

ENGLISH BRAINSTRUST COMPETITION 21 YEARS OR UNDER

Friday 10th March 2017

AT THE WALES YFC CENTRE, ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND, BUILT WELLS

Start Time: 7.00pm

(Entry Date: Monday 13th February 2017)

ELIGIBILITY. Each Club may enter as many teams as they like. **Members to be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2016 (date of birth 01/09/1994 or after)** and with Membership Cards in the YFC Office.

Please Note One Guest will be allowed i.e. a Brecknock YFC Member.

PROCEDURE. Each Team to consist of four members, a Chairman and a panel of three members. Draw for order of appearance will be made at the start of the Competition. All Competitors will be expected to be present.

20 minutes before competing, the Chairman will be given a choice of sealed envelopes. One will be chosen which will contain six question topics, three of a general nature and three on rural affairs, from which he/she will select three for discussion by the team. One question must be selected from each section plus one other. The Chairman will have no prior communication with the team about the questions he/she has selected to be discussed. **No written communication on the topics to be discussed may be given to the Panel at any time.**

The Chairman will be responsible for introducing the panel to the audience, putting each question to the panel, summarising their answers, concluding the meeting, timing, control of the panel and coverage of each question.

The Competition should be treated as a formal meeting.

Competitors may make their own notes FOR REFERENCE on the platform, but excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used while on the platform.

TIMING. Twenty minutes will be allowed for each team from the commencement of the Chairman's introduction and the teams will be expected to keep to the timing stated.

Penalties: Time deductions are one mark for each half minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.

SCALE OF MARKS

Chairman	Opening introduction & handling questions	-	10	
	Handling of panel including timing	-	15	
	Summing up of discussions	-	10	
	Closure of Meeting	-	5	
	Ability and style	-	<u>10</u>	50
Panel: Each Question:	Quality, relevance and range of discussion	-	20	
	Co-operation and team work	-	<u>15</u>	
			35 x 3	105
Panel: General:	General deportment and style	-	15	
	Audibility	-	10	
	Overall impression of team	-	<u>20</u>	<u>45</u>
TOTAL				<u>200</u>

The Judges' decision is final. The judges will have before them a duplicate copy of the question topics from which the selection was made for the team that is competing.

6. Competitors before and after competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.

7. The Adjudicator/s to select the team to represent the Federation at the Wales Final.

(For 2017 Wales YFC Public Speaking Day)