



IMPORTANT - GENERAL RULES

1. COMPETITION AGE REQUIREMENTS.

28 Years

Competitors must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2023. Date of birth must be 01/09/1994 or after.

21 Years

Competitors must be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2023. Date of birth must be 01/09/2001 or after.

18 Years

Competitors must be 18 years of age or under on 1st September 2023. Date of birth must be 01/09/2004 or after.

16 Years

Competitors must be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2023. Date of birth must be 01/09/2006 or after.

14 Years

Competitors must be 14 years of age or under on 1st September 2023. Date of birth must be 01/09/2008 or after.

12 Years

Competitors must be 12 years of age or under on 1st September 2023. Date of birth must be 01/09/2010 or after.

2. NO MEMBERSHIP CARD - FINE

Members competing in all Competitions are expected to hold a current membership card and **MUST** complete their membership form online minimum of 48 hours before a competition (Unless competition rules state otherwise). Electronic card **MUST** be shown at each competition.

The system has been introduced by the Federation to ensure that each member is covered by our insurance policy and to comply with the Wales YFC Ruling **and will be strictly adhered to.**

3. 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 (01874 624889 or 07985512662).**

As a matter of courtesy, can clubs please inform the YFC Office if they withdraw from any competition after an entry has been submitted to avoid judges and stewards waiting for competitors. Please call or text the YFC mobile - 07985512662.

4. COMPETITIONS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF WELSH

Please inform the YFC Office a minimum of 14 days prior to the competition if your members wish to compete in any of the competitions through the medium of Welsh, excluding Welsh Language Competitions.

5. PARTICIPATION RULE

The Brecknock YFC Member Participation Rule is as follows; "A member of the Federation may only compete for one club in a YFC calendar year, i.e. from September to August. This rule must be strictly adhered to".

6. ATTENDANCE SHEETS

These are required by all clubs by the **7th of every month**. If sheets are in the YFC Office before or on this date clubs will receive 5 points **added** to their Winter Competition total. Please ensure attendances are recorded for all yfc activities, trips, meetings, training sessions etc every time you meet. (A maximum of 40 points to be awarded and no deduction will be made).

If you send the sheets to the office by email, please send to Gwen Samuel brecknockyfc@gmail.com . If you do not receive an acknowledgement email then it is the responsibility of the Club to contact the YFC Office to check.

7. HEALTH & SAFETY

All competitions carried out must comply with Health and Safety Legislation and meet the relevant safety standards. Judges and stewards have the right to stop any competitors from competing if they do not meet the level of PPE requirement, or the competency level for the competition.

8. TEAM COMPETITIONS (Guesting Rule)

Once a team signs to play any sport and play begins, that original team must remain the same throughout the competition.

Guests must be a YFC member from another club within the Federation and not played/competed in the same competition on the day/evening.

If clubs have one guest then points are given to the entered club.

If clubs have more than one guest then the position points are split between both clubs, teams can only be formed by **TWO** clubs.

Three or more clubs can form a team but will compete for fun, i.e. no points will be awarded.

The highest placed individuals (i.e. Farm Safety) / the winning team (with or without guests) will go forward to represent the county at Wales / NFYFC Finals.



9. WALES AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Some Autumn/Winter Competition results will be used for Wales and National Competitions. **Please Note:** In the Stockjudging Competitions, members will only be considered for selection in the section/age category they competed in, at the County Competition.

The highest placed competitor in their competition/age category (i.e Stock Judging) will be selected to go forward and represent the county- if competitors decline the next placed member will be asked and so forth. Excluding competitions where the Judge/s selects the team to go forward, i.e. Public Speaking.

Wales Field Day - Top FOUR highest placed Stockman in U21 and U28 will be selected for the Wales YFC Field Day Stockman Team. In situation of a tie, members will be informed and names will be drawn out of a hat.

Please Note: if a member has been chosen to represent the Federation in more than one competition at Wales/ National Finals on the same day/ weekend, the following rules apply:

Wales:

Eisteddfod - no restrictions

Entertainment Feast - no restrictions

Field Day - one competition on the day only

Royal Welsh Show - no restriction on the number of competitions entered but no competition will be held up for latecomers i.e. if they are competing in another competition.

Public Speaking Finals - one competition per language. There is no restriction for members wishing to compete in the Cube Exhibit, Disco Dancing, Situations Vacant or Show Choir competitions. They may enter these in addition to the speaking competitions but no competition will be held up for latecomers.

Sports - one competition in the morning session, and one in the afternoon session.

Winter Fair - no restriction on the number of competitions entered but no competition will be held up for latecomers i.e. if they are competing in another competition.

National :

English Winter Fair - one competition per competition day

Competitions Day - one competition per competition day**

Sports Championships - one competition per competition day

Great Yorkshire Show (Dairy Judging & Sheep Judging) - one competition per competition day.

Tug-of-War Finals - one competition per competition day

Stockman Weekend - one competition per competition day

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, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Auctioneering, Cube Exhibit, Junior Member of the Year will be able to take part in one additional competition on the same day. *To note: Competitors taking part in the Disco Dancing OR Show Choir 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 Disco Dancing and Show Choir as their two chosen competitions on Competitions Day.*

10. MOBILE PHONES

No Mobile Phones to be used during preparation, competition and setting up.

11. WHITE COATS

Members are reminded to wear white coats at relevant competitions.

12. RESULTS

In all competitions the judges decision is final.

13. COMPETITION ENTRIES

If the competition only has one entry the team or individual are still to compete, the county will form a entry/team.

14. TIMING

For competitions held on single day 'Competitors arriving 15 minutes after the competitions starting time may not be allowed to compete', unless other arrangements have been made with the YFC office prior to the competition. If someone is late the decision to allow members to compete is made by the Chief steward and County Officials.

15. All work should be competitors own unaided work.

16. Club Leaders, Trainers and Competitors are expected to read carefully and understand the wording of each competition, so that the matter of disqualification does not arise.