



## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2016 - 17

### NFYFC Floral Art

16 & under, 21 & under, 26 & under

Theme: 'Around the World'

#### RULES

Status: DRAFT  
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Direct

#### Competition Aim

To provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate their acquired skills in creating a floral display depicting an agreed theme.

#### Learning outcomes

Principles of flower arranging, creativity and personal development skills.

#### 1. DATE AND VENUE

1.1. The National Final will be held at the Malvern Autumn show in September 2017

#### 2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Counties may enter one competitor per 600 members of part thereof in each section.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. Competitors to be:

- 3.1.1. **16 & under section:** 16 years of age or under on the 1 September 2016.
- 3.1.2. **21 & under section:** 21 years of age or under on the 1 September 2016.
- 3.1.3. **26 & under section:** 26 years of age or under on the 1 September 2016.

#### 4. THEME/PROCEDURE

4.1. At the NFYFC final, the Competitor will have one (1) hour to individually create a piece as described in the following **Floral Art Schedules**:

##### 4.2. 16 & Under

- 4.2.1. Subject: **Exhibit Title: "Around the World in 80 Days"** – An exhibit to depict a place visited by Phileas Fogg in the classic adventure novel "Around the World in 80 Days" written by Jules Verne.
- 4.2.2. The maximum display area for each competitor **MUST NOT exceed 60cm wide x 60cm deep x optional height** (i.e. no limitations to height). Exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.
  - 1.1.1. Exhibit is to be viewed from the front. Competitors own backboard and base boards are allowed, and must be provided by the competitor if required and must adhere to the size limitations.
  - 1.1.2. At the national finals the exhibit will be displayed on a table with a white table covering.

##### 1.2. 21 & Under

- 1.2.1. Subject: **Exhibit Title – "Your Passport to Adventure, What will your Discovery Be?"** An Exhibit to depict your dream YFC Travel Trip from the 2017 Travel Programme. Country must be stated. To view the 2017 YFC travel programme visit <http://www.nfyfc.org.uk/TravelwithYFC/yfctravel> choosing a country from homestays, working scholarships or team travel. Information for the 2017 programme will be available on the website from September 2016.
- 1.2.2. The maximum display area for each competitor **MUST NOT exceed 60cm wide x 60cm deep x optional height** (i.e. no limitations to height). Exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.
  - 1.2.3. Exhibit is to be viewed from the front. Competitors own backboard and base boards are allowed, and must be provided by the competitor if required and must adhere to the size limitations.
  - 1.2.4. At the national finals the exhibit will be displayed on a table with a white table covering.

### 1.3. 26 & Under

- 1.3.1. Subject: **Exhibit Title: “A World Famous Celebration”** An Exhibit to depict a national celebration/festival from your chosen country anywhere in the world. Country Celebration/Festival must be stated.
- 1.3.2. The maximum display area for each competitor **MUST NOT exceed 60cm wide x 60cm deep x optional height** (i.e. no limitations to height). Exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories.
- 1.3.3. Exhibit is to be viewed from the front. Competitors own backboard and base boards are allowed, and must be provided by the competitor if required and must adhere to the size limitations.
- 1.3.4. At the national finals the exhibit will be displayed on a table with a white table covering.

## 6. DISPLAY

- 6.1. A work table will be provided close to the display area – approx half a trestle table to be allocated per competitor.
- 6.2. Each exhibit will be displayed to their best advantage with the space allocation.
- 6.3. **All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitors and must be assembled in the hall.**
- 6.4. During the period of the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges or Stewards, under penalty of instant disqualification. **No other person, other than the competitors, will be allowed in the competing area.**
- 6.5. At the NFYFC final, the NFYFC will provide a County Name and Number label for each display and workspace.
- 6.6. Competitors may use a battery operated glue gun or any other form of adhesive. There will no mains power supply available
- 6.7. **Any exhibit exceeding the maximum measurements will be disqualified.** The measurement will be from the outside edges of the back board or base board (i.e. the thickness of the backboard will be included in the size restrictions). Any accessories or drapes used on the outside of the back board or base board will be included in the overall measurement of the exhibit and should be within the size restrictions. The external side of the back board will be taken into account for the attractiveness of the exhibit marks and so should be covered to compliment the overall exhibit.
- 6.8. Exhibits must remain in position throughout the day of the competition. Any entry removed before the Presentation of Awards will be disqualified.
- 6.9. All exhibits and competitor’s property will be at the risk of the competitor and NFYFC cannot accept liability for any loss or damage sustained – therefore, competitors are advised to use items of little established value.

