

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 Contest. 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 pts

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 be allowed if permission has been granted by stock donators.
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 its own adapter plug, of the earth leakage circuit breaker type.
NO IN-CALF HEIFERS SHOULD BE USED FOR THIS COMPETITION (approx 300 KGS IN WEIGHT)
(Cattle should be sufficiently halter trained before the event)
5. A total time of 3 hours will be allowed for completion of this competition
6. The National Competitions Committee will appoint the judges, whose decision will be final.
7. Only the holder can be substituted.
8. Penalty points will be deducted if safe working practice were not adhered to at all times when working with electrical equipment

ENTRIES

1. Each Region will be allowed to enter a maximum of 5 teams consisting of:-
(These will be subject to cattle availability will be confirmed as soon as cattle is sourced)
3 Full Member Teams (between 14-28 years old)
2 Junior Team (between 14-18 years old)
2. It will be the responsibility of each Regional Committee to arrange eliminations. Entry forms must reach the National Office by the date stated at the foot of these rules.
3. 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 YFC into disrepute.

AWARDS

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

Seniors: 1st-3rd Certificates

Juniors: 1st – 3rd Certificates

1st Overall: Trophy and Certificates

Entry Fee: £30 per Team