



**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**  
*Competitions Programme 2014 - 15*

Status FINAL  
July 2014  
Eliminator

**NFYFC After Dinner Speaking (26 & Under)**  
**RULES**

**Competition Aim**

To encourage members aged 26 or under 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**

1.1. After Area and **Regional** Finals, the National Final will be held at Competitions Day on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Stafford County Showground.

1.2. Regional Finals will be held for Northern and Southern Regions on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.

**2. REPRESENTATION**

2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in the Area Finals.

2.2. Areas will be represented in the Regional Finals by one County team per 3,000 members or part thereof.

2.3. Representation at the National Final (after Regional Finals) by one County team per 6,000 members or part thereof. (**Northern 2; Southern 2; Wales 1**)

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

3.1. A team shall consist of five members, each of whom must be 26 years of age or under on 1 September 2014 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.

3.2. Competitors are required *in person* to produce on the day of each round of the competition (County/Area/Regional and National) their current and signed Membership Card, with suitable photograph, or a fine of **£20** will be imposed for non-production.

**4. SUBSTITUTION**

4.1. If three or more of the original team are unable to go forward to subsequent rounds, then the next highest placed team will represent the Area.

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

**5. PROCEDURE**

5.1. The team shall consist of a Chairman, Principal Speaker (who will propose the main toast), Respondent to Principal Speaker, Speaker to propose a toast to the visitors and a Respondent to respond on behalf of the visitors.

5.2. The Chairman will address the diners and introduce the Speakers in order of appearance.



- 5.3. The teams will be split so that the Chairman, Respondent to Speaker and Proposer to Visitors will come from Team A, and Speaker and Respondent on behalf of Visitors from Team B.
- 5.4. Teams will be notified **four weeks prior to the competition** of their Toast for the evening. Toasts in the Regional and National Final will be provided by NFYFC. In Area Rounds, the Area Committee will provide the Toasts.
- 5.5. Teams will be given the opportunity of meeting to exchange notes 30 minutes before appearing on the platform.

## 6. SCALE OF MARKS AND TIMING

Chairman (Introduction)	30	2 minutes
Speaker	50	6 minutes
Respondent to Speaker	50	6 minutes
Proposer to Visitors	35	4 minutes
Respondent on behalf of Visitors	35	4 minutes
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>	

6.1. Judges will take into consideration originality, presentation of speech, humour, timing, audibility, knowledge of subject, use of notes and dress.

6.2. **Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language.**

6.3. Time deductions are 1 mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time by any member of the team.

## 7. AWARDS

### 7.1. NFYFC Regional Finals

7.1.1. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

7.1.2. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members taking part in the Regional Final

### 7.2. NFYFC Final

7.2.1. ***The Novartis Perpetual Challenge Lectern*** and Prize Cards will be award for the team placed 1st

7.2.2. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

7.2.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>

7.2.4. An NFYFC Prize Card will be awarded to the highest individual scoring competitor (*Best Speaker*)

## 8. GENERAL

8.1. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.

## 9. NOTES:

9.1. **IMPORTANT:** Competitors are reminded to read carefully the General Rules relating to National Competitions if they are taking part in this Competition. These are available from NFYFC or your County Office.

9.2. This competition **WILL** carry points towards the NFU Trophy.

9.3. Members will be disqualified if they are not at the Presentation of Awards without prior permission being granted.

