



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2025 - 2026

NFYFC Public Speaking

16 & under

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COMPETITION AIM

To encourage members aged 10-16 to think clearly, speak persuasively and listen to the opinions of others critically and constructively. (Taken from the English-Speaking Union)

LEARNING OUTCOME

Public speaking skills; effective listening, knowledge of subject, confidence and communication skills

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 16 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 team shall consist of a Chair, Speaker and Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.

5.2. The procedure will follow that of a formal meeting.

5.3. Fifteen minutes (15) before his or her team is due to compete; the Chairmen will be introduced to the speaker.

5.3.1. The Speaker will provide written notes giving the subject chosen and personal background (e.g. school, special interests, YFC membership, Club Offices held, activities within the Club, etc.). These notes to be handed to the Chief Steward at the beginning of the competition and will be **available** for the Chair and Judges. To note that Power Point* may be used as a visual aid for the Speaker, but they are not to be used for the whole speech and can only be used to enhance the speech. I.e. this is **NOT** a business presentation competition. *If you wish to use a projector, please make sure the organisers of the round are aware in advance.

5.3.2. The Speaker, who will be the guest of another team, will choose his/her own subject. The Speaker will then answer a question put by the Proposer of Vote of thanks and then a question from the judging panel. There is to be no questions asked from the floor/audience. A total of two questions will be asked.

- 5.3.3. The chair will invite the judges to put one question to the speaker who will then respond.
- 5.3.4. The Proposer will be seated in the body of the hall. He/she will take up some point in the Speaker's address, comment, agree or disagree and ask one pertinent question on the subject matter of the address. He/she will give the Vote of Thanks to the Speaker after all questions have been dealt with.

- 5.4. No communication, written or verbal between any of the team members, or the audience, will be permitted, and to do so will result in **immediate disqualification**.
- 5.5. Competitors may take notes FOR REFERENCE on to the platform as long as these notes are written on POSTCARDS. However, excessive, and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used by teams while on the platform, except for visual aids intended to add to the understanding of the subject by the audience.
- 5.6. 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.
- 5.7. **Speakers are asked to be mindful of the topic chosen for their speeches as this is a junior competition.**

6. NFYFC 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 competitions department two weeks prior to the competition final to allow us to work with you so that specific arrangements can be made.

7. TIMING

Chair (opening)	2 minutes
Speaker	6 minutes
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (question)	no time limit
Proposer of Vote of Thanks (thanks)	1 minute and 30 seconds

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

8. SEATING

- 8.1. Stewards are to make sure that competitors are seated as a team and in a designated area, separate from parents and supporters, throughout the competition.

9. SCALE OF MARKS

Speaker	Presentation of speech and ability to speak	20
	Content of speech and knowledge of subject	20
	Answer to questions	10
		<u>50</u>
Chair		30
Proposer of Vote of Thanks		20
TEAM TOTAL		<u>100</u>

10. AWARDS NFYFC FINAL

- 10.1.1. At the NFYFC Final the team placed 1st will be awarded **Case IH Trophy** and Prize Cards
- 10.1.2. Teams placed 2nd and 3rd will be awarded Prize Cards
- 10.1.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members at the National Final
- 10.1.4. At the NFYFC Final individual trophies will also be awarded to the Chairmen, Speaker and Vote of Thanks who have received the highest marks on the day of the final.

11. NOTES

- 11.1. Filming of the competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams
- 11.2. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during the competition is strictly for timekeeping purposes only. Mobile device use in Prep Room is prohibited.
- 11.3. Competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for the competition (smart clothing - suitable for an interview scenario)