Fun, Learning and Achievement

Final
July 2026
Area Eliminator
Amended 18.8.2026

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2026 - 2027

NFYFC Farm Safety Skills

28 & under

COUNTIES MAY WISH TO HAVE EACH TASK AS A STAND ALONE COMPETITION WITH COMPETITORS THEN JOINING TOGETHER TO FORM THE COUNTY TEAM TO PROGRESS TO THE AREA FINALS.

RULES

Competition Aim

To provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate their skills in workshop skills, being safe and efficient, whilst encouraging teamwork, in a competitive environment.

Learning outcomes

Practical skills in Farm Safety and First Aid including; planning the safe completion of set tasks; perception of hazards, forward planning in preparation of appropriate tools and safety equipment for the tasks; leadership, teamwork.

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

1. **VENUE**
   1.1. After Area Eliminators, the Final will be held at Competitions Day ~~**Saturday 3rd July 2027**~~ at the County Showground, Stafford. **Amended 18.8.2026 – to Saturday 26th June 2027.**

2. **REPRESENTATION**
   2.1. Counties may enter one team per 600 members or part thereof.
   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, East Midlands 1, West Midlands Area 1, South West Area 2, South East Area 1 and Wales 2). **To note for this particular competition each Area is allowed to send two teams irrespective of the number of members.**

3. **ELIGIBILITY**
   3.1. A team shall consist of four (4) members all of whom must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2026 and 16 or over on the 1st September 2026 and be a full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC

4. **SUBSTITUTION**
   4.1. If more than 2 members of the original team are unable to compete at the following round the next highest scoring team will represent area/region.
   4.2. **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the County Final.**

Rule 1 – Substitution Eligibility

For Area Competitions progressing to the NFYFC Finals, if 50% or more members of the original team are unable to compete in the next round, the place will be offered to the next highest scoring team or individual from the previous round.

Rule 2 – Deadline for Team Changes

For Area Competitions progressing to the NFYFC Finals, any changes to team members must be made no later than 7 days prior to the competition. This requirement will be included in the 2026/2027 competition rules.

5. **CERTIFICATES/LICENCES REQUIRED**

5.1. **Task 1: Tractor and Fertiliser Spreader:** Competitor requires a UK driving licence with F entitlement. This must be produced on the day of the competition in order to participate in this task. (The F entitlement can be gained at 16; but is automatically entitled with passing the car driving test).

5.2. **Task 2: Tractor with Loader and Tipping Trailer:** Competitor requires a UK driving licence with F entitlement. This must be produced on the day of the competition in order to participate in this task. (The F entitlement can be gained at 16; but is automatically entitled with passing the car driving test)

5.3. **Task 3: ATV Handling:** Adequate training must have been completed by the competitor who will carry out the ATV task. At the NFYFC final a certificate of competence to show 'adequate training' in ATV Handling must be produced. A copy of the certificate must be handed to the judges on the day of the competition.

A Certificate of Competence for ATV's, issued by City & Guilds NPTC is more than acceptable evidence of 'adequate training'. However, a certificate issued by another training provider will also be accepted. The most basic level of certificate which will be accepted is called an EASI (European All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute) certificate; available from most reputable ATV dealers. The EASI certificate is very much a dealer short induction course - a basic operators course designed to familiarise the operator with all the controls and operating procedures, which includes elements of safety. Whilst it ticks the box of 'adequate training', it should not be viewed as a replacement for a City & Guilds type course.

Under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER) there is a legal requirement that "adequate training", including the use of any towed equipment or attachments, be undertaken by those riding ATV's. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) regards training provided by recognised training providers as "adequate" for the purposes of PUWER].

5.4. **Task 4: First Aid:** The team member in control of the first aid task must hold a current first aid certificate of either the British Red Cross, St John Ambulance or an alternative nationally recognised body. The certificate must be no more than 3 years old. A copy of the certificate must be handed to the competition judges on the day of each round of the competition.

Failure to provide the requested certificates will result in the team being disqualified and not allowed to compete.

6. **PROCEDURE**

All competitors must take into account Health and Safety at all times. Correct personal protective equipment must be worn. Safe start and safe stop procedures must be adhered to. All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.

6.1. The team shall appoint a leader who will undertake the duties of a foreman. In addition to his/her foreman duties, they must also carry out one of the tasks.

6.2. Competitors to provide their own tools. All equipment must be returned to its original place after completion of each task.

6.3. **TASK 1: Tractor and 3-point linkage mounted Fertiliser Spreader**

Equipment required: 1. Tractor (approx 100-150 hp); **2.** A spinning disc type fertiliser spreader to attach via 3 point linkage

6.3.1. An individual competitor is required to carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on the tractor and spreader prior to the commencement of this task. The competitor is to carry out a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.

6.3.2. The combination should then be prepared for work (eg, hitch fertiliser spreader, height setting, controls to work position).

6.3.3. Competitor to demonstrate knowledge of settings, adjustments and procedures when working alongside a water course. (This to be done via questions/answer session, as there will not be sufficient time to physically complete numerous tasks).

