



JUNIOR FENCING

Saturday 4th November 2023

Entry Date: 09/10/2023
Winter Marks: 50
Last Amended: 08/09/2023
Withdrawal by: 23/10/2023



Venue: The Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells

(Entry Date: Monday 9th October 2023)

ELIGIBILITY

A team shall consist of three members, two members shall be 21 years of age and under on the 1st of September 2023 and one member shall be 18 years of age or under on the 1st of September 2023.

HEALTH & SAFETY - Essential Reading/ Action for all Competitors

The team are required to prepare a written risk assessment/method statement, which is to be handed to the YFC Office 7 days before the competition (By 4pm on Friday 27th October 2023). *Failure to provide a written risk assessment/ method statement or failure to comply with it; or working unsafely, will result in immediate disqualification. Please see NFYFC Fence Erecting Risk Assessment Template below. This may be used and completed as teams wish (Risk 1 already entered as an example).*

PROCEDURE

The team will be required to erect a stock proof boundary fence, using the materials provided (as illustrated in the diagram).

The fence shall be 12 metres in a straight line, constructed of post and netting with 1 strand of barbed wire above the netting and 1 strand of barbed wire below the netting.

At both ends of the fence there must be a strainer with a diagonal strut (strut secured using a thrust plate).

A join in the netting must be made by hand (no gripples/crimps) where shown on the diagram.

The barbed wire must be tensioned and tied with a knot at both ends.

Posts may be driven into the ground, where required. Water may be used down the holes (teams to provide this themselves).

Only materials supplied by the organisers are to be used (see list of materials below).

Only hand tools will be allowed and the teams themselves must provide these. No power tools or chainsaws are allowed.

All tools and equipment used must be fit for purpose and be in good condition, well maintained and safely operated by members of the team at all times. Judges hold the power to stop the use of tool/piece of equipment if, in their view, it is not safe to use or is being handled/used in an unsafe manner.

Competitors are not allowed to shorten any of the vertical posts.

The Judge reserves the right to inspect any strut following completion of the task.

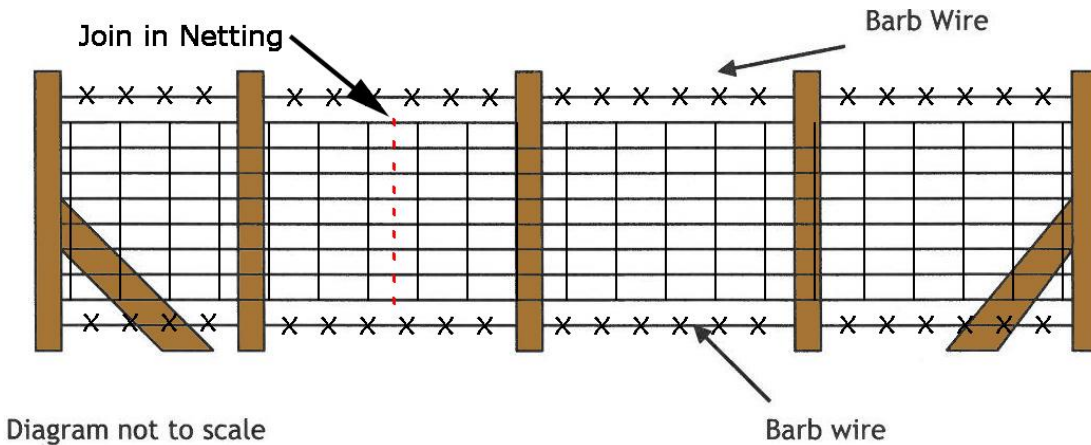
All teams are required to dismantle their fence after the competition has been judged.

Cleaning the ground- Teams are required to clear away all debris and any off-cuts of wire etc. must **not** be put down the postholes. Receptacles will be provided for this purpose.



List of materials provided:

- 2 x Strainers: 2.2m, 125mm - 150mm diameter round posts with points (7ft, 5"-6")
- 2 x Diagonal Struts: From 2.4m x 100mm diameter round post (8ft, 3"-4")
- 3 x Intermediate posts: 1.7m x 100mm, diameter round posts (5ft 6", 3-4")
- 2 x Thrust Plates: 9" x 3" x 4" (wood)
- 15m x mild steel stock netting C8/80/15
- 30m x mild steel barbed wire
- 6 x 5" nails
- Staples



TIMING

One (1) hour 45 minutes will be allowed for completion of the task.

Once the 1 hour 45 minutes is up teams will be asked to stop.

The judging will take place straight after stated time above.

Time Penalties.

Teams will be encouraged to complete the task but will lose one (1) point for every minute or part thereof over the allocated time. Teams will be asked to stop 30 minutes after the allocated time.

Please note that the tidying of tools and equipment away will be included in the time to complete the task.

The judging will take place straight after stated time above.

SCALE OF MARKS

Straining posts & Strut fixing	50
Fixing and tensioning of netting	50
Fixing and tensioning of barbed wire	25
Join in netting	20
Intermediate post	25
Overall neatness of finished job	30
TOTAL	200

The Judge's decision is final.

(For Wales YFC Field Day 27th April 2024)

Fence Erecting – Risk Assessment Template

Item	Activity <i>(Description of activity and associated hazards)</i>	Risk Evaluation <i>(No controls)</i>			Safety precautions <i>(Details of preventative or control measure for each hazard)</i>	Residual Risk Evaluation <i>(With Controls)</i>		
		P	S	R		P	S	R
1	Mild steel wire tensioned beyond breaking point causing eye damage	3	4	A	Wear suitable eye protection	3	2	C
2								
3								
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5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								

Probability [P]	Severity [S]	Risk Level [R]
1; Improbable	1; Negligible	
2; Remote	2; Minor	
3; Possible	3; Severe	
4; Probable	4; Extreme	



	S1	S2	S3	S4
P1	#	#	#	C
P2	#	#	C	B
P3	#	C	B	A
P4	#	B	A	A

Consequences

A; Hazard MUST be eliminated or avoided, work NOT to proceed.
 B; Risk MUST be controlled by physical safeguards.
 C; Risk MUST be controlled so far as is reasonably practicable.
 #; Risk is adequately controlled / insignificant.

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.

Judges & Stewards Please Note: No joint positions for 1st - 4th Placings



Entries to be submitted online by 9th 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 14 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.