

Senior Speechmaking Competition 2023

2023 Chairperson and Three Panel Members (Mixed Team)

2024 Chair, Speaker & Vote of Thanks (Club Team)

2025 Chair, Proposer, Opposer & Arbiter (Club Team)

ELIGIBILITY

1. A team shall consist of four full members of any Young Farmers Club affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs. Three of which must not have attained their 28th birthday by the date of the National Competition. The fourth person in the team may be an Associate who has not attained their 30th birthday by the date of the National competition.
2. No member of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Club may represent more than one Club in the same Competition in any one year.
3. Winning team members of the previous National final are ineligible to compete.
4. A District team can be formed only if no one Club from that District has put a team forward.
5. The Club entry will consist of four members; a Chairperson and three Panel Members. However these four members will not compete together as a club but will compete as individuals in different platform teams. No two members from the same Club will compete together unless there are insufficient club entries present at that elimination.

SCORING CRITERIA

Points

Chairman

Presence, style, voice and clarity	10	
Accurate introduction of teams	15	
Selection, handling and summing up of questions	15	
Management of panel and the questions	10	
Summing up the general vote of thanks	10	60

The Team

Willingness and ability to argue points of view	10	
Subject matter and relevancy of answers	20	
Presence, style, voice and clarity	10	
Each	40	<u>120</u>
TOTAL POINTS		180

6. Marks for incorrect timing will be deducted from the Chairperson as follows:-
2 marks for each full minute over or under time on the total team performance.

PROCEDURE

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7. One hour before the commencement of the competition, all Club teams, who must be present in their entirety, must report to the Chief Steward at the competition venue in order that the ballot may be drawn to determine the make up and order of appearance of teams on stage.
8. Members of the competing teams may join the audience at any time but must report to the Steward in charge not less than 30 minutes before they are due on the platform.
9. All members will be supplied with proforma biographic sheets. They must complete these as fully as possible prior to this time and hand to the Steward in charge 30 minutes before they are due on stage. The Chairperson's proformas passed on to the Chairperson of the competition so that he/she can introduce the Chairperson of the platform team. The relevant Panel Member's forms will be handed to the Chairperson of the platform team so that he/she can prepare introductions.
10. Teams will be allowed a preparation time of 30 minutes and a stage performance time of 15 minutes.
11. The first 15 minutes of the preparation time, the platform team will spend together with the Chairperson interviewing all of their panel.
12. After 15 minutes, the Chairperson will be moved to another room. The Panel members will remain together for the next 15 minutes when they are allowed to converse with one another.
13. In another room, the Chairperson will spend time on their own preparing notes on his panel members, selecting questions to be tackled etc.
14. The Chairperson will be able to select topics from a list of 7 questions coming under the following headings:

2	Countryside
2	General
2	Domestic
1	Leisure
15. The Chairperson will then join the Panel just before they are due to go on stage. The selection of questions must not be disclosed to Panel Members until asked by the appointed Question Master, who will be invited by the Chairperson to do so. This rule will apply at National, Regional and District level.
16. There should be three timekeepers - 2 back stage to supervise the preparation time and 1 front of stage to record individual and total performance time.
17. On stage each team member may use brief notes. Lecterns may not be used.
18. No pre-prepared notes will be permitted by team members with the exception of the Chairperson who is permitted skeleton notes only.

ENTRIES

The National Finals of this Competition will be held at the date shown at the foot of these rules, when 4 teams from the West Region, 3 teams from the East Region and 3 teams from the North Region will be eligible to compete.

Entry Deadline:

Friday 20th October

Entry Fee:

£25

Competition Date:

Saturday 4th November

Entry Criteria:

Region to National