



2022 HIGHLAND RALLY GENERAL RULES

Caithness District will be responsible for the running of the North Regional Highland Rally, which will be held on Saturday 21st May 2022 at Aberdeen & Nothern Marts, Quoybrae, Watten, KW1 5UN

This is one of the main events of the year and it is hoped that again, your Club will give it your full support and co-operation towards making it a successful Rally. All competitors must be full members before 9th May 2022. Competitors must also be under 28 years of age on the day of the Rally (unless otherwise specified).

Entries

The enclosed entry form is to be returned to the North Region Manager via email to janelle@sayfc.org by Monday 9th May 2022. **No late entries will be accepted.** No club will be able to compete unless a fully completed entry form is returned.

Entry Fee

The entry fee is £50 per Club which covers all competitions (Admission to the Rally on the day is free). Entry fees will be invoiced to clubs after the rally.

Rules

No member may compete for two clubs in any of the Rally competitions. Otherwise both clubs will be disqualified without warning.

Any competitor under the influence/or smelling of alcohol will not be permitted to take part, this is at the discretion of the Rally or Practical Convenor and the stewards.

The rules for each competitions are detailed below and should be adhered to. Should there be a requirement to adjust any on the day, the final decision will fall to the Rally Convenor and all clubs will be notified.

Should any controversy arise regarding competitions or the application of the rules, the decision of the Rally Committee/Convenor is final.

STOCKJUDGING

The classes, subject to availability shall be: -

Class 1 – CONTINENTAL

Class 2 – LIMOUSIN

Class 3 - SHORTHORN

Class 4 - SUFFOLK

Class 5 - BORDER LEICESTER

Class 6 - BELTEX or TEXEL

Teams A team shall consist of three members. There is no limit on the number of teams that a club may enter. Any competitor seen near the stock before the competition commences or with any person other than an official during the competition will be disqualified. On commencing, 8 minutes will be allowed for competitors to observe each of the animals and write down their placings and also remember to take notes for the reasons classes within that 8 minutes.

Reasons All three members from the top eight teams will give reasons along with the top 12 Individuals will give reasons. Team and Individual reasons classes will be decided by the judges on the day and members

notified prior to Stock judging commencing. (Individuals may have to give two sets of reasons but only this set will count to their individual score)

Time Competitors will report to either the Stock judging Convenor or the Master Scorer at **9.30am** to register and any team that does not have their cards by 10.00am will be disqualified. The first person noted in each team will be the person responsible for ensuring their team presents reasons if applicable. Competition will start at 10.00am PROMPT. All competitors to report to the Main Building at the Caithness Livestock Centre before moving in groups to the Stockjudging area.

Prizes A trophy will be presented to the winning team and Best Individual. In addition, merit certificates will also be awarded.

Points towards the Rally Trophy - 25, 20, 15, 10, 5

PRACTICAL COMPETITIONS

Time All practical events will be available for members to complete between **11.00am and 1.30pm** and a timetable will be provided in advance to clubs for each event (providing the clubs time slots to complete each event) and will be on display on the day. Clubs who fail to complete the competition within this time will not be counted. The time allowed per event will be at the discretion of the steward/judge.

Rules Any competitor under the influence/or smelling of alcohol will not be permitted to take part, this is at the discretion of the Practical Convenor and his stewards.

Prizes 1st - 6th merit certificates will be awarded to the first six teams in each event.

Points 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 will be awarded for each event

EVENTS

Make a 4ft Gate

Entry 2 individuals per entry, 2 entries per club

Rules As a team make a 4ft gate from the materials provided. This event will not be based on time taken but skills involved and finished product however, your times will be noted in case of a tie-break. A time limit for completion of the task will apply of 20 minutes.

Competitors to supply own tools. Gates will be sold afterwards.

Joining Rylock Fencing

Entry 2 individuals per entry, 2 entries per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior)

Rules Competitors to join two sections of rylock fence wire. All tools will be supplied, no gripples etc to be used. This will be judged on neatness and times taken to complete the task.

