



**SHOW CHOIR**  
**Achievement Day**

Entry Date: 09/10/2023
Winter Marks: 50
Last Amended: 20/10/2023
Withdrawal by: 30/10/2023

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Venue: Hafod y Hendre, The Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells.**

**(Entry Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023)**

**ELIGIBILITY**

The minimum number of singers is eight (8) and the maximum is twenty (20), all of whom must be 28 years of age or under on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2023.

**PROCEDURE**

The maximum of ten (10) minutes will be allotted for each group's performance. This includes time for the conductor or nominated person to make a short introduction to the choir and music to be sung and any applause from the audience. Introduction to both pieces should be made at the beginning of the performance. Once the choir is on stage, timing will start from the moment the first sound is made until the moment the last sound is finished.

**The programme should include a semi-directed piece and an own choice E.g.:** The programme will consist of two pieces as detailed below. These **MUST** be accompanied, and the quality of the accompaniment will only be considered in terms of the overall performance. Musical accompaniment, where required, may be provided by one musical instrument (e.g. piano or guitar) or by pre-recorded backing track. The accompaniment must be purely instrumental and must not contain any vocals.

**Piece 1 - Semi-directed piece:** Semi-directed piece to be chosen from the Top 40 singles in the United Kingdom from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. This can include a medley of hits from the stated time period.

*(Please note the winning team who go forward to Wales YFC Finals in March 2024, the following rule would apply \*\*Semi Direct piece would need to be chosen from the Top 40 singles in the United Kingdom from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024\*\*)*

**Piece 2 - Own choice:** Own choice, to contrast with Piece 1

Where published and available, choirs must provide original copies of their music for use by the judges at all stages of the competition. The competition round organisers will advise on the quantities required at each stage, at the National Final 2 copies will be required. If not published and available, a short-written description of the arrangement and a summary of how it was created must be provided. **If providing music, do not present photocopied music unless written authorisation has been obtained from the publisher and can be produced if required.**

Please note the following: **Conductor.** If the teams so wish to have a conductor, they must be within membership age (must be 28 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023). The conductor would be in addition to the singers. **Musical accompaniment.** A maximum of one (1) member within membership age and holding a current membership card may be appointed to provide live musical accompaniment. This is in addition to the singers. Additional percussion instruments may be added by singers if wished.

**Please Note: At the request of the PA provider all music must be sent to the office by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**SCALE OF MARKS**

Choice of Programme	20
Accuracy and Intonation	20
Quality and Balance	20
Interpretation	20
Overall Ensemble & Presentation	20
Appropriateness and Creativity of Movement	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>



## Penalties

Time deductions are one mark for each half-minute (or part thereof) over the allocated time. The judges may also deduct marks if the timings are below half of what is expected.



(For Wales YFC Public Speaking Day - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

**Judges & Stewards Please Note: No joint positions for 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Placings**

***Please Note:*** In regards to the Mrs Philippa Gough Trophy for the Overall Achievement Day Trophy, a clubs highest placed points will be accounted for up to the value of 325 points.

Entries to be submitted online by 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023. NO LATE ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

### WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITIONS

Clubs/ Members are asked to notify the YFC Office of any withdrawals 5 days prior to a Competition. **PLEASE NOTE: All withdrawals from Club secretaries/Members must be made by email or by telephoning the YFC Office. If telephoning out of office hours, then a message should be left on the YFC Mobile phone.**

**Please Note:** That only members with up-to-date membership cards and are on the database in the YFC Office are eligible to compete. Members must apply online at least 5 Days before the competition.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If a member does not produce an up-to-date membership card at the competition, it will result in a £5.00 fine. The fine will be refundable only if they provide confirmation of membership within 7 days of the Competition.

General Rules apply to all competitions alongside the competition's rules.