



Competitions Programme 2025-26

Here's the dates, deadlines and details for all competitions taking place this year.

We also have a new Competitions App which contains all the info and direct links to rules and entry forms! Find it here:



Please ask Fliss or your Competitions Chair Isabel Chennells (contact information in the Competitions Handbook) if you need to know more.

Southwell Ploughing Match

When: **27th September**

Where: Farnsfield NG22 8HP [///clock.lawns.reconnect](http://clock.lawns.reconnect)

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 16th September

INFO: See the entry Schedule emailed to your club, or download the online form – link also in weekly news and the Comps app

Sports Social

When: **9th October**

Where: Southwell Minster School NG25 0LG [///perusing.verve.spit](http://perusing.verve.spit)

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 30th September

INFO: **Mixed Rounders (age 10-13) | Mixed Dodgeball (age 15-17) | Mixed Hockey (age 18+)**

Club teams, unless you don't have enough members to make up a team. (Check out the number of members needed per team in the rules for each competition at www.nottsyfc.co.uk/competitions). You can submit individual names and we'll make up teams on the day to play and go through to the next round (where the full rules will be adhered to) at EMA weekend 22nd March in Skegness, NFYFC Finals on Sports Day 5th July 2026.

County Quiz

When: Round 1 – **3rd November**; Round 2 – **2nd December**; Round 3 – **14th January**; Final – **5th March**

Where: Host Club Venue as per draw / Final – Brackenhurst SU Bar (TBC)

Entry Deadline: Thursday 9th October

INFO: Teams of 4 any age. When entering please provide your quizmaster's name and contact info and your venue for when it's your turn to host.

Pub Games Night

When: **20th November**

Where: Newark Cue Club, 41 Cartergate, NG24 1UA

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 11th November

INFO: Pool tournament. Teams of 4 aged 15 & over. Clubs will be invoiced the fee charged by the venue per member. Refreshments available to purchase on the night.

One team per club. Reserve team names will be taken in case not every club has an entry.

Interview Day

When: **30th November**

Where: Brackenhurst NTU

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 18th November

INFO: **Mr Notts YFC | Miss Notts YFC | Senior Member of the Year | Junior Member of the Year | Situations Vacant (ages 16-21 & 22-28)**

All except Mr & Miss YFC lead on to EMA round at Skegness – 21st March 2026 and potentially National finals. (Senior Member at NFFYC AGM weekend April 2026; Junior Member & Situations Vacant at NFFYC Competitions Day 4th July 2026)

Check out the rules for each competition at www.nottsyfc.co.uk/competitions

Junior Quiz

When: **11th December @ 7pm**

Where: Brackenhurst NTU

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 2nd December

INFO: Teams of 4; age 16 or under on 01/09/2025. Fun quiz hosted by your County Chairs team

Melissa Grace Hatton Award

When: **December** Where: Submit your pics to Fliss – office@nottsyfc.co.uk / whatsapp

Entry Deadline: 1st January

INFO: In memory of our much loved glamorous YFC member Melissa, please send Fliss 5 photos of yourself : In Countrywear; In Workwear; At a Black Tie ball; At a YFC meeting; and Doing your hobby.

Pics will be judged and the member deemed 'Most Glamorous' will be presented with the beautiful Melissa Grace Hatton Award at ...TBC...

Written Pub Quiz

When: **23rd January @ 7.30pm** Where: Saracen's Head, Southwell

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 13th January

INFO: Teams of 4 any age; fun pub quiz evening – donations to Charity on entry please.

Ten-Pin Bowling

When: 19th February @ 6:30pm Where: Newark Superbowl

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 10th February

INFO: Teams of 6 of any age, 1 Lane will be booked per club. Reserve team names will be taken in case not all clubs have an entry. Clubs will be invoiced the fee charged by the venue per member

Spring Rally

When: **11th April @ 10am** Where: TBC

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 31st March

INFO: A day of activities including farm safety skills, auctioneering, soil management and more! See the entry schedule emailed to your club, or download the online form – link also in weekly news and on the Comps app

EMA NFU Public Speaking

When: 15th April @ 7pm

Where: Brackenhurst NTU

Entry Deadline: 2nd April

INFO: A standalone competition against the other EMA counties, sponsored by NFU.
Teams of 3 – Chairman, Speaker and Vote of Thanks

YFC v NFU Quiz

When: 30th April @ 7pm

Where: Spring Lane Farm Shop, NG3 5RQ

INFO: A team of 8, made up of top scorers in the County Quiz who will be invited to compete.

Stockjudging Day

When: 19th April @ 9:30am

Where: TBC

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 7th April

INFO: Dairy Cattle | Beef Cattle | Butcher's Lambs | Horses, and questionnaires in practice for EMA Young Stockman of the Year and Stockman of the Year competitions held at TBC

Dairy Stockjudging NFYFC Finals @ Great Yorkshire Show July 2026

Stockman NFYFC Finals @ Stockjudging weekend August 2026.

Learn more about stockjudging at <https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/a-guide-to-stock-judging-2>

County Show

When: 9th May

Where: Newark Showground, NG24 2NY

Entry Deadline: 23rd April

INFO: Showcasing YFC to the public at the annual Nottinghamshire County Show | Making the YFC Marquee area look fab with colourful creative exhibits based on this year's theme of '80 Years of Notts YFC' and NFYFC Floral Art competitions (16 & under, 21 & under and 28 & under age categories, leading to direct entry to the NFYFC Finals at Malvern Show September 2026) | Lawnmower Racing in the main ring | Presentation of Stockjudging and Exhibit trophies.
See the Entry Schedule (release date 26th March) and County Show presentation emailed to your club, or download the online form – link also in weekly news and on the Competitions app.

