

# Stockmanship Programme 2026

## ELIGIBILITY

Each team may consist of six members, each of whom will be under 28 years on the date of the National Competition. In addition, if necessary, District Associations can enter one additional pair in the Dairy, Beef or Sheep sections per full teams allowed. Districts unable to enter a full team will be allowed a maximum of **four** pairs in each section. All full teams must provide a stock leader and scorer; for every three pairs, there must be one stock leader and one scorer. All members must be full bona fide members of a club in the District he/she is representing, which is affiliated to the Association. The "Stockman of the Year" will be ineligible to compete in the Programme again.

## PROCEDURE

- The National Competition will take place at the Royal Highland Show on the Saturday of the Royal Highland Show commencing at 9.00 am. Pairs of members will judge in one section, i.e. Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle or Sheep. Each section will comprise 4 Classes and reasons will be given by each competitor on two Classes in their section.
- White coats must be worn.
- All full teams must provide a stock leader and scorer. For every 3 pairs entered, there must be 1 stock leader and 1 scorer provided.
- The judging procedure laid down in "Know Your Farm Stock" will be followed.
- In addition - 2 minutes will be allowed for Reason Giving.  
5 minutes per class will be given (4 minutes judging, 1 minute mark up time)
- 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.
- The following breeds will be judged this year, **subject to availability**.

Dairy	Beef	Sheep
1. Holstein	5. Angus	9. Suffolk
2. *Holstein	6. *Commercial	10. * Border Leicester
3. Ayrshire	7. British Blue	11. North Country Cheviot Park Type
4. *Jersey	8. *Charolais	12. * Beltex

\* Reasons Class

## NATIONAL FINALS PROCEDURE

- The six highest scoring individuals in each section of the National Eliminations will be eligible to compete in Part 2 on the condition that they provide a non-qualifying competitor to act as a Stock Leader during the National Final.
- Each competitor will be required to judge 6 classes i.e. 2 from each section (Dairy, Beef or Sheep). They will also be required to give one set of reasons from each section and give a demonstration on an animal from each section.  
In addition - 2 minutes will be allowed for Reason Giving.  
- 2 minutes and 30 seconds will be allowed for the Demonstration

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. Marks will also be given for Stock Management Questions.

- The following will be the breeds (subject to availability) and the procedure for this year.

Judging Classes		Reasons and Demonstrations	
1. Holstein	Reason Notes	7. Holstein	Reason Giving
2. Ayrshire		8. Ayrshire	Demonstration
3. Angus	Reason Notes	9. Angus	Reason Giving
4. British Blue		10. British Blue	Demonstration
5. Suffolk	Reason Notes	11. Suffolk	Reason Giving
6. North Country Cheviot Park Type		12. North Country Cheviot Park Type	Demonstration

Marks will be awarded out of the following maximums:

	Each Class	Total
Judging	50 x 6	300
Reasons	50 x 3	150
Demonstration	50 x 3	150
Stock Management Questions - 50 Questions worth 2 points each		<u>100</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>700</b>

## AWARDS

Winning Team	- The "Glasgow Herald" Trophy
Best Pair in Dairy Section	- The "Changue" Trophy
Best Pair in Beef Section	- The "Morphie" Trophy
Best Pair in Sheep Section	- The "N.F.U." Trophy
Best Individual in Dairy Section	- The Global Farmers Trophy
Best Individual in Beef Section	- The Global Farmers Challenge Trophy
Best Individual in Sheep Section	- The "Yuill Walker" Trophy
The Winner - "The Stockman of the Year"	- RHASS Medal and the Robert Barr Memorial Trophy