

Junior Speechmaking Competition 2025

2025 Chair, Speaker and Vote of Thanks (Club Teams)

2026 Chair, Proposer & Opposer (Club Teams)

2027 Chair, Speaker and Vote of Thanks (Club Teams)

These rules apply from Regional – National competitions. However it is encouraged that districts follow the same competition format when possible.

ELIGIBILITY

1. A team will consist of three full members 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 Chair, Speaker and Vote of Thanks. 50% of The winning team of the previous National Junior Speechmaking Competition will be ineligible to compete together.
3. Once a competitor has represented a qualified team, they can not represent at National for another qualified team at this competition in the same year.

SCORING CRITERIA

The following basis will be used for scoring:

		<u>Points</u>	
(a)	<i>The Chairman</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>

The optimum time allowed for each team is 15 minutes. Marks for incorrect timing will be deducted from the Chair 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. For the National Finals it will be the responsibility of the Speaker to ensure that the Events Co-ordinator of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs is informed of the title of the subject at least 21 days before the date of the National final.
4. Approximately 3 minutes should be given on the completion of the speech for questions and answers.
5. *The Chairman* - The Chairman 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 Chairman 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. Teams may, if they wish, change the subject of their talk for the National Final after the Regional Elimination.
9. Smart phones are not permitted whilst competing other than for time keeping purposes. If a team is caught using a smart phoning during the competition for any other reason by a staff member or steward 5 points will be deducted off their overall score.

ENTRIES

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.

Competition Date: Saturday 6th December 2025

Entry Fee: £25

Entry Deadline: Friday 21st November 2025

