

COUNTY SPORTS – 23rd November 2025

Rules Booklet

The Wensleydale School, Richmond Road, Leyburn, DL8 5HY
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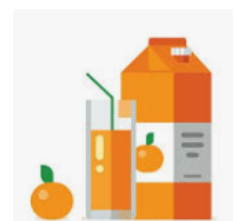
**Closing date for all YFYFC
competitions:
Monday 10th November 2025**

Catering

Members - please provide your own bottles of water.

Thank you to the Booth family who will provide a small selection of drinks and snacks to purchase on the day.

There is a great selection of cafes and pubs in Leyburn, which will be open once the competition has finished.



Club and District Notes for Competitors:

- We recommend you read the rules carefully and decide on the sports competitions you would like to enter in line with your age category.
- If your District is holding a qualifying round, then your Club Secretary may enter your team into the District rounds.
- Your District may host a District competition, and qualifiers will then go onto compete in the County Competition on Sunday 23rd November 2025 at Wensleydale School, Richmond Road, Leyburn, DL8 5HY.

County Notes for Competitors:

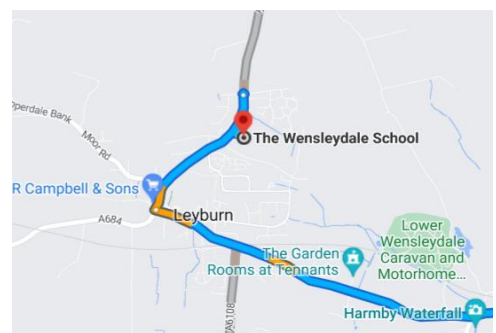
- Judges & Stewards arrival time 9.00am. Competitors register at 9.30am.
- Expected time of awards presentation no later than 1.00pm.
- **County Sports Dress Code: TEAM COLOURS.**
- All competitors aged **under 18** will need to present a signed parental consent form on the competition day, along with their current digital membership card.
- All competitors aged **over 18** will need to present a second form of ID (driving licence, passport, etc) on the competition day, along with their current digital membership card.
- Fines: Junior teams withdrawing 48 (working) hours before the competition £20. Int/Senior teams withdrawing 48 (working hours) before the competition £60.
- Qualifiers at the County Competition will then compete at the Northern Area Weekend hosted by County Durham YFC (date and venue to be confirmed).
- Qualifiers from the Northern Area Weekend competing in the sports competitions will then head to National to compete in the NFYFC Competitions Weekend on Sunday 5th July 2026 in Staffordshire.

County Pitches at Wensleydale School:

- Junior Mixed Rounders to be played on grass.
- Mixed Dodgeball to be played in the Sports Hall.
- Mixed 7 A-side Hockey to be played on astro turf.

Venue map:

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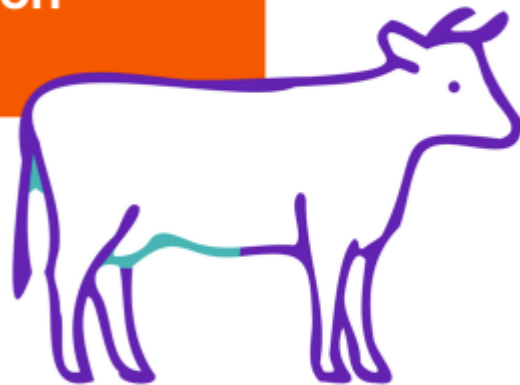
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GENERAL RULES: 2025 - 2026 NFYFC COMPETITION RULES

July 2025
FINAL

1. Eligibility & Representation

- 1.1. Check the Eligibility & Representation rules that are recorded in individual competition rules.
- 1.2. For further information see papers on Eligibility & Representation in the Competitions resources online.
- 1.3. All competitors will be required to produce on the day of each round of the competition their **current digital or printed NFYFC membership card** that has the member's photograph attached. A valid card will state the number of the County for which the member is able to compete for.
- 1.4. All competitors must be registered on the NFYFC Silo Database on or before the County Round of any competition they compete in. This rule applies to any substitutes that are used at any round of a competition. ***In the absence of a County Round, members must be signed up on the NFYFC Silo Database prior to the first round that the member/team competes in a competition.***
- 1.5. This rule also applies to members in their last year of competition, where the NFYFC Final falls into the following year. Associate members, although not eligible to compete in 2025-26 competitions, must hold a 2025-2026 membership card to compete in the NFYFC Finals held on or after 1 September 2025 for the competition they competed in the previous membership year.
- 1.6. Failure to produce a membership card on the day of a competition will require the member to pay a £20 fine and prove their ID. Members aged 18 or over will need to confirm their ID using another form of official photo-ID and members under 18 will be identified via another form of photographic ID or the parental consent forms submitted prior to the competition. For all 2025 - 2026 competitions a second form of Photographic ID (i.e., Passport, Driving License, Shotgun certificate etc) will be required at all NFYFC Competition Finals for all members aged over 18, members must present their identification when booking in.
- 1.7. A Member who fails to produce their card on the day of a competition must, within 7 days of the competition, confirm that they are a member of a YFC Club affiliated to the NFYFC. If this is not confirmed to the NFYFC Competitions desk (post@nfyfc.org.uk), the competitor/the whole team will be automatically disqualified from the competition and marks will be re-awarded accordingly.
- 1.8. The NFYFC competitions steering group reserves the right to ask all YFC competitors to show another form of official photographic identification that clearly states the competitors date of birth.

