



**Fun, Learning and
Achievement**

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2025-2026
NFYFC Dairy Cattle Linear Assessment
28 & under

RULES

Competition Aim

To provide members with the opportunity to put their training to the test by judging high quality livestock 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>
And the AHDB Guide to Stockjudging and Videos

1. DATE & VENUE

~~1.1~~ After the County Final, the National Final will be held, at the Great Yorkshire subject to confirmation by GYAS. **Dates Friday 17th July 2026.**

2. REPRESENTATION

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

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. Competitors must be 28 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 assess four dairy cows (breed to be advised) using the linear method of assessing characteristics. Competitors are also required to place these cattle in order of merit as to their suitability for milk production and breeding herd replacements.
- 4.2. Competitors to give positive reasons to the Judges to justify their placings.
- 4.3. The cattle will be designated A, B, X, Y.
- 4.4. NFYFC are following the Holstein UK guidelines for Linear Assessment in this competition.

5. TIMING

- 5.1. Thirty minutes will be allowed for stock inspection/assessment, handling and 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

Correct Assessment

100

(1 point will be deducted for each point of variation from the Master Judge's score)

Placings

50

Accuracy of Observations

25

Positive Comparison

15

Style (including presentation of competitor)

10

TOTAL PER COMPETITOR

200

AWARDS

- 6.1. **Harold Jackson Perpetual Challenge Trophy**, NFYFC Prize Card to the winner.
- 6.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to competitors placed 2nd and 3rd
- 6.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all competitors.
- 6.4. 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.

7. NOTES

- 7.1. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards provided.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. 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.