

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2020 - 21

NFYFC Beef Live & Carcase Judging

AMENDED RULES FOR VIRTUAL COMPETITION

22 & Under and 27 & Under
RULES



Competition Aim

To provide members with the opportunity to put their training to the test by judging high quality livestock and carcasses and presenting their findings to industry experts. Members are provided with constructive feedback and advice from the industry experts for their future development.

Learning outcomes

Judging skills including: observation, understanding of the make-up of the animal and market demands. Communication skills, presentation skills and time keeping.

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules**. Further information can be found at

<http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitionsresources> also The Source and the AHDB Guide to Stockjudging video.

1. **DATE & VENUE – VIRTUAL**
2. **Monday, 16th November** - Release Beef Live & Carcase Videos to competitors
3. **Wednesday, 18th November** - Entries close for the Beef Live & Carcase at 6 pm
4. **Saturday, 21st November** - Results to be given at 8 p.m. - Judges to give their feedback to the competitors at 7pm – NFYFC Facebook Live

5. **REPRESENTATION**
 - 5.1. Counties may enter **two** teams of **two** competitors (Intermediate and Senior) per 600 members or part thereof in the National Final.
6. **ELIGIBILITY**
 - 6.1. A team shall consist of two (2) members. One competitor must be 22 years of age or under and the second competitor must be 27 years of age or under on 1st September 2020 and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.
7. **PROCEDURE**
8. Competitors will judge ~~two~~ **one group** ~~groups~~ of live cattle in Part I and **one group** ~~two groups~~ of beef carcasses in Part II as follows:
 - 8.1. **Part I – Live**
 - ~~8.1.1. Place a group of four cattle in order of merit and estimate their classification according to the Meat & Livestock Commission Services Limited (MLCSL) Carcase Classification Scheme.~~
 - 8.1.2. Place a group of four cattle in order of merit and give reasons for those placings
 - 8.2. **Part II - Carcase**
 - ~~8.2.1. Place a group of four beef carcasses in order of merit and classify them according to the Meat & Livestock Commission Services Limited (MLCSL) Carcase Classification Scheme.~~
 - 8.2.2. Place a group of four beef carcasses in order of merit and give reasons for those placings.
 - 8.3. The live animals and carcasses will be designated A, B, X, Y
 - 8.4. Competitors may handle the live cattle but only in such a way that they do not cause bruising. Excessive handling after a caution from the stewards will result in disqualification.
 - 8.5. The handling of carcasses is **NOT ALLOWED**.
 - 8.6. Judging in both rings will operate simultaneously.

8.7. In the carcass judging section, competitors may arrive at their placing by using the following scale of marks as an aid:

Conformation

Shape of buttock	10
Thickness of rump/loin	15
Depth and area of eye muscle	10
Shape of forequarter	10
Thickness of shoulder area	5
<i>(Neat, compact, blending well with f¼)</i>	
Colour/quality and texture of lean	10
<i>(E.g. fine, coarse grain, bright "cherry" red marbling)</i>	

Fat

Distribution of fat throughout carcass	10
Amount of fat over eye muscle	15
Amount of fat over brisket	5
Colour, quality and texture of fat	<u>10</u>
<i>(E.g. white/creamy/yellow/firm/oily)</i>	

Total 100

TIMING

8.8. Live Assessment

~~8.9. Ten minutes to watch videos for judging - handling allowed (in groups)~~

~~8.10. At least five minutes preparing reasons before being called to the judge~~ **Reasons to be sent into NFYFC**

8.11. Carcass Judging & Classification

~~8.12. Ten minutes to watch videos for judging~~

~~8.13. At least five minutes preparing reasons before being to the~~ **Reasons to be sent into NFYFC**

8.14. Reasons

8.15. **Videos to be** up to two minutes **in length** ~~will be allowed~~ for each competitor to give his or her reasons to the Judge in both the live and carcass sections. Two marks will be deducted for each fifteen seconds (or part thereof) that a competitor goes over the allotted two minutes. The marks will be deducted from the competitor's total.

9. SCALE OF MARKS

9.1. Live Animals:

Placings:	(on 2 rings = 2 x 50)	(on 1 ring 1 x 50)	100 50
		Correct estimated MLCSL Classification	50
Reasons:	(on 1 ring)	Accuracy of observations	25
		Comparison	15
		Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
		LIVE TOTAL: Per Competitor	200 100

9.2. Carcasses:

Placing:	(on 2 rings = 2 x 50)	(on 1 ring 1 x 50)	100 50
		Correct MLCSL Classification	50
Reasons:	(on 1 ring)	Accuracy of observations	25
		Comparison	15
		Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
		CARCASS TOTAL: Per Competitor	200 100
		TOTAL: Per Competitor	400 200
		TOTAL: Per Team	800 400

10. AWARDS

- 10.1. Smithfield Trophy, Prize Card and Prize Money to the winning individuals kindly given by AHDB.
- 10.2. English Winter Fair prize card to 2 and 3 place.
- 10.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to competitors placed 1 – 10.

11. NOTES

- ~~11.1. During the competition, competitors may not have with them any papers or literature other than the placing cards provided.~~
- ~~11.2. When stating reasons, competitors may use only the NOTES SECTION on the official cards provided. These notes are intended for reference only and the competitors who read their notes verbatim to the Judges will be penalised.~~

- ~~11.3. Competitors in the NFYFC competitions are not eligible to take part in the Staffordshire and Birmingham Agricultural Society competition on the Sunday.~~
- ~~11.4. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges and Stewards under penalty of disqualification.~~
- 11.5. **IMPORTANT:** Competitors are reminded to read carefully the General Rules relating to National Competitions if they are taking part in this Competition. These are available from the NFYFC website
- ~~11.6. Members will be disqualified if they are not at the Presentation of Awards without prior permission being granted.~~
- ~~11.7. Competitors must provide themselves with white coats, which must be worn during the period of the competition and at the Presentation of Awards. Club, County and Sponsor logos are permitted on either the front or the back of the coats.~~