA round.