6.3.4. Competitor to park the implement and unhitch, and return the tractor to the original position.

6.3.5. Competitor to answer questions about agronomy aspects of applying fertiliser, eg, application rates, plant growth stages, ground conditions, fertiliser types, in relation to competitor's choice of crop.

6.4. **TASK 2: Tractor with loader and Tipping Trailer**

Equipment required: 1. Tractor (approx 100-150hp) **2.** Tipping trailer

6.4.1. One team member is required to carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on a tractor and trailer prior to the commencement of the task. The competitor is to carry out a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.

6.4.2. Hitch trailer to tractor and prepare for travel along a public highway. The competitor will follow a course including turning on to, travelling along, and turning off a simulated public road.

6.4.3. At the work site, competitor asses the site, and if satisfied they will reverse trailer to designated point (eg, marked by cones) and tip the trailer, then return trailer to transport position, and travel along simulated road course back to the starting point.

6.4.4. Competitor to park the trailer and unhitch, and return the tractor to the original position.

6.5. **TASK 3: ATV**

Equipment required: 1. Sit-astride ATV **2.** 2 items to load onto the ATV – eg, one small bale and a bag of corn.

6.5.1. An individual competitor is required to carry out daily maintenance and safety checks on a sit-astride ATV prior to commencement of task. The competitor is to carry out a verbal risk assessment with the judge on the task they will be completing.

6.5.2. The competitor is required to drive an ATV through a course as instructed by the judge; this should include maouvering through gateways, and reversing.

6.5.3. Competitor will then assess the loads and the ATV capabilities, load the 2 items onto the ATV, secure them, and drive through a similar course. Note the course may have to be modified from 6.5.2 above, to take account of the loaded condition of the ATV.

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6.6. **TASK 4: FIRST AID**

Suggested Equipment: First Aid Kit.

6.6.1. During the course of the practical exercise, a mock farm accident will be staged. Teams will be informed when the accident happens; the Farm Foreman must then decide which of his team members shall deal with the situation. However, other teams members may be instructed to give assistance. It is expected that there will be by-standers who may be questioned regarding the accident. The First Aid Judge will indicate when the casualty has been satisfactorily dealt with and when the member (or members) may recommence work.

6.6.2. Knowledge of elementary First Aid is necessary, but in no case will competitors be expected to render assistance further than instructed in the Joint First Aid Manual of St. John Ambulance and The British Red Cross (available from WH Smith or other large bookshops). The Highway Code and Farm Safety Regulations must be applied at all times. If, in the opinion of the Judges, a competitor is undertaking a Task in a way likely to endanger them or others; the competitor will be stopped and the danger brought to his attention. The competitor will be expected to correct the matter and then continue with the Task.

6.7. **TASK 5: HAZARD PERCEPTION (AT THE NFYFC FINAL ONLY). Supported by The Farm Safety Foundation: Yellow Wellies Campaign.**

6.7.1. The 4 individuals from the above tasks will join together to undertake a team hazard perception task. Competitors will be asked to identify 5 hazard scenarios such as (but not limited to): working at height, working with machinery and awareness of overhead power cables

6.7.2. Competitors will have a maximum of 5 minutes per scenario.

7. **TIMING**

Tasks 1 – 4: Competitors will be asked to stop after 35 minutes.

Task 5 (NFYFC Final Only): Competitors will be asked to stop after 5 minutes per scenario.

8. **SCALE OF MARKS**

Foreman	30
Teamwork	70

Task 1: Tractor and Fertilizer Spreader **Safety** **40 marks** • Competitor properly prepared and equipped with suitable safety equipment • A suitable risk assessment, either written or verbal. Awareness of changing risks. • Knowledge of relevant regulations. • Safe Procedures followed, e.g. Safe Stop, Safe Entry and Exit from machines, all-round observation, safe machine positioning and parking, safe driving on site and simulated roads. **Efficiency and Competence of task** **40 marks** • Competitor to demonstrate ability and competence in the task. • Competitor demonstrating understanding of the task and the wider relevance of the task. • Competitor makes good progress throughout the task. **Teamwork** **20 marks** • Competitors ask for assistance from their team when it makes the task safer. • Competitor aware of others and offers suitable assistance when applicable. • Awareness of their own and others safety at all times. • Effective communication.	100
Task 2: Tractor and Tipping Trailer Marks broken down as above.	100
Task 3: ATV Marks broken down as above.	100
Task 4: First Aid	100
Task 5: Hazard Perception	50
TOTAL	**550**

9. **AWARDS**
   - 9.1. The ATS Euromaster Perpetual Challenge Trophy and NFYFC prize cards to the winning team.
   - 9.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to teams placed 2nd and 3rd.
   - 9.3. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all members of teams in the final.

10. **COMPETITORS TO NOTE**
   - 10.1. Arley Medical will be present at the National Final in conjunction with Task 4: First Aid. Counties and Areas can contact Arley to support their rounds of this competition. Please contact Margaret.bennett@nfyfc.org.uk for further information.