

Open Braintrust (28 & under)

RULES

Competition Aim

To encourage all members to work as a team and develop their public speaking skills.

Learning outcomes

Communication skills, presentation skills and personal development skills.

1. DATE AND VENUE

The County Final will take place on Thursday 28th October at 7:30pm.

2. REPRESENTATION

Groups may enter one team

3. ELIGIBILITY

A team shall consist of 4 members, each of whom must be 28 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. HEALTH & SAFETY & SAFEGUARDING

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

A completed DFYFC Parental Consent form is required for every member under the age of 18 wishing to compete and must be available on the day of competition.

5. PROCEDURE

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. The competition should be treated as a formal meeting.
- 5.4. 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.
- 5.5. 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.

6. TIMING

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. Time penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.

7. 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
		50
Panel	Quality, relevance & range of discussion	20
	Each question: Co-operation and team work	15
	35 x 3	105
Panel	General deportment and style	15
Overall	Audibility	10
	Overall impression of team	20
		45
	TOTAL	<u>200</u>

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

8. Late Withdrawal of Entries

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

However, withdrawals or cancellations 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 your Group for this competition

9. AWARDS – THIS COMPETITION DOES NOT PROGRESS ANY FURTHER

The Sir Peter Mills Trophy will be presented to the winning team.

The Withleigh F H Shapland Trophy will be presented to the best Male speaker.

the W R Shapland Trophy will be presented to the best Female speaker.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize cards will also be awarded to the three highest placing teams.