

PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY

Sunday 8th March 2020

Entry Date: 27/01/2020
Winter Marks: 50
Last Amended: 20/01/2020
Withdrawal by: 03/03/2020

ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND, BUILTH WELLS, POWYS

(Entry Date: Monday 27th January 2020)

ENGLISH BRAINSTRUST 21 YEARS OR UNDER

ELIGIBILITY

Each Club may enter as many teams as they like. A team shall consist of four members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: A Guest/Guests will be allowed i.e. a Brecknock YFC Member/s. If one guest is used the club will receive the points, but if two guests are used the club will be competing for fun with no points being received and the club won't go forward to represent the County.

PROCEDURE

The team shall consist of 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 or any use of a mobile phone 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>	45
	TOTAL			<u>200</u>

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

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.

The Judge's decision is final.

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

(For 2020 Wales YFC Public Speaking Day, Saturday 21st March)

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 5 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.