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| Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs    **Junior Farmer of The Year**  2025 Rules |
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| **ELIGIBILITY** |
| The Competition is open to full bona fide Junior members of any Young Farmers Club affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs. Competitors must not have attained their 18th Birthday by the date of the National Competition. |
| **SCORING CRITERIA** |
| In judging each article, the judges will be asked to allocate marks as follows: -  Essay 10 marks  Originality of Poster 4 marks  Knowledge and Understanding on Poster 4 marks  Design and Presentation of Poster 4 marks |
| **PROCEDURE** |
| 1. Competitors should review the training courses available here: [Next Generation Practical Training Fund - Skills Hub Scotland](https://skillshub.scot/badges/11/next-generation-practical-training-fund) and write an essay with the subject of Training for the future  The essay must include the following points.  What agricultural based career appeals to you and which course do you think would help you to do this?  What interests you about this role and for what parts of the job do you think training will be most important & why?   1. The essay must be no longer than 400 words. 2. The Essay must be submitted electronically by the date shown at the foot of these rules. 3. The task is to design a poster which highlights how three of the considerations below might change how farming is carried out on a Scottish Farm in 2035.   Your poster should demonstrate what changes might be in place in ten years’ time, new farming ideas, technology and Agri developments. Illustrate what these might look like and the benefits they could bring.  **Key considerations are (please select a minimum of three from the list):**  a. What sustainable practices might be happening?  b. What are the energy sources?  c. What machinery is being used?  d. What type of crops are being grown?   1. What livestock systems might be in place? 2. What diversification projects might be in progress? 3. What environmental changes might have taken place? 4. Posters must be submitted electronically by the date shown at the foot of these rules. 5. Results will be announced on Thursday of the Show 6. Presentation of awards will be announced on Saturday of the Show. 7. Lantra will appoint a judge for this competition whose decision will be final |
| **ENTRIES** |
| Entries are open to all Junior Members  Members cannot have attained their 18th birthday by the date of the national competition.  Entries are to be submitted to [jenny@sayfc.org](mailto:jenny@sayfc.org),  **Entry Deadline: 5pm 11th June 2025**  **Competition Date: Thursday 19th June 2025**  **Prize Giving: Saturday 21st June 2025**  **Entry Fee: £10** |