2. Health & safety & safeguarding

- 2.1. All competitions carried out at every level must comply with Health and Safety and Safeguarding legislation and meet the relevant safety standards.
- 2.2. All competitors must be a paid-up member of the County they are representing, with a valid membership card for insurance purposes.
- 2.3. All members aged under 18 must complete a NFYFC Parental Consent form (in the form of a JotForm). The Parental Consent form must be completed and signed by a Parent/Guardian & the responsible person over the age of 18 who is present on the day of the competition. The parental consent form is required for any competition or Presentation of Awards Ceremony.
- 2.4. It is the responsibility of the County Federation to ensure these forms are completed and returned to NFYFC no later than 10 working days prior to the competition.
- 2.5. It is recommended that members under the age of 18 carry a copy of the completed Parental Consent form with them on the day of the NFYFC Final.

Please Note: NFYFC will not accept responsibility for any members under the age of 18 who have not produced their Parental Consent Form either in advance to NFYFC or on the day of the NFYFC Final. If the relevant forms are not received by the time of the NFYFC Final then, in accordance with the Federation's Safeguarding Policy, members will not be allowed to take part.

Dual Membership (member of more than one County)

3. Spirit of fair competition within YFC - Conditions applied to the NFYFC competitions programme for members that join more than one club.

3.1. Joining more than one club in the same county federation

- 3.1.1. A county policy is used to manage this and the points awarded for county trophies (which club is awarded points) – to be prepared and decided by the county federation.
- 3.1.2. This does not affect the Area or NFYFC rounds of competitions – *county federation* teams enter these rounds.

3.1.3. No action required by the NFYFC Council.

3.2. Joining more than one club in different county federations

3.2.1. **A member with more than one membership may represent each club they belong to in the NFYFC competitions programme with the following conditions.**

3.2.1.1. **They may compete in each NFYFC competition just once – e.g. if they participate in the county round at county A, they cannot compete at any other county round in the same competition.**

3.2.1.2. For example they may participate in the Show Choir competition at the county round of the Home County or at the Visiting [and so on], once competed, they cannot compete in the Show Choir at any other county round.

3.2.1.3. They can compete at another county for **another (different)** competition in the programme that year. For example Tug of War for Home County but not their Visiting County – however, they could take part in Performing Arts for their Visiting County.

3.2.1.4. At NFYFC finals, a member **may participate in one final only on each day of competition with the following exceptions.**

3.2.1.5. Competitors may compete in

3.2.1.5.1. YFC member of the Year 18 & over

3.2.1.5.2. YFC member of the year 17 & under

3.2.1.5.3. Situations Vacant, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Auctioneering, Cube Exhibit

3.2.1.5.4. and **one other final being held on the same day.**

3.2.2. To assist with monitoring this, **the NFYFC entry forms must be used and the NFYFC will adjust entry form templates for the 2025/26 competitions programme to show when a person holds membership in more than one club.**

3.2.3. Timetabling will be a consideration for County/Area/Wales rounds of competitions, and County Federations, Area Committees and Wales FYFC will prepare the necessary rules for each day of competitions.

3.2.4. The NFYFC Competitions Year runs from the 1st September – 31st August, 2026.

3.2.5. A County Federation may enter a composite team at any round of the competition, provided all competitors are signed up on the NFYFC Silo Database on or before the date of the County final or first round they compete at. This applies to home or visiting County.

Please Note: Area Committees may apply to the NFYFC Competitions Steering Group Chair for a special dispensation, to allow an Area Composite Team (made up of County Federations within that Area only) to compete in an NFYFC Final, if there are no County teams taking part in an Area Final. No NFU Trophy points can be awarded to an Area Composite Team.

