

# SENIOR QUIZ RULES 2025 - 2026

## SENIOR

The Association is organising a National Quiz, the finals of which shall be held on date stated at the bottom of these Rules. This event will be run in conjunction with the National final of the Senior Speechmaking Competition.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. All competitors must be bona fide members of a Young Farmers Club affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs.
2. A Club team will consist of 4 members as detailed below as of the date of the National final:  
One may be an Associate Member - competitor has not reached their 30th birthday.  
The other competitors must not have attained their 28th birthday.  
Please note that any member not able to compete on the day of the National competition due to them reaching above the age of competing will be ineligible to compete in the preliminary rounds leading up to this event.
3. Only 50 % of the winning team of a most previous National Final can form a new team

### National Final

4. The top two teams from each of the 3 Regions will qualify for the National final.
5. The format will be as follows:

The questions are divided into 6 sections worth 2 points each. The questions are in the following categories:-  
Agricultural and Young Farmers, Sport, Entertainment, Current Affairs, Music, General Knowledge.

The Format will be as follows:

Round 1: Pub Quiz Style	(Current Affairs)	10 Questions
Round 2: Pub Quiz Style	(Sports)	10 Questions
Round 3: Hotseat	(Agri & SAYFC)	x1 Question per team member
Round 4: Fastest Hand/ Buzzer	(Music)	10 Questions
Round 5: Hotseat	(General Knowledge)	x1 Question per team member
Round 6: Fastest Hand / Buzzer	(Entertainment)	10 Questions

Additional tie break questions will be available if needed

During **FASTEST HAND** round, the fastest hand raised clearly in the air will get the chance to answer first, if hand is raised before question is finished, the Question Master will pause the question and ask for the answer, the question will not be completed. If answered incorrectly or passed 1 point will be deducted. Question will then be offered to next fastest hand.

During **HOTSEAT** round, competitors will be asked individual questions. No conferring with team mates is permitted. If answered correctly the team will be awarded the full two points. If passed by the person in the hotseat, there is one opportunity for the question to be extended to the rest of the team for one point if answered correctly. If the person in the hotseat answers incorrectly the question cannot be extended to the team and no points will be awarded. The question will not be offered to another team

### Regional Elimination

6. All districts will be eligible to enter their regional elimination, details of which will be advertised by the regional development officer.
7. When possible, Regions will follow National format (same as above) for their eliminations

### SCORING

11. A correct answer will obtain 2 points. Any incorrectly answered buzzer questions may be offered to the opposing teams, and, if answered correctly, will receive 1 point. Buzzer questions can only be re-offered to another team once. Individual questions if answered incorrectly will not be offered to another team. If a team presses the bell/buzzer early and doesn't know the answer 1 point will be deducted from their score.

### TIMING

12. In the individual questions a maximum of 10 seconds will be allowed to provide an answer to each question. In the team questions, on pressing the bell/buzzer, the team member must commence answering the question within three seconds.

If a team presses the bell/buzzer and does not answer immediately, the question will then be offered to the opposing teams, and, if answered correctly they will score 1 point.

#### **OFFICIALS**

13. At the National Final, the National Council will appoint a Question Master, an Adjudicator and Timekeeper/Scorer. The Adjudicator's decision shall be final.

#### **SUBSTITUTION**

14. Team members competing in subsequent rounds of the Competition must comprise at least 50% of the team competing in the previous round. Any member who has been substituted is not allowed to compete in subsequent rounds of that Competition.

#### **AWARDS**

15. The winning team will receive the Robert Wiseman Trophy and Prize Certificates will be awarded at the National Finals. Prizes and Certificates will also be awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams.

16. The Activities Committee reserves the right to amend the foregoing rules should this be considered necessary.

Deadline Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

ENTRY FEE: £15

**Competition Date:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

ENTRY: District > Regional > National