



2024 HIGHLAND RALLY GENERAL RULES

Caithness District Association will be responsible for the running of the North Regional Highland Rally, which will be held on Saturday 25th May 2024 at Quoybrae Auction Mart, Watten, Wick Caithness **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. They must also be under 28 years of age on the day of the Rally (unless otherwise specified).

Entry Fee

The entry fee is £50 per Club which covers all competitions. Admission to the Rally is free. **Entry fees will be invoiced.**

Entries

Entries must be submitted by Fri 22nd March. No club will be able to compete unless a fully completed entry form is returned. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

STOCKJUDGING -This year it has been decided that this will be pre entries ONLY !! – Your Stock Judging Teams MUST BE SUBMITTED via the Microsoft form (attached) by Friday 10th May – minor changes can then be made to these teams up until Thursday 23rd May 12noon (No team entries will be accepted after Friday 10th May)

Raffle

Each club will receive 5 tickets per active member as of Feb 2024. **All sold and unsold Raffle tickets along with the money MUST BE RETURNED to our Raffle Convenor Gemma Duguid by 10am on Saturday 25th May at the Highland 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 competition are detailed below and should be adhered to. Should there be a requirement to adjust any on the day, the final decision shall fall to the Rally Convenor and all clubs shall be notified.

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

**NO MEMBER MAY COMPETE FOR TWO CLUBS IN ANY OF THE RALLY COMPETITIONS.
OTHERWISE BOTH CLUBS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED WITHOUT WARNING.**

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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 – LIMOUSIN CATTLE

Class 2 – COMMERCIAL CATTLE

Class 3 - CHAROLAIS CATTLE

Class 4 – BELTEX

Class 5 - SUFFOLKS

Class 6 – DUTCH SPOTTED

Teams A team shall consist of three members. There is no maximum on the number of teams that a Club may enter, however entries MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY 10TH MAY. 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.

Reasons All three members from the top 6 teams will give reasons. Team reasons will be on Class 2, Class 3 and Class 5. The top 12 individuals will give reasons which will be on Class 4 (Individuals may have to give two sets of reasons but only this set will count to their individual score)
Reason Giving –2 minutes will be allowed for Reason Giving. No competitor will be stopped, but competitors will be penalised at the rate of two marks for every complete ten seconds over the appointed time.

Time Competitors will report to either Stephen Sutherland, Stock judging Convenor or the Master Scorer at 9.30am. to register and any team who does not have their cards by 10.15am will be disqualified. The first person noted in each team will be the person responsible for ensuring there team does reasons if applicable. Competition will start at 10.15am PROMPT. All competitors to report to the Main ring at the In the Mart, before moving in groups to the Stockjudging area.

General After all the classes have been judged members MUST come away from the stock shed. **Any competitors thought to be irritating stock on purpose will be disqualified immediately. MV Accredited guidelines must be followed throughout the competition – this includes following hand washing guidelines and NOT touching the stock.**

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 completed between 11.00am and 1.30pm. Clubs who fail to complete the competition within this time will not be counted. Junior/Senior/Associate rule may be changed at the discretion of the steward/judge on the day. 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

Fault Finding-

Entry 2 team entries per club - At least one competitor in the team MUST be a Junior. The other can be a Senior or an Associate (Not having attained their 30th Birthday by the date of the competition)

Rules Team to identify as many faults as they can on a machine.

Identification

Entry 2 team entries per club - At least one competitor in the team MUST be a Junior. The other can be a Senior or an Associate (Not having attained their 30th Birthday by the date of the competition)

Rules Individual to identify as many items as possible.

Halter Making

Entry 2 team entries per club - At least one competitor in the team MUST be a Junior. The other can be a Senior or an Associate (Not having attained their 30th Birthday by the date of the competition)

Rules Teams to make a halter – time and workmanship to be judged. Only Rope will be provided, Competitors to provide everything else.

Constructing a Planter

Entry 2 team entries per club - At least one competitor in the team MUST be a Junior. The other can be a Senior or an Associate (Not having attained their 30th Birthday by the date of the competition)

Rules Teams to construct a planter using the timber provided – Competitors to Provide all other materials themselves. Battery Powered Tools are permitted.

Welding

Entry 2 team entries per club - At least one competitor in the team MUST be a Junior. The other can be a Senior or an Associate (Not having attained their 30th Birthday by the date of the competition)

Rules Materials will be provided – Competitors MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN SAFETY GEAR.

Quiz

Entry 2 team entries per club - At least one competitor in the team MUST be a Junior. The other can be a Senior or an Associate (Not having attained their 30th Birthday by the date of the competition)

Rules No mobile phones allowed Must be completed in the designated Area

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Young Farmer of the Year Eliminations

Entry: Anyone can enter this elimination. The winner qualifies for the National Competition, which includes a farm tour (at a later date) a case study and working alongside a mentor to help devise a business plan for the Farm visited. Fiona will be taking entries on the day – please ensure you have registered with her to secure your place.

Rules Activities must be completed **individually** for this competition (If you have completed a practical event stated below as a team entry, this score will NOT go towards your Young Farmer of the Year Score – You must state to each steward you are carrying out the activity as part of your Young Farmer of the Year Entry.) Activities to be completed:

- 1) Stockjudging, (This score will also contribute towards your clubs team score)
- 2) Fault Finding
- 3) Identification,
- 4) Halter Making
- 5) Welding
- 6) Quiz

SPORTS

**** Appropriate Sports Gear MUST be worn for all sporting activities. Boots will only be permitted for TOW and Tossing the Sheaf. Anyone thought to be wearing inappropriate footwear will not be permitted to take part.**

The Football/Netball and Tossing the Sheaf 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.

Junior/Senior/Associate rule may be changed at the discretion of the steward/judge on the day.

Football

Boys Five-a-Side Football - Football boots or Trainers ONLY

Teams Each Club are entitled to enter 1 team. Teams to consist of 5 members, two of which must be juniors.

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

It will be ran as a Knock out tournament.

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

One substitute per team is permitted. The referees' decision is final.

Girls Five-a-side Football Football boots or Trainers ONLY

Teams Each Club are entitled to enter 1 team. Teams to consist of 5 members, two of which must be juniors.

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.

It will be ran as a knock out tournament.

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

One substitute per team is permitted. The referees' decision is final.

5 – aside Mixed Netball – Trainers Only to be worn

Team 1 team per club, minimum of 1 boy or 1 girl. Must be 1 Junior in each team

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. The referees' decision is final.

Female Tug Of War

Team 1 team per club. Teams of 6. At least two Juniors. No Mixed Club Teams. No substitutions allowed

Six members per team, two of which can be associates (aged 28-30). Both sections will be non-weighted.

Footwear – work boots allowed

Format: Once entries have been received it will then be decided if the competition will run on a league or knock out basis.

Male Tug Of War

Team 1 team per club. Teams of 6. At least two Juniors. No Mixed Club Teams. No substitutions allowed
Six members per team, two of which can be associates (aged 28-30). Both sections will be non-weighted.

Footwear – work boots allowed

Format: Once entries have been received it will then be decided if the competition will run on a league or knock out basis.

Tossing the Sheaf

Sections Junior & Senior/Associate – girls and boys

Entries One 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 Race

Team: Teams of 6 1 team per club, Must include 1 Junior and at least 1 person of the opposite sex

Rules Depending on entries this may be a timed event.

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THE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE FOREGOING RULES