4. Participation in NFYFC competition finals

4.1. Competitors may take part in competitions as follows: -

4.1.1. English Winter Fair - **one** competition per competition day

4.1.2. Competitions Day - **one** competition per competition day**

4.1.3. Sports Championships– **one** competition per competition day

4.1.4. Great Yorkshire Show (Dairy judging & Sheep Shearing)- **one** competition per competition day

4.1.5. Tug of War finals - **one** competition per competition day

4.1.6. Stockjudging Weekend - **one** competition per competition day

4.1.7. Malvern Autumn Show - **one** competition per competition day

*****Competitors entering the national finals at the Competitions Day will be able to stage a static exhibit, but this must be done prior to all other competitions booking-in times. Competitors entering the Situation Vacant, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Auctioneering, Cube Exhibit, Junior Member of the Year National Final will be able to take part in one additional competition on the same day. To note: Competitors***

taking part in the Disco Dancing OR Show Choir may compete in ONE additional competition, a maximum of two competitions per member. This only relates to these two competitions. To Clarify: - Competitors may take part in both the Disco Dancing and Show Choir as their two chosen competitions on Competitions Day. Please see below for clarification.

i.e. Competitor A – Can compete in Choir and Commercial Dance

Competitor B – Can compete in Commercial Dance and one other competition

Competitor C – Can compete in show Choir and one other competition

This applies to the Commercial Dancing and Show Choir Competitions only and still means that competitors will be limited to a maximum of TWO competitions on the day.

4.2. NFYFC is an inclusive organisation that encourages and supports the participation of all our members. If you require any additional support or resources to participate effectively in any element of the competitions, please contact the competitions department three weeks prior to the competition final to allow us to work with you so that specific arrangements can be made. This can include up to 50% extra time. If you would like any extra time to prepare for the competition, this can be arranged. Further information or advice to prepare for a competition can be sought from Dyslexia West Midlands at info@dyslexiawestmidlands.com.

4.3. Some NFYFC competitions require members to compete within a specific gender category (for example Men's or Ladies' Tug of War). Where a member would like to compete in a gender different to their biological sex assigned at birth, they will be required to notify NFYFC with a formal request received a minimum of 28 days prior to competition. NFYFC works in partnership with all associated sports' National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and diligently follows their rules and guidelines. Members' requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, liaising with the relevant NGB and in some cases medical information may be required. NFYFC will work with the member and the NGB to reach a decision on the request. If a member's request is not approved the member will still have the opportunity to compete in the gender associated with their biological sex assigned at birth.

5. Fines & Late Withdrawal of Entries (including Parental Consent Forms)

5.1. No deposits will be required prior to the NFYFC final.

5.2. **However**, withdrawals or cancellations made in the two (2) weeks before the day of the final will result in a fine of **£25**

5.3. Teams will be fined £100 for withdrawing within 48 hrs of the competition final

5.4. Individuals will be fined £40 for withdrawing within 48 hrs of the competition final

5.5. Competitors that fail to submit their parental consent form 48 hrs before the competition final will receive a fine amounting to £40. Entire teams that fail to submit their parental consent form 48 hrs before the competition final will receive a fine amounting to £100.

5.6. All fines are invoiced to County Federations and not the team/individual.

5.7. This rule applies to ALL Competitions at NFYFC Semi-finals and finals.

5.8. Area Finals held within the fine period will be subjected to the charges.

5.9. Fines will be imposed if the Area final is within the fine period

5.10. A fine of £75 will be imposed on those teams withdrawing from Fence Erecting on the day of the competition to cover the cost of the fencing materials

6. Judges' decisions and complaints

6.1. The Judges' decision is final.

6.2. Written notification of **intention to lodge a complaint or to dispute the result must be received by the Chief Steward on the day of the competition no later than 1 hour of the results being announced**

6.3. Following the above, the detail of the complaint or dispute of the results must be received in writing at the YFC Centre, Stoneleigh Park **within 3 working days of the competition final**. Email post@nfyfc.org.uk

6.4. Official complaints or disputes can be made by Competitors (finalists) or County Chair's only.

7. Amendments

7.1. The NFYFC reserve the right to amend or cancel any of the rules.

8. Expenses

8.1. The NFYFC is not responsible for any expenses incurred by competitors or for arrangements for accommodation or travel.

9. **Behaviour and Material Content**

- 9.1. Unacceptable behaviour by competitors or supporters of teams which brings YFC into disrepute; or which may be deemed to adversely affect other competitors/performances will be penalised.
- 9.2. YFC Members are reminded that material of a questionable nature should not appear in any performance or speech. Material of a questionable nature and characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.
- 9.3. Filming of any competition is not permitted without prior consent from NFYFC and all competing teams
- 9.4. Mobile Device (Phone, Tablet, Laptop etc) use during any competition is strictly prohibited.
- 9.5. The NFYFC Competitions Winning Behaviour Policy is available on the NFYFC Website for reference.