Farm Walk Quiz

When: **28th May @ 6:30pm**

Where: TBC

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 19th May

INFO: Teams of 3 any age. Questions might be based on crops, stock, pests, machinery, valuations and the Countryside Code.

Clay Shoot

When: **31st May @ 10am**

Where: Borders Wood Shooting Ground NG12 3SG

Entry Deadline: 9am Tuesday 19th May

INFO: Individual entries. 17 & under and 28 & under age categories. The top scorer in each will be eligible to compete at the NYFYC Final on 4th July 2026

Lincolnshire Show

When: **18th June**

Where: Lincolnshire Showground, LN2 2NA

INFO: **EMA Stockjudging & Tug of War**

Lincs YFC host a standalone Stockjudging competition open to all EMA counties in Dairy, Beef, Lambs and Pigs. The highest scorers from County Stockjudging day will be invited to take part.

EMA Tug of War round leading to potential entry to NYFYC finals at Tenbury Show 1st August 2026

Free ticket to Lincs Show to all entrants!

County Rally

When: **6th / 13th June (TBC) @ 9:30am**

Where: TBC

Entry Deadline: 9am 19th May

INFO: A day full of fun competitions including Nature Trail, Tug of War, the famous Great Water Race and much more!

We will host the EMA rounds of Sheep Shearing and Auctioneering competitions

See the County Rally entry schedule (**Release date 28th April**) and presentation emailed to your club, or download the online form – link also in weekly news and on the Competitions app.

NFYFC Competitions

We have no County round scheduled into the competitions programme for any of the following competitions but can arrange practice sessions and entries to EMA rounds or direct to NFYFC if there is interest from members.

More information and full competition rules for all competitions mentioned below is available at www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitions

Please let Fliss know if you want more info and / or would like to get a team together...

Beef & Lamb Live & Carcase – direct entry to NFYFC final.

When: 15th & 16th November 2025 Where: English Winter Fair, Bingley Hall, Stafford

INFO: Team of 2 – 21 & under and 28 & under. Competitors will judge two groups of live cattle in Part I and two groups of beef carcasses in Part II.

Performing Arts: Entertainments – entry to EMA round

When: TBC Where: TBC

INFO: Perform some form of Entertainment, which may include straight singing, singing with movement, dancing of any kind, drama, sketches, humour – visual or spoken, magic or conjuring, instrumental, mime etc. .Up to 30mins performance time.

NFYFC Finals will be held at Leamington Spa - 25th April 2026

Choir & Commercial Dance – entry to EMA round

When: 21st March Where: Skegness Grammar School

INFO: Choir - Teams of between 8 and 20 members. Performance time up to 10 mins

Dance - Teams of between 4 and 12 members. Performance time between 3-5 mins

NFYFC finals will be held on Competitions day – 4th July 2026

Reading (14 & Under) | Public Speaking (16 & under) | Braintrust (21 & under) | Debating - MACE (28 & under) – EMA round

When: 21st March

Where: Skegness Grammar School

INFO: **Reading** – Teams of 3. Read a set passage from a given book, with good diction, clarity and a sense of dramatic expression

Public Speaking – Teams of 3. Chairman, Speaker & Vote of Thanks. Talk about a subject you know...

Braintrust – Teams of 4. Chairman & members. Talk about randomly given topics with confidence.

Debating – Teams of 5. Chair a debate, or speak for or against the given topic. There's a 'How-To' guide!

IFYFC finals will be held on Competitions day – 4th July 2026

Fence Erecting | Farm Safety Skills – entry to EMA round

When: TBC

Where: TBC

INFO: **Fence Erecting** - Teams of 3. Demonstrate your skill in building a stock proof fence

Farm Safety Skills - Teams of 4. Demonstrate your ability in farm machinery operating, being safe and efficient while encouraging team work.

IFYFC finals will be held on Competitions day – 4th July 2026

Stockjudge & Young Stockjudge of the Year – entry to EMA round

When: TBC

Where: TBC

INFO: Judging four classes of stock and answering questionnaires on animal husbandry and identifying cuts of meat.

IFYFC finals will be held at Stockjudging Weekend August / September 2026

Tug of War – entry to EMA round

When: 18th June

Where: Lincolnshire Show

INFO: Mens & Ladies teams of 8 pulling in accordance with the Tug of War Association guidelines using strength, rhythm, good pulling position and technique, showing off your teamwork, respect, good sportsmanship and discipline.

IFYFC Final will be held at Tenbury Show August 2026.

Auctioneering – entry to EMA round

When: 6th June / 13th June (TBC)

Where: Notts YFC Rally - TBC

INFO: 2 places available for entry by Notts members. Come up with an auction catalogue description and valuation of 6 items, and try your skills on the sales floor.

NFYFC Final will be held on Competitions day – 4th July 2026

Sheep Shearing – entry to EMA round

When: 6th June / 13th June (TBC)

Where: Notts YFC Rally - TBC

INFO: 2 places available for entry by Notts members. Blue Seal Certificate is required as a condition of entry – look out for discounted courses offered by British Wool.

NFYFC Final will be held at Great Yorkshire Show 15th July 2026

Dairy Stockjudging – direct entry to NFYFC Final

When: 17th July 2026

Where: Great Yorkshire Show

INFO: Highest scoring members in County Dairy stockjudging will be invited to take part.

Age categories 16 & under, 21 & under, 28 & under.