## 7. TIMING

- 7.1. Allowance of **one hour to include final checks and measurement of the exhibit.** Before leaving the competing area, competitors will be given a further 5 minutes to clear and tidy the work site.
  - 7.1.1. Competitors may unpack their equipment and plant material/flowers onto the work table before the one hour practical session commences.
  - 7.1.2. If floral foam (oasis) is to be used, this may be pre-soaked prior to the competition. New pieces of floral foam (oasis) **MUST** be used on the day of the competition.
  - 7.1.3. Competitors are able to construct and tape their foam (oasis) in position on a board/container/exhibit prior to the one hour practical session if required.
  - 7.1.4. Competitors are able to set up their display bay before the one hour practical session commences.

## 8. MARKS

- 8.1. If a very high number of entries are received, on the day of the NFYFC final, the NFYFC reserves the right to use the NFYFC ‘Standards Judging’ system. i.e exhibits will be in the Excellent, Proficient or Competent categories.

Idea	20
Colour	20
Composition	20
Technical	40
<b>TOTAL MARKS</b>	<b>100</b>



9. **AWARDS**

- 9.1. **16 & under** *Lady Northcliffe Cup* and Prize Card will be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
9.2. **21 & under** *Millers' Mutual Cup* and Prize Card will be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
9.3. **26 & under** *London Flowers Perpetual Challenge Trophy* and Prize Card will be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
9.4. NFYFC Prize Cards will be awarded to competitors placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each section.  
9.5. NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to competitors placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in each section.

10. **NOTES:**

- 10.1. A "Competitions Manual" is available from NAFAS Enterprises Ltd. [www.nafas.org.uk](http://www.nafas.org.uk)  
10.2. **Competitors must wear white coats during the period of the competition.**  
10.3. The use of a glue gun is permitted  
10.4. ALL EXHIBITS WILL BE JUDGED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NAFAS COMPETITIONS MANUAL 2015. A "Competitions Manual" is available from NAFAS Enterprises Ltd, Osborne House, 12 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4TE, price £5.00 plus postage. [www.nafas.org.uk](http://www.nafas.org.uk) to visit the NAFAS on-line shop.

11. **NAFAS Definitions** (*The National Association of Flower Arranging Societies of Great Britain*) From the NAFAS Competitors Manual (Third Edition 2013).

11.1. An EXHIBIT:

- 11.1.1. *Is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories, contained within a space as specified in a show schedule.*  
11.1.2. *Backgrounds, bases, containers, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics may always be included in an exhibit, unless otherwise stated.*  
11.1.3. *More than one placement may always be included, unless otherwise stated.*  
11.1.4. *In all exhibits (except still life) natural plant material must predominate.*

11.2. **NATURAL PLANT MATERIAL**

- 11.2.1. *Natural plant material is any vegetable matter*  
11.2.2. *It includes fresh, dried, garden, wild, or made-up plant material.*  
11.2.3. *It is acceptable to enhance plant material by the application of oil, milk, wax or other similar products.*

11.3. **An ACCESSORY**

- 11.3.1. *Anything other than natural plant material in an exhibit, such as, feathers, shapes (spheres, cones) , shells, stones, wax candles*  
11.3.2. *Natural plant material which has been tooled or crafted to resemble non-plant forms, e.g. birds nest, corn dolly, wooden figurine.*  
11.3.3. *Accessories may be decorated in any way but greater credit should be given for the use of natural plant material where appropriate.*  
11.3.4. *The following are not accessories and may also be used unless prohibited by the show schedule: backgrounds, bases, containers holding plant material, drapes, exhibit titles and mechanics. These may be decorated in any way but greater credit should be given for use of natural plant material where appropriate.*

11.4. **REASONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

- 11.4.1. *Failure to comply with any specific requirements of a class as stated in a show schedule, i.e. the measurements or the components. (Just remember – it is better to aim to be 1xm or 1 inch smaller than the size allowed as the size sated is the MAXIMUM size).*  
11.4.2. *Inclusion of artificial plant material (unless specifically allowed by a show schedule)*  
11.4.3. *Inclusion of fresh plant material that does not have roots or the cut ends of stems in water or water-retaining material. Exceptions: Air Plants, Cacti, Fruits, Grass Turf, Lichen, Moss, Succulents, Vegetables and long lasting plant material which will remain turgid for the duration of a show. (Definition of turgid – the state of firmness of plant tissue resulting from adequate moisture, causing the plant cells to be fully expanded).*  
11.4.4. **NOT ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE DISQUALIFICATION:** *the term used when an exhibit does not comply with the requirements of the schedule – see NAFAS reasons for disqualification above. The judge will write 'Not according to schedule' and the reason.*