10. **Awards**

- 10.1. All NFYFC Competitions will carry points towards the NFU trophy unless otherwise stated.
- 10.2. Members will be disqualified if they are not at the Presentation of Awards without prior permission being granted. County Organisers must submit an Absentee Form to NFYFC prior to the event.

**Please note:
Yorkshire YFC reviewed the
Dual Membership Policy in 2024
and Yorkshire members will
NOT be permitted to be a
member of 2 clubs within
Yorkshire.**

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2025-2026

NFYFC MIXED ROUNDERS

10 to 13 Years

RULES

COMPETITION AIM

To encourage YFC members to work together as a team to demonstrate their Rounders skills in a competition environment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Rounder skills: Batting and fielding skills, hand-eye-coordination and tactical decision making; teamwork, respect, discipline, enjoyment, sportsmanship as well as providing health and wellbeing benefits.

REMINDER: Read in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules**. Further information can be found at <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/CompetitionsResources/competitionsresources>

1. DATE & VENUE

- 1.1. After Area Eliminators, the Final will be held at the National Sports Day on **Sunday 5th July 2026** in Staffordshire.

2. REPRESENTATION

- 2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Events.
- 2.2. Areas will be represented in the Final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

3. ELIGIBILITY

A squad of ten players (maximum), from whom 9 players shall be chosen to form the team for each game. All players must be full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC and must be between 10-13 years of age. For clarification, members need to be between the ages of **10 and 13 on the 1st September 2025**. They may have reached their 14th Birthday on the day of the (NFYFC) Final.

- 3.1. **Under the simplified rules of rounders attached it states a team of 15 with a minimum of 6. For the NFYFC Finals the rules will be Maximum of 10 with 9 players on the pitch at any one time.**
- 3.2. Teams should consist of no more than 5 male players on the pitch at anytime.

4. SUBSTITUTION

- 4.1. All substitutes must have been eligible to complete in the County final.

5. PROCEDURE in brief.

- 5.1. A summary of the rules in line with Rounders England can be found on the reverse of the score card attached.
- 5.2. 9 players are on the field for each team at any one time.
- 5.3. One team bats while the other team fields and bowls.
- 5.4. The ball to be used is an Aresson Softy Rounders Ball.
- 5.5. The bowler bowls the ball to the batter who hits the ball anywhere on the Rounders pitch. The batter then runs to as many posts as possible before the fielders return the ball to touch the post the batter is heading for OR the ball is returned to the Bowler within the Bowler's Square.
- 5.6. If the batter reaches the 2nd or 3rd post in one hit, the batting team scores ½ Rounder. If the batter reaches 4th post in one hit, the batting team scores a Rounder. If the batter does not hit the ball they still run around the Rounders pitch, if they make it to 4th post in one run they score a ½ Rounder. If the batter hits the ball backwards they must run, but stop and wait at 1st post until the ball returns or is thrown forward to the forward area, the batter can then continue to run around the pitch.

- 5.7. A batter can be out if the fielding team catch the ball hit by the batter before it touches the ground or by touching the post the batter is heading to with the ball before the batter reaches it.
- 5.8. At the NFYFC Final, matches will consist of a minimum of one innings per team, to a maximum of 20 good balls.
- 5.9. Substitutions may be made between games but not during an innings. Substitutes may return to play in subsequent games.
- 5.10. Two consecutive 'no balls' from the same batter constitutes $\frac{1}{2}$ a rounder.

6. **AWARDS**

- 6.1. NFYFC Trophy and NFYFC Prize Cards to the winning team.
- 6.2. Prize cards to the teams placed, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- 6.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams in the Final.

7. **NOTES**

- 7.1. It is advised to have a competent medical advisor in attendance at both County and Area Rounds and only use qualified referees in order to minimise any risk to members.
- 7.2. Further information can be found at www.Englandrounders.co.uk

ROUNDERS ENGLAND SCORESHEET

Team: _____



**ROUNDERS
ENGLAND**

1st Innings

Player Name	No.	Performance								Score
	1									
	2									
	3									
	4									
	5									
	6									
	7									
	8									
	9									
	10									
	11									
	12									
	13									
	14									
	15									

Cumulative Score 1st Innings

[illegible]

Team:

1st Innings

Player Name	No.	Performance								Score
	1									
	2									
	3									
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	12									
	13									
	14									
	15									

Cumulative Score 1st Innings

[illegible]

