

## Brainstrust (21 & Under)

### RULES

#### COMPETITION AIM

Team, public speaking competition. To encourage members aged 21 and under to actively discuss chosen topics on rural affairs and general knowledge, answer questions on that topic and summarise accordingly.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Public speaking skills; effective listening, confidence and communication skills including relevance, range of discussion.

1. **DATE AND VENUE** the County Final will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm.
2. **REPRESENTATION** Groups may enter one team
3. **ELIGIBILITY**
  - 3.1. A team shall consist of 4 members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1 September 2021 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC. Competitors will be required to show their current valid (signed with photo attached) Membership Card. Failure to produce their valid card will result in a £5 fine.
4. **PROCEDURE**
  - 4.1. The team shall consist of a Chairman and a panel of three members. Draw for order of appearance will be made prior to the day. All competitors must be present 20 minutes before going onto the platform; the Chairman will be given a choice of sealed envelopes. One will be chosen which will contain six question topics, three of a general knowledge and three on rural affairs, from which he/she will select three for discussion by the team. One question must be selected from each section plus one other. The Chairman will have no prior communication with the team about the questions he/she has selected to be discussed. ***No written communication on the topics to be discussed may be given to the Panel or any use of a mobile phone at any time.*** The penalty will be automatic disqualification.
  - 4.2. The Chairman will be responsible for introducing the panel to the audience, putting each question to the panel, summarising their answers, concluding the meeting, timing, control of the panel and coverage of each question.
  - 4.3. The competition should be treated as a formal meeting.
  - 4.4. Competitors may make their own notes FOR REFERENCE on the platform, but excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used while on the platform.
  - 4.5. Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language. Teams are reminded that this is a Public Speaking Competition and marks are awarded for speeches - characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.
5. **TIMING**
  - 5.1. Twenty (20) minutes will be allowed each team from the commencement of the Chairman's introduction and the teams will be expected to keep to the timing stated.
  - 5.2. Time penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.

## 6. SCALE OF MARKS

|          |   |                   |
|----------|---|-------------------|
| Chairman | Opening introduction & handling questions | 10                |
|          | Handling of panel including timing        | 15                |
|          | Summing-up of discussions                 | 10                |
|          | Closure of Meeting                        | 5                 |
|          | Ability and style                         | 10                |
|          |   | <b>50</b>         |
| Panel    | Quality, relevance & range of discussion  | 20                |
|          | Each question: Co-operation and team work | 15                |
|          | 35 x 3                                    | <b>105</b>        |
| Panel    | General deportment and style              | 15                |
| Overall  | Audibility                                | 10                |
|          | Overall impression of team                | 20                |
|          |   | <b>45</b>         |
|          | TOTAL                                     | <b><u>200</u></b> |

- 6.1. The judges will have before them a duplicate copy of the question topics from which the selection was made for the team that is competing.

Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room

### Late Withdrawal of Entries

No deposits will be required from Group teams prior to the County final.

However, withdrawals or cancelations made less than 48 hrs before the day of the final will result in an administration charge of £25.

All administration charges are invoiced to Groups for these competitions

### AWARDS –

The Horrell Cup will be presented to the winning team.

The BOCM Pauls Poultry Cup to the Best Boy and the Lister Cup to the Best Girl.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prize cards will be awarded to the three highest placed teams.

**The Judges will pick the team going forward to represent Devon at the South West Area Speaking Competition Weekend in Spring 2022.**