

66TH YFC HEDGING MATCH
SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2020

Entry Date: 27/01/2020
Winter Marks: 75 pairs
50 single
Last Amended: 18/02/2020
Withdrawal by: 09/02/2020

Venue: Llwynceilyn Farm, Llandefalle, Brecon LD3 0ND
(Hosted by: Llandefalle YFC)

(Entry Date: Monday 27th January 2020)

PLEASE NOTE:

CLUBS/MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY WITHDRAWALS 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION.
ANY WITHDRAWALS AFTER THIS DATE WILL INCUR 50 PENALTY POINTS, AND THE MEMBER/S MUST FIND SOMEONE TO HEDGE ON THE DAY WHICH COULD EITHER BE A MEMBER OR A NON-MEMBER. IF THEY CAN'T FIND ANYONE, THE COUNTY WILL ARRANGE AND INVOICE THE CLUB.

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

RULES FOR SECRETARIES, COMPETITORS AND STEWARDS

Class 1 - 26 years of age or under (Unaided)

One Member 26 years of age or under on 1st September 2019 (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 26 years of age or under & 18 years of age or under (Unaided)

Team of two Members one 26 years of age or under and one 18 years of age or under on 1st September 2019 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 26 years of age or under & 18 years of age or under (Aided)

Team of two Members one 26 years of age or under and one 18 years of age or under on 1st September 2019 will be required to stake & pleach or crop & pleach approximately 8 yards.

Competitors in this class **MAY** receive assistance.

PLEASE NOTE: If members have competed in the Aided Section for 2 years and are both over 16, they will no longer be able to enter in the Aided Class. However, if both members are 16 years of age or under they can compete in the aided class until they are over 16. If one member is U16 and one member is over 16 they can compete in the aided class for 2 years

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 26 years of age or under & 18 years of age or under (Unaided)

Team of two Members one 26 years of age or under and one 18 years of age or under on 1st September 2019 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 2019.
11. **NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL** It is each Competitors responsibility to give the Events Manager Notice of Withdrawal. 50 Marks per Competitor to be deducted from Club Winter Marks if this is not given. PLEASE NOTE Withdrawal date will be by 4.00pm 9th February 2020.

Entries to be submitted online by Monday 27th January 2020. 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 50 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.