

Entry Date: 04/10/2021
Winter Marks: 75 pairs
50 single
Last Amended: 23/8/2021
Withdrawal by: 16/10/2021

66th YFC HEDGING MATCH

SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2021

Venue: Penhenwen Fach, Llanwyrtyd Wells, Powys, LD5 4SB
(Hosted by: BEULAH YFC)

(Entry Date: 12noon Monday 4th October 2021)

To commence at 9.30am prompt; to finish at 4.00pm

RULES FOR SECRETARIES, COMPETITORS AND STEWARDS

Class 1 - 28 years of age or under (Unaided)

One Member 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2021 (will be required to stake & pleach or crop & pleach approximately 8 yards.

Competitors in this class MAY NOT receive assistance from anybody.

Class 2 - Pairs 28 years of age or under & 18 years of age or under (Unaided)

Team of two Members one 28 years of age or under and one 18 years of age or under on 1st September 2021 will be required to stake & pleach or crop & pleach approximately 8 yards.

Competitors in this class MAY NOT receive assistance from anybody.

Class 3 - Pairs 28 years of age or under & 18 years of age or under (Aided)

Team of two Members one 28 years of age or under and one 18 years of age or under on 1st September 2021 will be required to stake & pleach or crop & pleach approximately 8 yards.

Competitors in this class MAY receive assistance.

PLEASE NOTE: The Judge will take into consideration the amount of aid given to members. Also the person aiding members must be joined up as an associate member of the Club.

Class 4 - Farmers Hedge Pairs 28 years of age or under & 18 years of age or under (Unaided)

Team of two Members one 28 years of age or under and one 18 years of age or under on 1st September 2021 to Hedge in the best and most workmanlike manner approximately 10 yards.

Competitors in this class MAY NOT receive assistance from anybody.

RULES

1. Unless Competitors eligible to use a Chainsaw are wearing Safety Gear and have passed a Chainsaw Test, they will not be allowed to use a Chainsaw and Stewards will have to cut the wood for them.
2. Competitors in Classes 1, 2 and 4 may not receive assistance from anybody, including Stewards. All Stewards using a chainsaw in Class 3 **MUST** have a valid chainsaw certificate which must be brought on the day.
3. Competitors must not cut out any necessary live wood from the Hedge allotted to them.
4. Competitors to provide their own tools.
5. No turf to be cut more than a Yard from Competitors length.
6. Only Stewards (who will be easily recognisable) will be allowed to help with falling of pleachers or/and the joining of hedges.

7. **No other helpers allowed by word or deed.** Should a competitor be seen to be receiving help in any way, all Stewards to be authorised to give a warning to that competitor. (Two Stewards to be in agreement that the warning is justified). Each warning to be reported to the Chief Steward and announced over the Loudspeaker. 10 marks will be deducted from the Clubs Winter Points for each warning issued).
8. Stewards will give one warning only to any Competitor mishandling a Power Saw. Any further misuse will mean disqualification.
9. No extra time will be allowed for a late start.
10. Age - not having had that particular birthday on 1st September 2021.
11. **NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL** It is each Competitors responsibility to give the Federation Manager Notice of Withdrawal. 15 Marks per Competitor to be deducted from Club Winter Marks if this is not given. **PLEASE NOTE** Withdrawal date will be by 4.00pm 16 October 2021.

Entries to be submitted online by Monday 4th October 2021. **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 14 days prior to the hedging 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.**

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.