



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
Competitions Programme 2025 - 2026
NFYFC Dairy Stockjudging
16 & under
R U L E S

Competition Aim

To provide members with the opportunity to put their training to the test by judging high quality live stock and presenting their findings to industry experts. Members provided with constructive feedback and advice from the industry experts for their future development.

Learning outcomes

Judging skills including: observation, understanding of the make-up of the animal and market demands.
Communication skills, presentation and time keeping 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>

along with the AHDB Guide to Stockjudging and Video.

1. DATE & VENUE

- 1.1. After the County Final, the National Final will be held, at the Great Yorkshire Show the exact date would be confirmed nearer the time and subject to confirmation by GYAS. **Date Friday 17th July 2026.**

2. REPRESENTATION

- 2.1. Counties may enter one competitor per 600 members or part thereof.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The Competitor must be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2025 and full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

4. PROCEDURE

- 4.1. The competitor will be required to judge and place one ring of four dairy cattle.
4.2. The competitor will be required to judge, place and give **POSITIVE** reasons on a second ring of four dairy cattle (breeds to be advised).
4.3. Cattle will be judged primarily as dairy animals, having due regard to the type recognised by the respective Breed Societies.
4.4. The cattle will be designated A, B, X, Y and the two rings will operate simultaneously.

5. TIMING

- 5.1. Ten minutes will be allowed for stock inspection with a further five minutes for preparing reasons.
5.2. Following the placing cards being marked, competitors will be called at random to state their reasons to the Judge. The competitor will be allowed up to two minutes to state his/her reasons.
5.3. Competitors who exceed the time limit will incur penalties at a rate of two marks for each fifteen seconds or part thereof.

6. SCALE OF MARKS

PLACING:	On 2 rings (2 x 50)	100
REASONS:	Accuracy of observations	25
	Comparison	15
	Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
TOTAL PER COMPETITOR		150

7. AWARDS

- 7.1. **The Farmers' Weekly Trophy** NFYFC Prize Card to the winner
- 7.2. Prize Cards and will be given to competitors placed 2nd and 3rd
- 7.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all competitors.
- 7.4. The highest scoring county team to receive The Farmer and Stockbreeder Trophy and NFYFC Awards. The second and third placed teams will also receive NFYFC Awards.

8. NOTES

- 8.1. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards provided.
- 8.2. When stating reasons, competitors may use only the NOTES SECTION on the official cards provided. These notes are intended for reference only and the competitors who read their notes verbatim to the Judges will be penalised.
- 8.3. Mobile phones are not to be used once the competition has started – if found to be using them this will be an automatic disqualification.
- 8.4. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges and Stewards under penalty of disqualification.
- 8.5. Competitors must provide themselves with white coats, which must be worn during the period of the competition and at the Presentation of Awards. Club, County and Sponsor logos are permitted on either the front or back of the coats.