Good balls

30	29	28	27	26
25	24	23	22	21
20	19	18	17	16
15	14	13	12	11
10	9	8	7	6
5	4	3	2	1

Batter Out

9	8	7
6	5	4
3	2	1

1st Innings Score

Good balls

30	29	28	27	26
25	24	23	22	21
20	19	18	17	16
15	14	13	12	11
10	9	8	7	6
5	4	3	2	1

Batter Out

9	8	7
6	5	4
3	2	1

1st Innings Score

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SIMPLIFIED RULES

TEAMS

- Games are played between two teams. Each team has a maximum of 15 and a minimum of 6 players.
- No more than 9 players may be on the field at any one time
- If a mixed team—there should be no more than 5 male players
- List of players and substitutes should be submitted to the Umpire prior to play
- Games are usually played over 2 innings
- Players once substituted may return during the game, but batters only in the position of their original number

BATTING

- Wait in the backward area well away from 4th post
- If out, wait in the backward area well away from 1st post
- Enter the batting square when called to do so by the Umpire
- You will have one good ball bowled to you
- Batter can use 2 hands
- You can take a no ball and score in the usual way, but once you reach 1st post you cannot return. You cannot be caught out or stumped out at 1st post on a no ball

NO BALLS

- Not smooth underarm action
- Ball is above head or below knee
- Ball bounces on way to you
- Wide or straight at body
- The Bowler's foot is outside the square during the bowling action

RUNNING AROUND THE TRACK

- If you stop at a post you must keep contact with the post, with hand or bat. If you don't the fielding side can stump the following post to put you out
- You can run on to a post even if it has been previously stumped (you don't score if the post immediately ahead has been stumped)
- When the bowler has the ball in the bowling square you cannot move on, but if you are between posts you can carry on to the next
- You cannot have two batters at a post. The Umpire will ask the first to run on when the second one makes contact
- At a post you do not have to move on for every ball bowled
- Once in contact with the post, you may turn the corner over the 2 metre line. If you turn the corner during a run and there is no contact with the post you will be deemed to have turned the corner and must run on
- You can move on as soon as the ball leaves the Bowler's hand, including no balls
- You must touch 4th post on getting home

SCORING

- 1 Rounder if ball is hit and 4th post is reached and touched before next ball is bowled
- 1 Rounder if ball is hit and 4th post is reached on a no ball (you can't be caught out on a no ball)
- ½ Rounder if 4th post reached without hitting the ball
- ½ Rounder if ball is hit and 2nd or 3rd post reached and touched before next ball is bowled - but if you continue this run and are put out before reaching 4th post, the score will be forfeited
- Penalty ½ Rounder for an obstruction by a fielder
- Penalty ½ rounder for 2 consecutive no balls to same batter
- You can score in the normal way on a backward hit but must remain at 1st post while the ball is in the backward area
- The team with the highest number of Rounders wins
- Penalty ½ rounder to fielding team if waiting batters or batters out obstruct a fielder

OUT WHEN

- Caught
- Foot over front/back line of batting square before hitting or missing a ball
- Running inside post (unless obstructed)
- The post you are running to is stumped
- You overtake another batter on the track
- You obstruct (you have right of way on track only)
- Deliberately throw or drop bat
- Side out
- If ordered to make and maintain contact with the post and refuse to do so
- You lose contact with the post;
- When the bowler has the ball and is in the square (except on an over run)
- During the bowlers action but before they release the ball

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2025 – 2026

Final
July 2025
Area
Eliminator
Amended
14.8.2025

MIXED DODGEBALL

Supported by:



14 ~~15~~ - 17 years old

RULES

Competition Aim

To provide members with the opportunity to take part in a National Dodgeball Competition.

Learning outcomes

Dodgeball skills, teamwork, adhering to rules, exercise, fun, winning/losing, personal development skills and improving own performance

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with the **Fine System in place for withdrawal from competitions.**

Further information can be found at <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/competitionsresources>

1. DATE & VENUE

- 1.1. After Area Eliminators, the National Final will be held at the Sports Championships, **Sunday 5th July 2026** in Staffordshire.

2. REPRESENTATION

- 2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Eliminators.
- 2.2. Areas will be represented in the final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. A squad of Ten (10) players. The squad must not consist of more than Seven (7) males from whom Six (6) players will be chosen to form a team for each game.
- 3.2. To note that at the start of each set only 3 male players can be on the court.
- 3.3. All players must be aged **(Amended 14.8.2025)14 ~~15~~** on the 1st September 2025 and 17 on the 1st September 2025 and may have reached their 18th Birthday on the Day of the Final - This age range must be strictly adhered to), and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC.

4. SUBSTITUTION

- 4.1. All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.

5. PROCEDURE (*Recommended Playing and Administration Rules as laid down by British Dodgeball*)

- 5.1. The matches will be played either in 2 leagues with the winner of each league playing for 1st and 2nd place, or as a round robin tournament depending on the number of teams taking part and number of courts available on the day of the National Final.

