

Club of the Year Competition 2020

The aim of the Competition is to, recognise and award the achievements of the SAYFC Clubs in their smooth running, proactive approach, participation and contribution to the Districts, Regions, Association and Community.

The winner of the National Club of the Year will be announced at the Royal Highland Show. In addition to the winners of the Club of the Year being announced, there will be a special prize for the most improved club.

ELIGIBILITY

Districts will be invited to select a Club, whom, must be affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs. The winning club is ineligible to compete in the following year.

QUALIFICATION PERIOD OF COMPETITION

The competition will be based on the activities and running of the Club for the duration of the Club year. **Therefore the qualifying period of the competition on which assessments are to be made are from Club AGM 2019 to Club AGM 2020.**

PROCEDURE

District Eliminations

The respective District Associations will arrange eliminations at District level, with the District Association determining the criteria and method of identifying the Club that will represent them in the Regional Qualifiers.

It is not essential that Districts adopt all, some or any of the assessment criteria that will be implemented at the Regional/National Final. Districts are permitted to utilise any current Club Assessment structure that currently exists within their District.

It is up to each District how they appoint their judges, but each District must ensure that the judges attend at least one club meeting throughout the year per club. Each club must produce at this meeting:-

- Minute books
- Up to date accounts (i.e. Treasurer)
- List of Club Activities or copy of Syllabus (whichever is available)

Regional Eliminations

Each Region will be responsible for organising their own Interview Dates and it will be up to the Regional Events Manager to circulate this information down to all clubs and districts within the Region.

All Districts within the Region will be able to enter one team, with the Regional competition taking the same format as the National Competition.

Each Region will be responsible for appointing their own judges, and it will be up to them to choose the top two teams to go forward to the National Interviews in April. Judges will be asked to focus on the goings on/ activity of the club within the AGM 2019 to AGM 2020 year, and not asked to compare the club year on year.

Clubs who are successful in getting through to the National competition will not need to complete the entry form again and submit this with all the paperwork, the Regional Events Manager, will be able to pass this information on.

National Final

The National Association will nominate and appoint three judges to assess the two entries put forward from each Region based on the following score criteria.

1. Recruitment + Retention	20
2. Participation (district and regional events, international travel, Agri Affairs)	30
3. Presence within the community	15
4. Organisation of the club (Leadership, management report and accounts, syllabus)	15
5. Innovation	10
6. General Impression	10
	Total/100

The two Clubs from each Region will be asked to provide the following supporting documents at the same time as they submit their completed entry form and this will all be sent out to the judges prior to the interview day:

- List of Club Activities or copy of Syllabus (whichever is available)
- Minutes from all club business meetings held within the year
- The past three years of accounts (seeing the past three years of accounts will help the judges to select their most improved club)
- Newly formed clubs should submit any content which they may have

The National Club of the Year Judges will interview all six clubs which have qualified during the month of April, this will take place on the same day as the National Council AGM.

All Clubs will be asked to prepare a 10-minute presentation for the National judges, which should be aimed at promoting the club and its attributes. The remaining interview time slot will be left for judges to ask the club members questions. Please note – clubs should bring their presentation along on a USB stick, with SAYFC providing projector and laptop.

Three representatives from the club will be asked to attend the interview, this should be made up of two office bearers and one junior member.

AWARDS

National Club of the Year:

1st – Certificate and trophy

2nd – Certificate

3rd – Certificate

Most Improved Club - Certificate

Entry Deadline: **EAST** Friday 6th March 2020
Competition Date: **EAST** Thursday 19th March 2020

Entry Fee: £0
Entry Criteria: District to Regional to National