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Farm Safety Skills.
Sunday 13th February 2022

Venue: J & C Griffiths, Black Mountains Business Park, Three Cocks,
Brecon LD3 0SX.

(Entry Date: Friday 21st January 2022)

(There is no restriction on the number of teams/individuals allowed per club)

FARM SAFETY SKILLS

ELIGIBILITY

A team shall consist of four members 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2021. For this competition members will be working as individuals on tasks 1-3 and as a team on tasks 4 & 5. Please Note - If clubs cannot find a team of four members, then individuals may enter the different tasks but no points will be awarded on the day - members would however be considered for selection for the team to represent the Federation at the Wales YFC Final.

CERTIFICATES/LICENCES REQUIRED

Tractor and Manure Spreader:

Competitor requires a UK driving licence with F entitlement. This must be produced on the day of the competition in order to participate in this task. (The F entitlement can be gained at 16; but is automatically entitled with passing the car driving test).

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ATV Handling:

Adequate training must have been completed by the competitor who will carry out the ATV task. At the Wales YFC Final a certificate of competence to show 'adequate training' in ATV Handling must be produced. A copy of the certificate must be handed to the judges on the day of the competition.

A certificate of Competence for ATV's, issued by City & Guilds NPTC is more than acceptable evidence of 'adequate training'. However, a certificate issued by another training provider will also be accepted. The most basic level of certificate which will be accepted is called an EASI (European All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute) certificate; available from most reputable ATV dealers. The EASI certificate is very much a dealer short induction course - a basic operators course designed to familiarise the operator with all the controls and operating procedures, which includes elements of safety. Whilst it ticks the box of 'adequate training', it should not be viewed as a replacement for a City & Guilds type course.

(Under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER) there is a legal requirement that "adequate training", including the use of any towed equipment or attachments, be undertaken by those riding ATV's. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) regards training provided by recognised training providers as "adequate" for the purposes of PUWER).

First Aid:

For team member in control of the first aid at county level it is not compulsory to hold a current first aid certificate of either the British Red Cross, St John Ambulance or an alternative nationally recognised body, yet if you are selected to go on and represent the county you will need to obtain one. The certificate must be no more than 3 years old. A copy of the certificate must be handed to the competition judges on the day of the competition.

Failure to provide the requested certificates will result in the team/individuals being disqualified and not allowed to compete.

PROCEDURE

All competitors must take into account Health and Safety at all times. Correct personal protective equipment must be worn. Safe start and safe stop procedures must be adhered to.

Competitors to provide their own tools. All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.

The team shall appoint a leader who will undertake the duties of a foreman. In addition to his/her foreman duties, they must also carry out one of the tasks.

TASK 1: TRACTOR AND MUCK SPREADER

An individual competitor is required to carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on the tractor and spreader prior to the commencement of this task. The competitor is to carry out a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.

The combination should then be prepared for work (eg, hitch spreader, prepare for loading).

Competitor to demonstrate knowledge of settings, adjustments and procedures to affect spreader application rate. (This to be done via questions/answer session, as there will not be sufficient time to physically complete numerous tasks).

Competitor to park the implement and unhitch, and return the tractor to the original position.

Competitor to answer questions about agronomy aspects of applying manure, eg, application rates, ground conditions, environmental considerations.

TASK 2: TRACTOR FAULT FINDING AND ROAD REGULATIONS

One team member is required to carry out tasks on a 'cold' tractor which has several faults that need to be identified by the team member, in order to make the tractor ready for travel on the public road. The competitor will be required to answer judge's questions.

The competitor will be requested to discuss maintenance requirements when operating in dusty conditions and to demonstrate how to remove the engine air filter from the tractor.

The competitor will be required to verbally demonstrate knowledge of weight and size regulations when travelling on the road, particularly the category F tractor test.

TASK 3: ATV

An individual competitor is required to carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on a sit astride ATV prior to commencement of task. The competitor is to carry out a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.

The competitor is required to drive an ATV through a 'set' course as instructed by the judge; typically involving passing through poles or cones to mark gateways to demonstrate their skills at manoeuvring the ATV.

The competitor will then drive to a site where a number of sheep hurdles have been assembled into a sheep holding pen, with the trailer parked inside the pen. The competitor will hitch the trailer, dismantle the hurdles, then load them onto the trailer, secure the load, then move to another site and use the hurdles to construct an arrangement suitable for herding a small number of sheep into. Competitor to decide and discuss their pen layout, not simply copy the previous arrangement.

The competitor will then park the trailer in their new pen and drive the ATV back to its starting point.

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TASK 4: FIRST AID

During the course of the practical exercise, a mock farm accident will be staged. Teams will be informed when the accident happens; it is the decision of the team as to how and who deals with the incident. It is expected that there will be by-standers who may be questioned regarding the accident. The First Aid Judge will indicate when the casualty has been satisfactorily dealt with and when the member or members may recommence work.

Knowledge of elementary First Aid is necessary, but in no case will competitors be expected to render assistance further than instructed in the Joint First Aid Manual of St John Ambulance and The British Red Cross (available from WH Smith or other large bookshops). The Highway Code and Farm Safety Regulations must be applied at all times. If in the opinion of the Judges a competitor is undertaking a Task in a way likely to endanger them or others; the competitor will be stopped and the danger brought to his attention. The competitor will be expected to correct the matter and then continue with the Task.

TIMING

Competitors will be asked to stop after 35 minutes on each task.

SCALE OF MARKS

Foreman	30
Teamwork	70
Task 1:	100
Task 2	100
Task 3:	100
Task 4:	100
TOTAL	500

The Judge's decision is final.

(For 2022 Wales YFC Field Day, Saturday 23rd April, Clwyd)

PLEASE NOTE:

The Judges on the day of the County Competition will select a County Team to go on to the Wales YFC Final.

Entries to be submitted online by Friday 21st January 2022. **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 answer phone.**

FOR COMPETITORS/TEAMS WHO DO NOT TURN UP FOR A COMPETITION ON THE DAY, THE COUNTY OFFICIALS WILL MAKE THE DECISION WHETHER TO DEDUCT THE 5 POINTS OR NOT, DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES.

Please Note: "That only members with up-to-date plastic membership cards and are on the database in the YFC Office are eligible to compete. Any new members forms and photos **must** be attached to the Entry Form when returned by clubs."

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. If they have not yet joined, they will have 7 days to send a form and photograph to the YFC Office.