



SHROPSHIRE YOUNG FARMERS

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES 2022/2023

Competition Age Requirements

Junior:	16 years or under on 1 st September 2022
Intermediate:	21 years or under on 1 st September 2022
Senior:	28 years or under on 1 st September 2022
Associate:	29 years or over on 1 st September 2022

A member may enter a competition providing that they are younger than the age quoted for the competition category i.e. Seniors may NOT enter the Intermediate competitions, but Intermediates may enter the Senior competitions, unless otherwise stated in the NFYFC rules.

Membership

Any competitor wishing to take part in a competition **MUST** be signed up as a member to their club and it is the club's responsibility to make sure all those competing are a current valid member. Membership should be submitted online via the NFYFC sign up website no later than 5 working days before the competition to allow processing time. Please be aware that there are various stages to the sign-up process and you are not a member until your application has been fully authorised by the SFYFC Office, payment received and your membership card has been created.

Competitors found not to be a member on the day of the competition during sign in will be made to sign up before being allowed to compete. Membership cards should be produced on sign in where possible.

If following the competition, a competitor is found to not have been a current SFYFC member on the day of the competition, the individual / whole team said person was part of will be automatically disqualified and marks re-awarded accordingly. If a further decision is to be made, it will be at the discretion of the Competitions Committee and the judges of the competition.

The Competitions Committee have voted to not fine members for not producing a membership card this year.

All members are required to be a current signed up member for insurance purposes.

Parental Consent Forms

Parental consent forms are required for all County, Area and NFYFC competitions for anyone aged 17 or under on the day of the competition. It is the competitor's responsibility to obtain a parental permission slip and produce it at the competition. Forms must be presented to the steward of the competition at the point of signing in. Permission Slips are available from www.sfyfc.org.uk/resources/parental-consent-form.

Rules / Eligibility

SFYFC Competitions are ran following NFYFC Competition rules and can be found at <https://www.nfyfc.org.uk/Competitions/competitionsresources>.

A member of the Federation should not compete for more than one Club / County during a membership year.

All members should refer to the NFYFC General Rules 2022/2023 for the complete details of eligibility for National Competitions.

1. Participation in NFYFC competition finals

1.1. Competitors may take part in competitions as follows: -

- 1.1.1. English Winter Fair - **one** competition per competition day
- 1.1.2. Competitions Day - **one** competition per competition day**
- 1.1.3. Sports Championships– **one** competition per competition day
- 1.1.4. Great Yorkshire Show (Dairy judging & Sheep Shearing)- **one** competition per competition day
- 1.1.5. Tug of War finals - **one** competition per competition day
- 1.1.6. Stockman Weekend - **one** competition per competition day
- 1.1.7. Malvern Autumn Show - **one** competition per competition day

**Competitors entering the national finals at the Competitions Day will be able to stage a static exhibit, but this must be done prior to all other competitions booking-in times. Competitors entering the Situation Vacant, Metalwork, Outfit for a Day at the Races, Junior Member of the Year National Final will be able to take part in one additional competition on the same day. To note: Competitors taking part in the Jump Rope OR Street Dancing may compete in ONE additional competition, a maximum of two competitions per member. This only relates to these two competitions. To Clarify: - Competitors may take part in both the Jump Rope and Street Dancing as their two chosen competitions on Competitions Day. Please see below for clarification.

- i.e. Competitor A – Can compete in Jump Rope and Street Dancing
- Competitor B – Can compete in Jump Rope and one other competition
- Competitor C – Can compete in Street Dancing and one other competition

This applies to the Jump Rope and Street Dancing Competitions only and still means that competitors will be limited to a maximum of TWO competitions on the day.

Withdrawals from Competitions

SFYFC Round

Clubs should notify the SFYFC Office or Competition Committee of their intention to withdraw from a County Competition no less than 72 hours of the start time of that competition. Clubs will be fined for withdrawals of less than 72 hours or failure to turn up on the day.

Fines were set at the Competitions Committee meeting on 1.9.2022 and will be charged at £10 per member. For competitions with variable team numbers, charges will equate to the minimum number of members required to make up a team - e.g. Cheerleading teams can be made up of 6 to 10 members and therefore a club would be charged £60.

West Midlands Area Round

Clubs should notify the SFYFC Office of their intention of withdraw from a West Midlands Area competition no less than TWO weeks of the date of the competition. Clubs that withdraw within two weeks will incur a £10 fine. Withdrawals from a competition within 48 hours of a competition will incur the following fines - £20 for individuals and £40 for teams.

NFYFC Finals

Clubs should notify the SFYFC Office of their intention to withdraw from an NFYFC Competition no less than TWO weeks of the date of that competition. Clubs that withdraw within two weeks will incur a £25 fine. Withdrawals from a competition within 48 hours of a competition will incur the following fines - £40 for individuals and £100 for teams.

Competitors that fail to submit their parental consent form 48 hrs before the competition final will receive a fine amounting to £40. Entire teams that fail to submit their parental consent form 48 hrs before the competition final will receive a fine amounting to £100.

A fine of £75 will be imposed on those teams withdrawing from Fence Erecting on the day of the competition to cover the cost of the fencing materials.

N.B. West Midlands Area and NFYFC fines are correct as of 1.11.2022 and are subject to change at the discretion of the Committee.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints with regards to the competition or results should be made to the steward on the day of the competition before leaving the site. The Judges' decision is final on all occasions.