- 5.2. League points will be awarded as follows:

Win	2
Draw	1
Lose	NIL

FULL MATCH RULES CAN BE FOUND IN THE SEPARATE DOCUMENT – QUICK START DODGEBALL RULES

6. AWARDS

- 6.1. Trophy and NFYFC Prize Cards to the winning team.
- 6.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to teams placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- 6.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams in the National Final.

7. NOTES

- 7.1. It is advised to have a competent medical advisor in attendance at both County and Area Rounds and only use qualified referees in order to minimise any risk to members.
- 7.2. It is advised that qualified referees are used in order to minimise any risk to members but competent persons with a good knowledge of Dodgeball Rules may be used.
- 7.3. Further information and explanation can be found at www.britishdodgeball.org

Dodgeball – Rules of the Game

Taken from British Dodgeball 'Adult Dodgeball – Quick Start Rules'

PLAYERS

6 PLAYERS ON A TEAM, 10 PLAYERS MAXIMUM IN A SQUAD

TIMINGS

- SET LENGTH = 3 MINS
- MATCH LENGTH = 2 HALVES OF 15 MINS (8 MINS IN SOME COMPETITIONS)

WINNING A SET

ELIMINATE ALL OPPOSING PLAYERS OR...HAVE MORE PLAYERS REMAINING ON YOUR SIDE AT THE END OF A SET

WINNING A MATCH

A TEAM WINS A MATCH IF THEY HAVE MORE POINTS

2 PTS FOR A SET WON, 1 FOR A SET DRAWN, 0 FOR A SET LOST

IN GROUP TABLES, A TEAM WILL RECEIVE 2 PTS FOR A MATCH WON, 1 FOR A MATCH DRAWN, 0 FOR A MATCH LOST

IF A MATCH IS DRAWN IN KNOCKOUT OR PLAYOFF MATCHES, A 1 MINUTE OVERTIME SET WILL BE PLAYED WHERE TEAMS RESTART WITH 6 PLAYERS. IF A MATCH IS STILL DRAWN, THEN SUDDEN DEATH WILL BE PLAYED

START OF PLAY

5 BALLS ARE PLACED ALONG THE CENTRE LINE

THE 2 BALLS ON A TEAM'S LEFT ARE YOUR DESIGNATED BALLS

THE CENTRE BALL IS THE ONLY CONTESTED BALL

A BALL IS NOT LIVE UNTIL IT IS PASSED BACK BEYOND THE RETURN LINE

ELIMINATING OPPOSING PLAYERS

LIVE BALLS

A BALL IS LIVE UNTIL IT HITS A FLOOR, WALL OR ANY OTHER SURROUNDING SURFACE

MULTIPLE PLAY IS POSSIBLE WITH A LIVE BALL

HITS

ANY PLAYER STRUCK WITH A LIVE BALL BY AN OPPOSING PLAYER WILL BE CALLED OUT

CATCHES

ANY CATCH ON A LIVE BALL WILL BE VALID. THE PLAYER WHO THREW THE CAUGHT BALL WILL BE CALLED OUT AND THE CATCHING TEAM WILL GAIN ONE PLAYER FROM THE OUTBOX

BLOCKING

PLAYERS ARE ABLE TO USE A BALL IN THEIR POSSESSION TO BLOCK AN INCOMING BALL. IF THE BALL THEY ARE HOLDING IS KNOCKED FROM THEIR POSSESSION, THEY WILL BE CALLED OUT

LINES

ADULT DODGEBALL IS PLAYED ON A DODGEBALL COURT

PLAYERS ARE CALLED OUT FOR STEPPING OVER THE SIDE/BACK LINES

PLAYERS MAY NOT LEAVE THE COURT TO COLLECT BALLS

EACH TEAM NOMINATES 2 RETRIEVERS WHO PUT OFF-COURT BALLS BACK INTO PLAY

STALLING

PLAYERS SHOULD NOT INTENTIONALLY STALL THE GAME. ONCE A TEAM HAS POSSESSION OF 3, 4 OR 5 BALLS, THEY SHOULD LOOK TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT WITH AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE BALLS.

WHEN A REFEREE CALLS 'PLAY BALL', A TEAM HAS 5 SECONDS TO THROW. IF THEY DO NOT THEN PLAYERS HOLDING BALLS WILL BE CALLED OUT

TEAMS CAN KEEP ONE BALL AFTER 'PLAY BALL' HAS BEEN CALLED, AND MUST THROW THE REST.

