

North Junior Speechmaking Eliminations

2025 Chairperson, Speaker & Vote of Thanks (Club Teams)

2026 Chairperson, Proposer & Opposer (Club Teams)

ELIGIBILITY

1. A team will consist of three Junior members (aged between 14 and 17) of any one of the Young Farmers Clubs affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs. All competitors must not have attained their 18th birthday on the date of the National final.
2. At the time of entry, it will be necessary to indicate who will carry out the duties of Chairperson, Speaker and Vote of Thanks. Members of the winning team of the previous National Junior Speechmaking Competition will be ineligible to compete.
3. No member of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs may represent more than one club in the Regional or National Competition in any one year

SCORING CRITERIA

The following basis will be used for scoring:

		<u>Points</u>	
(a)	<i>The Chairperson</i>		
	Presence, style, voice and clarity	5	
	Originality of remarks, conduct of meeting	15	20
(b)	<i>Speaker</i>		
	Composition of speech	20	
	Presence, style, voice and expression	15	
	Answers to questions	15	50
(c)	<i>Mover of the Vote of Thanks</i>		
	Presence, style, voice and expression	10	
	Content and composition of Vote of Thanks	10	20
(d)	<i>General impression of team work</i>	10	10
TOTAL MARKS			<u>100</u>

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

PROCEDURE

1. One half 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 for order of appearance can be made. Failure of any team to report at this time will mean disqualification of that team.
2. Competitors may then join the audience but all team members will be required to report again to the Steward in charge not less than 15 minutes before they are due on the platform.
3. *The Speaker* - The Speaker will select a subject of his or her own choosing and will give a talk of approximately five minutes duration. The Regional Manager must be informed of the title of the subject at time of entry to the competition (two weeks before event).
4. Approximately 3 minutes should be given on the completion of the speech for questions and answers.
5. *The Chairperson* - The Chairperson is expected to take control of the whole meeting and introduce the Speaker and the Mover of the Vote of Thanks to the audience and judges. After the speech has been delivered, he/she will call for the questions from the appointed Question Masters, call for the Vote of Thanks and wind up the team's performance. For all of these duties should take approximately four minutes. The optimum time allowed for each team is 15 minutes. (Other times are only suggested and marking will be on total time only).
6. *The Mover of the Vote of Thanks* - The Mover of the Vote of Thanks when called upon by the Chairperson should sum up the speech and the questions and express thanks to the Speaker for his/her talk and the time suggested for this is 3 minutes.
7. Brief notes may be used by each team member but speakers may be penalised for reading their speech. Lecterns may not be used.
8. No Smart devices are permitted.
9. Teams may, if they wish, change the subject of their talk for the National Final after the Regional Elimination.

ENTRIES

The competition is open to any number of entries from clubs or districts.

In the National Finals four teams from the West Region, three from the East Region and three teams from the North Region will be eligible to compete. The National Finals are to be confirmed.

Entry Deadline: Friday 24th October
North Competition Date: Sun 9th November

Entry Fee: £25 per team
Entry Criteria: Club/District > North Region