NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2026-27

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

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

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

Southwell Ploughing Match

When: **26th September** Where: Farnsfield NG22 8HW

Entry Deadline for Scarecrows - 9am Thursday 10th September

INFO: No deadline for all other exhibits as all clubs should please enter all classes!

See the entry Schedule emailed to your club, or download from the app.

Direct entry to SPM Horticulture & Home Produce classes at https://www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk/horticulture-home-produce

Pub Games – Pool, Darts & Dominoes

When: Round **1** – 26th October (Pool); Round **2** – 10th November (Darts); Round **3** – 3rd February (Dominoes)

Where: Host Club Venue as per draw

Entry Deadline - 9am Tuesday 6th October

INFO: Teams of 4 aged 16 & over. All teams entered will be drawn into three cornered contests. Host teams must inform visiting teams of the venue at least one week before the date of the round.

Max 2 teams per club.

Chairman's Challenge

When: YFC Week – 5th – 9th October 2026 Where: Central Location TBC

INFO: The NFYFC Theme for YFC Week is 'Belonging', and we'd love to create a village of scarecrows who belong together in YFC. Promote your club and all the great things about YFC by bringing together the scarecrows you created for the 2026 County Show and Southwell Ploughing Match to put on display. 80th Anniversary of Notts YFC outfits!

County Quiz

When: Round **1** – 2nd November; Round **2** – 1st December; Round **3** – 13th January; **Final** – 18th **March**

Where: Host Club Venue as per draw / Final – (TBC)
Entry Deadline - Thursday 8th 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.

Interview Day

When: **29th November** Where: Brackenhurst NTU
Entry Deadline - 9am Tuesday 17th 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 – 6th March 2027 and potentially National finals. (Senior Member at NFYFC AGM weekend April 2027; Junior Member & Situations Vacant at NFYFC Competitions Day 26th June 2027)
Check out the rules for each competition at www.nottsyfc.co.uk/competitions

Junior Quiz

When: **10th December** @ 7pm Where: Brackenhurst NTU
Entry Deadline - 9am Tuesday 1st December

INFO: Teams of 4; age 16 or under on 01/09/2026. Fun quiz hosted by your County Chairs team

Melissa Grace Hatton Award

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

Entry Deadline - 31st 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 County Ball 2027

Written Pub Quiz

When: **22nd January** @ 7.30pm Where: TBC

Entry Deadline - 9am Tuesday 12th January

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

Ten-Pin Bowling

When: 18th February @ 7pm Where: Nottingham Superbowl (TBC)

Entry Deadline - 9am Tuesday 9th 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

Lawnmower Racing Day – Notts YFC Grand Prix!

When: **3rd April** @ 2pm Where: TBC

No Entry Deadline as the event will be open to everyone – please let Fliss know that you can make it though!

INFO: A social afternoon of Lawnmower racing – tinkering, fixing, practicing and racing. So, bring your drivers, mechanics, stewards and club members to cheer you on. Followed by a BBQ to round off the afternoon.

EMA NFU Public Speaking

When: **14th April** @ 7pm Where: Brackenhurst NTU

Entry Deadline - 1st 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: **22nd April** @ 7pm Where: TBC

INFO: A team of 8, made up of top scorers in the County Quiz who will be invited to compete against the NFU team for the prestigious loo seat trophy

Stockjudging - Horse

When: **29th April** @ 6:30pm Where: TBC

Entry Deadline - 9am Thursday 15th April

INFO: **Dairy Cattle | Beef Cattle | Butcher's Lambs | Pigs – further details to be confirmed asap**

EMA Stockjudge of the Year @ Moulton College 19th June 2027
Lincs Show EMA Stockjudging 24th June 2027
Dairy Stockjudging NFYFC Finals @ Great Yorkshire Show July 2027
Stockman NFYFC Finals @ Stockjudging weekend August 2027.
Learn more about stockjudging at https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/a-guide-to-stock-judging-2

County Show

When: **Saturday 8th May** Where: Newark Showground, NG24 2NY

Entry Deadline - 22nd 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 (TBC) 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 2027) | Lawnmower Racing in the main ring |Presentation of Stockjudging and Exhibit trophies.
See the Entry Schedule (release date 25th March) or download the online form – link also in weekly news and on the Competitions app.

Clay Shoot

When: **30th May** @ 10am Where: Borders Wood Shooting Ground NG12 3SG (TBC)

Entry Deadline - 9am Tuesday 18th 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 26th June 2027

Farm Walk Quiz

When: **3rd June** @ 6:30pm Where: TBC

Entry Deadline - 9am Tuesday 25th May

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

Lincolnshire Show

When: **24th 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 NFYFC finals at Tenbury Show 1st August 2027

Free ticket to Lincs Show to all entrants!

County Rally

When: 12th June (TBC) @ 9:30am Where: FarmEco by kind permission of the Rose family (TBC)

Entry Deadline - 9am Thursday 27th 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, Auctioneering and Weathervane competitions

See the County Rally entry schedule (Release date 11th May) 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: 21st & 22nd November 2026 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 carcases in Part II.

Performing Arts: Drama – entry to EMA round

When: TBC Where: TBC

INFO: Perform a play on stage – Teams may choose either a single act from a full-length play, excerpts from a full-length play or a complete a one-act play. Between 20 & 60 mins performance time.
NFYFC Finals will be held at Leamington Spa - 24th April 2027

Live Tribute Act & Street Dance – entry to EMA round

When: 6th March 2027 Where: Skegness Grammar School

INFO: **Tribute Act** - Teams of up to 7 members. Performance time between 2-5 mins – a musical celebrity impression
Dance - Teams of between 4 and 10 members. Performance time between 3-5 mins – a street style dance, funky and fun with character and attitude.
NFYFC finals will be held on Competitions day – 26th June 2027

Reading (14 & Under) | Public Speaking (16 & under) | Just a Minute (21 & under) | After Dinner Speaking (28 & under) – EMA round

When: 6th March 2027 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…

Just a Minute – Teams of 4. Chairman & members. Speak for one minute on a given topic.

After Dinner Speaking – Teams of 5. Chair, speak, propose a toast or respond - There's a 'How-To' guide!

NFYFC finals will be held on Competitions day – 26th June 2027

Sports – entry to EMA round

When: 6th March 2027 Where: Skegness Grammar School

INFO: **Mixed Badminton | Mixed Rounders | Ladies Netball | Mens 5-a-side Football** Age categories TBC when NFYFC final rules are released

NFYFC finals will be held on Sports day – 27th June 2027

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.

NFYFC finals will be held on Competitions day – 26th June 2027

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

When: 19th June 2027 Where: Moulton College Northants

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

NFYFC finals will be held at Stockjudging Weekend August 2027

Tug of War – entry to EMA round

When: 24th June 2027 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.

NFYFC Final will be held at Tenbury Show August 2027.

Auctioneering – entry to EMA round

When: 12th 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 – 26th June 2027

Weathervane – entry to EMA round

When: 12th June (TBC) Where: Notts YFC Rally – TBC

INFO: 2 places available for entry by Notts members. Make a Weathervane from Recycled Scrap Metal. Max size 1m x 1m x 1m, 15kg. To include A3 storyboard.

NFYFC Final will be held on Competitions day – 26th June 2027

Sheep Shearing – entry to EMA round

When: 12th 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 14th July 2027

Dairy Stockjudging – direct entry to NFYFC Final

When: 16th July 2027 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.