ATV & Trailer Course

Entry 1 individual per entry, 2 entries per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior)

Rules Competitors to follow a course/task as specified on the day. This event will be judged on skill and accuracy to complete the course in the time allowed. Should any competitor not follow correct safety procedures they will be disqualified immediately.

Setting up a Water Trough

Entry 1 individual per entry, 2 entries per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior)

Rules Individuals are required to set up a water trough using the equipment provided. This event will be based on the suitability of the water trough and also on time taken to complete the task.

Weed and Disease Identification

Entry 1 individual per entry, 2 entries per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior)

Rules Competitor to identify as many of the weeds and diseases as possible.

Roping a Load

Entry 1 individual per entry, 2 per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior)

Rules Individuals will be required to rope a load securely. This will be judged on neatness of the task being carried out, safety of the load for travel and the time taken to securely rope the load.

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SPORTS

The football will commence at **1.30pm** with the remainder of the events starting from approximately **2.30pm** onwards. The events will be completed in the order as noted below:

Prizes 1st, 2nd & 3rd merit certificates will be awarded to the first three placings in each event.

Points 6, 5, 4 will be awarded for each event.

Boys Five-a-Side Football

Teams 1 Team per club may enter - Teams to consist of 5 members.

Rules Teams will play 5 minutes each way. In the event of draw, 3 penalties will be taken by each side and thereafter penalties will be sudden death.

The format for the competition (league or round robin) will depend on how many entries we have.

All competitors must report to the steward within 4 minutes of being called.

One substitute per team is permitted.

Girls Five-a-side Football

Teams 1 Team per club may enter - Teams to consist of 5 members.

Rules Teams will play 5 minutes each way. In the event of draw, 3 penalties will be taken by each side and thereafter penalties will be sudden death.

The format for the competition (league or round robin) will depend on how many entries we have.

All competitors must report to the steward within 4 minutes of being called.

One substitute per team is permitted.

Mixed Seven-a-side Netball

Teams 1 Team per club may enter - Teams to consist of 7 members.

There needs to be at least 1 member of the opposite sex in each team (i.e. 4 girls and 1 boy).

Rules Teams will play 5 minutes each game (played only one way on a league basis).

All competitors must report to the steward within 4 minutes of being called.

All jewellery must be removed before the start of the game and long hair should be tied back. Fingernails must also be kept short. Players shall not be permitted to play until they have conformed to these rules.

The umpires will check length of nails and jewellery before the competition begins.

Where applicable the final and game for 3rd and 4th place will be 7 minutes each way.

Any player sent off will miss 2 games.

Any player receiving a booking in the competition will miss the next game.

If your team does not appear when called the points will be awarded to the other team. The referees' decision is final.

The format for the competition (league or round robin) will depend on how many entries we have.

Tossing the Sheaf

Sections Junior & Senior – girls and boys

Entries Two competitors per Club per section may enter

Rules This event shall be taking place over the course of the afternoon. The number of attempts will be decided on the day. Once the sheaf is thrown (maximum number of attempts to be agreed on the day) and height cleared you will move up to the next height (the height increase increments will be at the stewards discretion on the day).

Obstacle Course

Entries Team to consist of 6 members – minimum 1 junior, 1 senior and 2 opposite sex. Two members can be associate members if required. Minimum of 1 team per club and the entries for number of teams is unlimited.

Rules As per rules on the day. **Please ensure you have a change of clothes**

4 x 100 metres Relay Race

Team Unlimited teams per Club, but to consist of 2 boys and 2 girls (must be minimum of 1 senior & 1 junior in team)

Rules Five metres will be allowed on either side of each starting line, within which distance the baton must be handed over.

100 metres

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Entries Two competitors per section per Club

Tug of War

Entries Team to consist of 6 members – minimum 1 junior, 1 senior and 2 opposite sex. Two members can be associate members if required. 1 team per club

Rules **Footwear – Trainers only**

Knockout format with draw made on the day. Depending on number of teams competing, preliminary rounds may be used to get to even numbers for knockout, culminating in semi finals, final and third/fourth place.

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THE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO AMEND THESE RULES IF THE NEED ARISES