**GENERAL RULES: 2016 – 17 NFYFC COMPETITION RULES**



## 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.

## 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 Under 18 members must complete a NFYFC Parental Consent form. 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 only.
- 2.4. It is the responsibility of the County Federation to ensure these forms are completed and returned in 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.*

## 3. Membership cards

- 3.1. All competitors will be required to produce on the day of each round of the competition their **current, signed NFYFC membership card** that has the members' photograph properly attached. A valid card will state the number of the County for which the member is able to compete for.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. 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 2016-2017 competitions, they must hold a 2016-2017 membership card to compete in the NFYFC Finals held on or after 1 September 2016 for the competition they competed in the previous membership year.
- 3.4. 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 photo-ID and member's under 18 will be identified via another form of photographic ID or the parental consent forms submitted prior to the competition.
- 3.5. 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 an YFC Club affiliated to the NFYFC. If this is not confirmed to the NFYFC Competitions desk ([post@nfyfc.org.uk](mailto:post@nfyfc.org.uk)), the competitor/the whole team will be automatically disqualified from the competition and marks will be re-awarded accordingly.
- 3.6. The NFYFC competitions steering group reserves the right to ask all YFC competitors to show another form of identification that clearly states the competitors date of birth.

*Please Note: 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.*

## 4. Representing one YFC Club only

- 4.1. **Spirit of fair competition within YFC.** Members can only compete for **one** YFC Club when participating in NFYFC Competitions programme in any given year (1 September – 31<sup>st</sup> August) even if they hold more than one membership card.
- 4.2. This rule should be applied by County Federations – at the district/county rounds of the competitions throughout the year. This maintains the spirit of fair competition within YFC. To be clear each Club is affiliated to **one** County Federation and the County Federation fits within **one** of the Areas.
- 4.3. 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.

*Please Note - Area Committee's may apply to the NFYFC Competitions Steering Group Chair for a special dispensation, to allow an Area Composite Team (made up of County Federation's within that Area only) to compete in an NFYFC Final. No NFU Trophy points can be awarded to an Area Composite Team.*



## 5. Participation in NFYFC competition finals

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

- 5.1.1. English Winter Fair - **one** competition per competition day
- 5.1.2. Annual Convention – **two** competition per competition day\*
- 5.1.3. Competitions Day - **one** competition per competition day\* & \*\*
- 5.1.4. Sports Championships– **one** competition per competition day
- 5.1.5. Great Yorkshire Show (Dairy judging)- **one** competition per competition day
- 5.1.6. Tug of War finals - **one** competition per competition day
- 5.1.7. Stockman Weekend - **one** competition per competition day
- 5.1.8. Malvern Autumn Show - **one** competition per competition day

**\*Junior and Senior YFC Member of the Year finalists would be eligible to compete in a second NFYFC final on the same day if applicable.**

**\*\*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 National Final will be able to take part in one additional competition on the same day.**

5.2. 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 this competition please contact the competitions department two weeks prior to the competition final to allow us to work with you so that specific arrangements can be made.

## 6. Late Withdrawal of Entries

- 6.1. No deposits will be required from county teams prior to the NFYFC final.
- 6.2. **However**, withdrawals or cancelations made in the two (2) weeks before the day of the final will result in an administration charge of **£25** and if a team withdraws within 48 hrs of the start of the competition final it will result in an administration charge of **£40**.
- 6.3. All administration charges are invoiced to County Federations and not the team/individual.
- 6.4. This rule applies to ALL Competitions at NFYFC Semi-finals and finals.
- 6.5. Area Finals held within the administration charge period will be subjected to the charges.

## 7. Judges decisions and complaints

- 7.1. The Judges' decision is final.
- 7.2. 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**
- 7.3. 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](mailto:post@nfyfc.org.uk)**
- 7.4. Official complaints or disputes can be made by Competitors (finalists) or County Chair's only.

## 8. Amendments

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

## 9. Expenses

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

## 10. Behaviour and Material Content

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. YFC Members are reminded that material of a questionable nature should not appear in any performance or speech. Material of a questionable nature will be penalised.

## 11. Awards

- 11.1. All NFYFC Competitions will carry points towards the NFU trophy
- 11.2. 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.

