



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2025 - 2026

NFYFC Reading

14 & under

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COMPETITION AIM

To encourage members aged 10-14 to demonstrate their presentation and communication skills by working as a team to read selected passages to an audience

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Reading and communication skills including expression, diction, clarity and sense, teamwork and presentation.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

1. DATE AND VENUE

- 1.1. After Area Finals, the National Final will be held on Competitions Day, **Saturday 4th July 2026** at Staffordshire Showground.

2. REPRESENTATION

- 2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Finals.
- 2.2. Areas will be represented in the final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. A team shall consist of **three (3)** members, each of whom must be 14 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

4. SUBSTITUTION

- 4.1. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

5. PROCEDURE

- 5.1. The title of the book (including ISBN number) to be used will be notified to each team three weeks prior to the day of the competition Final.
- 5.2. The team of three members will be required to read aloud a passage selected and provided by the Judge, in English and in front of an audience.
- 5.3. The passages to be read will be given to finalists by the Chief Steward **on the day of the final.**
- 5.4. A draw will be made for the order of appearance prior to the competition.
- 5.5. 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 their trainer will not be allowed into the room where the competition is taking place before competing.
- 5.6. 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.
- 5.7. Competitors to note that the passages will be printed off on white card with a black typeface. If required, competitors are requested to provide their own coloured overlays.
- 5.8. The Chairmen to introduce the team and give a brief background about the book. Each member of the team (including the Chair) 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 may choose the order that competitors read the passages, however, the passages must be read in the same order as the book.**

- 5.9. NFYFC is an inclusive organisation and if any members wishing to take part require additional time etc. then please speak to either the County, Area or NFYFC who are organising the relevant finals for help and guidance.
- 5.10. Teams will be given 30 minutes before they compete to read through the passages with their trainer in the preparation room. Only one Trainer per team is allowed into the preparation room.
 - 5.10.1.1. Members may read through their given passages in the preparation room.
 - 5.10.1.2. Books are allowed in the preparation room beforehand.
 - 5.10.1.3. A Trainer is only allowed to train one team (i.e. if a Club qualifies with more than one team, different trainers must be used for each team).
 - 5.10.1.4. 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

Chair (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.

***For Clarification** - Depending on who the team choose to read the first passage, will mean the timing of the Chair's introduction will stop either when the chair stops speaking about the book/team introduction to pause and take breathe before the commencement of the first word of the first passage (if they are reading first) OR when the chair stops speaking about the book/team introduction and hands over to a fellow team member to begin the first passage (if chair is not the first reader)". To note that the Chair does not need to read the first passage - it is up to each team to choose the order in which passages are read.*

7. SCALE OF MARKS

Chair – Introduction	<u>15</u>	15
READING OF PASSAGE		
Teamwork/Overall Presentation/Appearance	<u>15</u>	15
READER 1:		
Diction	10	
Clarity	10	
Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)	<u>10</u>	30
READER 2:		
Diction	10	
Clarity	10	
Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)	<u>10</u>	30
READER 3:		
Diction	10	
Clarity	10	
Sense & Expression (dramatic meaning)	<u>10</u>	30
Total marks		<u>120</u>

8. AWARDS

8.1. NFYFC Final

- 8.1.1. At the NFYFC Final the team placed 1st will be awarded **a Trophy** and Prize Cards
- 8.1.2. Special awards will be presented to the members voted 'Best Chair' and 'Best Reader' on the day.
- 8.1.3. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd will be awarded Prize Cards
- 8.1.4. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members at the National Final

9. NOTES

- 9.1. Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams
- 9.2. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.
- 9.3. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing – no jeans!)