

North Beef Cattle Dressing 2026

ELIGIBILITY

1. All competitors must be members of a Young Farmers Club affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Club, who must not have attained their 28th birthday by the day of the National Competition. The First Prize Clipper is ineligible to compete with the same holder again.
2. A team will consist of two members. One member will do the clipping and trimming and the other will assist in holding, washing etc.
3. If a junior clipper wins the junior title they cannot compete again as a junior but can compete the next year within the senior section.

SCORING CRITERIA

Marking Guidelines:

Washing	15
Head	10
Tail, Tailhead, & Quarters	15
Topline and Underline	30
Overall Evenness of Clip	20
Method and team work & safety	<u>10</u>
	100 points

PROCEDURE

1. It is not guaranteed that the venue will be able to provide hot water. Competitors will provide their own pails, soap, clippers, scissors, brushes, cloths and combs. Only one hand dryer will be allowed per team. **Glues, sprays, powders or artificial additives will only be allowed if permission has been granted by stock donors.** Any type of Clippers may be used.
2. The competition will be carried out on beef animals of the same type. Teams will start with a rough unclipped animal and will clip and dress it to its best advantage. Handicap points may be awarded according to the suitability of the animals. The judges will handicap the animals before the ballot is made.
3. Team members are free to consult each other but NOT with any other competitor or any other person, other than the Stewards.
4. All soap must be thoroughly washed off the animals. Points may be deducted for excessive use of soap left on an animal. Abuse of an animal will lead to disqualification.
To ensure competitor and animal safety, each team must supply their own industrial extension cable and adapter plug, of the earth leakage circuit breaker type.
5. No in-calf heifers should be used for this event and animals should ideally weigh approx. 300kg. Cattle should be sufficiently halter trained before the event.
6. A total of 3 hours will be allowed for completion of this competition
7. The North Region committee will appoint the official Judge(s) and their decision will be final.

8. Only the holder can be substituted when going forward to the national competition.
9. Penalty points will be deducted if safe working practices are not adhered to at all times when working with electrical equipment.
10. In the opinion of and at the Chief Steward's discretion, a competitor or team will be disqualified for ungentlemanly conduct by word or act, which is likely to bring the event and/or the SAYFC into disrepute.

ENTRIES

Each District can enter two teams:

1 x Full Member Team (between 14-28 years old)

1 x Junior Team (between 14-17 years old)

AWARDS

The Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs will award certificates as follows:

Senior section - First to third certificates

Junior section - First to third certificates

Entry Deadline: Monday 14th September
Competition Date: Saturday, 3rd October

Entry Fee: £30
Entry Criteria: District to Region