MULTIPLE PLAY

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF MULTIPLE PLAY:

- A PLAYER WILL BE CALLED OUT IF THEY ARE HIT BY A BALL THAT HAS DEFLECTED OFF A TEAMMATE WHILST IT IS STILL LIVE
- A CATCH IS VALID IF IT HAS DEFLECTED OFF A TEAMMATE WHILST IT IS STILL LIVE –IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE THE HIT PLAYER PLUS THE THROWER WILL BE CALLED OUT –IF THE HIT PLAYER IS THE FIRST ONE OUT, THEN THEY WILL IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO THE COURT

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2025-2026

NFYFC Mixed 7 A-Side Hockey (Small Sided Hockey)

(18 – 28 years)

RULES

Competition Aim

To provide members with the opportunity to participate a musical activity demonstrating their skills in a competition environment

Learning outcomes

Physical fitness, teamwork, musicality, choreography, movement, performance, confidence

8. DATE & VENUE

8.1. After Area Eliminators, the Final will be held at the National Sports Day on **Sunday 5th July 2026** in Staffordshire.

9. REPRESENTATION

9.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof in Area Events.

9.2. Areas will be represented in the Final by one team per 3,000 members or part thereof. (Northern Area 2, Eastern Area 1 and East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2)

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. A squad of ten (10) players, from whom Seven (7) players will be chosen to be on the pitch at any one time.

1.2. There must be at least a minimum of three (3) females on the pitch at any one time.

1.3. All players must be aged 18 years on the 1st September 2025 and 28 on the 1st September 2025. **This means competitors may be 29 on the day of the final of the competition.** This age group must be strictly adhered to).

2. SUBSTITUTION

2.1. **All substitutions must have been eligible to play in the first round of the competition.**

3. PROCEDURE

3.1. The Rules of the Game of Small Sided Hockey will apply as per link

<https://www.englishhockey.co.uk/play/small-sided-hockey>

A half-size all-weather outdoor pitch will be used. Size 55m long and 29m wide.

3.2. The matches will be played either in 2 leagues with the winner of each league playing for 1st and 2nd place, or as a round robin tournament depending on the number of teams taking part and number of pitches available on the day of the National Final.

3.3. League points will be awarded as follows:

Win	3
Score Draw	2
No Score Draw	1
Lose	NIL

3.4. Each game will be played seven (7) minutes each way, with a 1 minute interval.

3.5. During the game rolling substitutions will be allowed from your squad.

- 3.6. All competitors must be suitably dressed, i.e. astro boots, socks, shinpads, shorts and shirts and the goalkeeper must wear the full goalkeeper kit, including face-mask and shin-pads, as specified by HA Rules. All teams to provide their kits and goalkeeping kit.
- 3.7. In the event of the points being tied after all the games have been played, the order will be decided using the greatest positive goal difference. If the points are still the same then the order will be decided by the highest goals for, followed by the lowest against and the results of the game between the two tied teams.
- 3.8. The Final and Semi-Finals will consist of two halves of twelve minutes each way with a two-minute interval for half time. In the event of the scores being equal at full time a further 5 minutes one way will be played. If the points are still equal after extra time a penalty shoot-out will take place with three nominated members from each team taking part. If the scores are still tied, then a sudden death penalty shoot-out will decide the winner.
- 3.9. Qualified Hockey refs are to be used for this competition.
- 3.10. The Umpires decision is final.

4. **AWARDS**

- 4.1. Trophy and NFYFC Prize Card to the winner.
- 4.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to competitors placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- 4.3. NFYFC Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all competitors.

5. **NOTES**

- 5.1. It is advised to have a competent medical advisor in attendance at both County and Area Rounds and only use qualified referees in order to minimise any risk to members.
- 5.2. Referees must be registered to England or Wales Hockey Association.



Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Parental Consent Form

Section 1 – Event Details – (This section to be completed by the event organiser)

Event Name:	COUNTY SPORTS 2025/26		
Event Date:	Sunday 23 rd November 2025		
Event Location:	Wensleydale School, Richmond Road, Leyburn, DL8 5HY.		
Event Start Time:	9.30am	Event Finish Time:	Approx 1.00pm
Event Costs:	Free to enter		
Event organiser:	YORKSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS		
Event organiser contact details:	County Office 01423 546170		
Additional information for the parent/guardian to be aware of?			

Section 2 – Member Details (This section should be completed, signed by parent/guardian and returned to the event organiser)

Member Name:	
Club Name:	
Digital Membership Number:	
Transport Arrangements:	
Additional information for the event organiser to be aware of? (Please detail any medical needs, disability, SEN needs, specific dietary requirements or any other relevant information that may require our consideration).	

