



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Competitions Programme 2016-17

NFYFC Clay Pigeon Shooting

26 & Under and 17 & Under

RULES

Status FINAL
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DIRECT

Competition Aim

To encourage gun safety, improve YFC member's skills in shooting a moving target whilst improving accuracy, concentration and ability to perform under pressure

Learning outcomes

Adhering to gun safety laws, improving performance of hitting a moving target with improved, accuracy, concentration, ability to perform under pressure

1. VENUE

1.1. After County Finals, the National Final will be held at Competitions Day on Saturday 1st July, 2017 at Stafford County Showground.

2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Counties may enter one member per 600 members or part thereof.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. **26 & Under Category:** Competitors to be 26 years of age or under on 1 September 2016 and a full member of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC.

3.2. **17 & Under Category:** Competitors to be aged between 14 years and over and 17 years of age and under on 1 September 2016 (this age range must be adhered to), and full members of a Club affiliated to NFYFC. **This means competitors have attained their 14th birthday on 1st September 2016 competition and may be 18 on the day of the national final.**

4. SUBSTITUTION

4.1. If the competitor through to the National Final has to withdraw from the competition, then the next highest placed competitor will represent the County.

5. PROCEDURE

5.1. The Competitor is required to hit a moving target in the form of a clay pigeon from traps positioned in different places to encourage a range of speed, distance, height and positioning of the clays

5.2. Competitors are to ensure the safety of their gun at all times and a valid shotgun licence must be available on demand.

5.3. One licence holder **MUST** supervise one gun only. Competitors without their own licence are still able to compete but must be supervised by one non competing licence holder.

5.4. Travelling with a shotgun – If you are in a vehicle and need to stop and leave it with guns in for any reason you must ensure nothing indicates guns are in it. Park where the vehicle can be seen and reverse up to a wall making access to the boot difficult. The vehicle should be locked and alarmed. You might also use security cables, vehicle mounted gun safes and other precautions such as removing parts as an additional security measure.

5.5. Firearms Legislation must be adhered to at all times. Competitors are responsible for the safety and insurance of their gun.

5.6. Suitable ear and eye protection must be worn throughout the competition by both competitors and spectators

5.7. One entry per shooter.



- 5.8. Maximum 12 bore to be used with a minimum barrel length of 26"
 - 5.9. Maximum load of 28gram/ 1oz.
 - 5.10. If targets have been unseen, competitors will have the option to view targets as a single or pairs (once only).
 - 5.11. Coaching is strictly forbidden.
 - 5.12. No live quarry to be shot or shot at.
 - 5.13. Competitors must not touch any traps or equipment belonging to the shooting ground.
 - 5.14. No loading of ammunition outside the cages. When moving between cages, all guns must be empty and carried broken or in a gun slip. Any ammunition found in the gun outside the cages leads to automatic disqualification.
6. **At the NFYFC Final**
- 6.1. At the National Final an entry fee of approximately £15 will be required on booking in.
 - 6.2. When booking in, competitors will be required to sign a declaration that they have read the rules and procedures of the shooting ground, and agree to abide by these rules.
 - 6.3. There is an opportunity to bring others with you to shoot in an open competition – this will be the same targets as those competing in the National Competition. The cost will be approximately £15.00 per person.
 - 6.4. On site there is a COMPAK layout which is available for competitors to practice; at approximately £5.00 per person payment is to be made direct to the shooting ground.
 - 6.5. Competitors to supply their own or Cartridges will be on sale on the day.
7. **SCALE OF MARKS**
- 7.1. Points accrued for targets shot
 - 7.2. In the event of a tie a shoot off will determine the overall winner
8. **AWARDS NFYFC FINAL**
- 8.1. **Trophy** and NFYFC Prize Cards for individual placed 1st
 - 8.2. NFYFC Prize Cards to individual placed 2nd and 3rd
 - 8.3. An NFYFC Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to the YFC member placed 1st – 10th

Further information on gun licensing can be found at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/518193/Guidance_on_Firearms_Licensing_Law_April_2016_v20.pdf and at the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association <https://www.cpsa.co.uk/forms-downloads>

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), 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 – 31st 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 cancellations 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**

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.