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name: (Parent/Guardian)	Tel (home):		Tel (work):	
	Mobile:			
Name: (Parent/Guardian)	Tel (home):		Tel (work):	
	Mobile:			
In the event of the parents or guardians above being unavailable, please provide details of an alternative emergency contact				
Name:	Tel (home):		Tel (work):	
	Mobile:		Relationship to child	

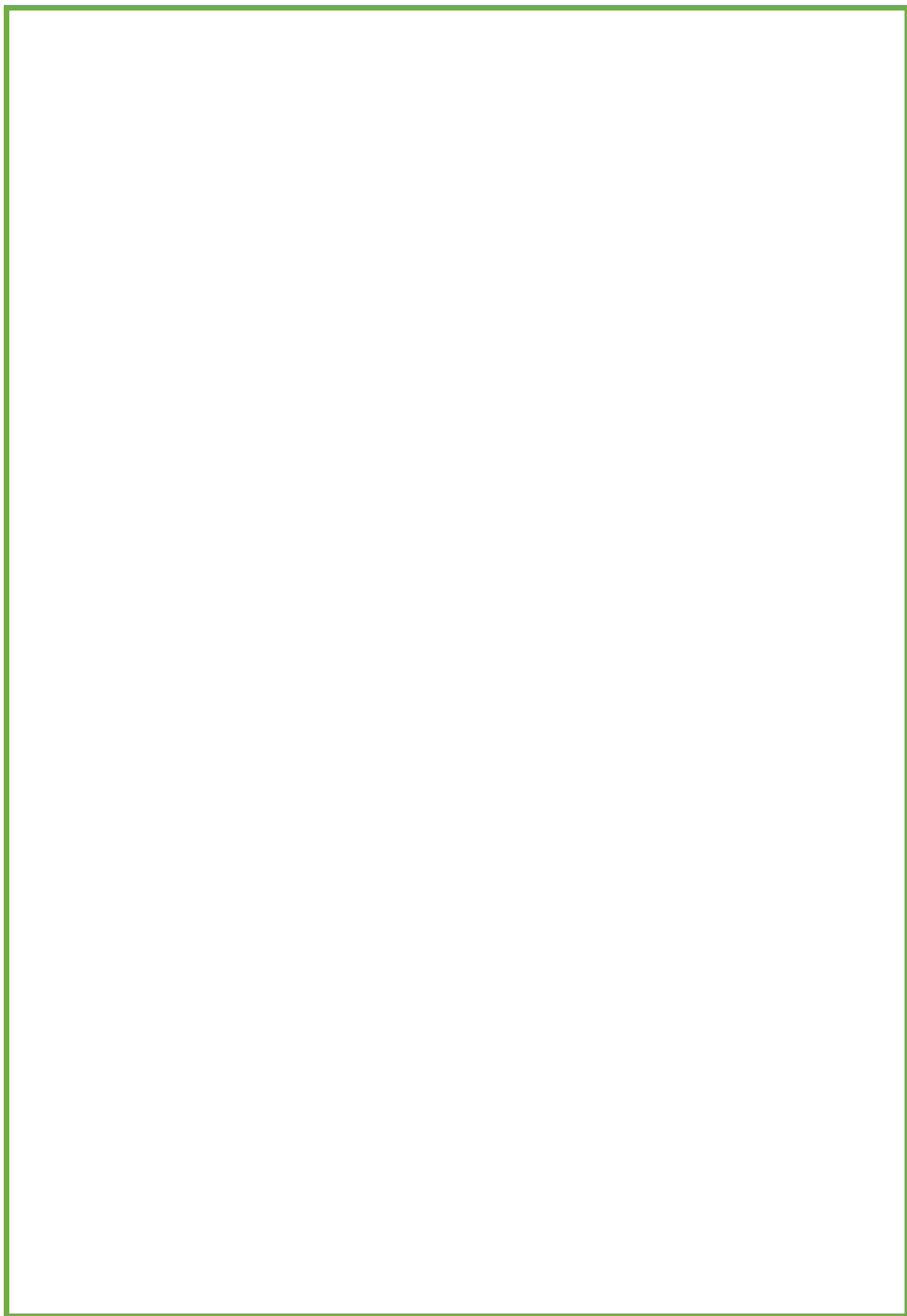
Section 3 – Photography Consent

Please complete the details below to indicate your consent for your child to be photographed and for these images/films or audio to be used by YFC, YORKSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS.

I understand that my child may be photographed/filmed taking part in YFC activities and the resulting images or footage may be used by YFC, YORKSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS'S CLUBS or NFYFC in printed or digital (website and social media) format.	YES/NO
I consent to my child's name* accompanying their photograph/images.	
* in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy, only first names of children will be published where consent is given for the use of names.	YES/NO
If you would like to discuss your child's photography permissions, please tick the box. (you will be contacted by a representative of YFC)	

I have noted the information and give permission for my child to participate in the above event. I also confirm that the information provided on the Annual Parental Consent Form (on the digital membership system) is current and correct unless updated above.

Signed _____ Date _____





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