

Dairy Cattle Dressing 2026

ELIGIBILITY

1. All competitors must be members of a Young Farmers Club affiliated to the SAYFC.
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. Every competitor must have competed at a previous round.
3. The first prize Clipper and holder are eligible to compete but not together. If a junior clipper wins the junior title they cannot compete ever again as a junior but can compete next year in the senior section.

SCORING CRITERIA

Time Allowed:

<i>Region</i>	Rough Clipping, Washing & Rinsing	1 hr	15 minutes
	Drying		30 minutes
	Final Clip		45 minutes.
<i>National</i>	Rough Clipping, Washing & Rinsing	1 hr	15 minutes
	Drying		30 minutes
	Final Clip		30 minutes.

Scoring:

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. Only hot and cold water will be provided. Competitors will provide their own pails, soap, clippers, scissors, brushes, cloths and combs. The use of Fixing Sprays will be permitted. Only one hand hairdryer will be allowed per team. No colored sprays may be used. Please note that any type of clippers may be used.
2. The competition will be carried out on HOLSTEIN FRIESIANs and TWO judges with experience of clipping this breed will be appointed.
3. Teams will start with a rough unclipped animal and should clip and dress the animal to best display its dairy characteristics and physical attributes. Handicap points may be awarded according to the suitability of the animals. The judges will handicap the animals before the ballot is made.
4. Team members are free to consult each other but NOT with any other competitor or any other person, other than the Stewards.
5. All soap must be thoroughly washed off the animal within the time allocated (1 hour and 15 minutes). Points may be deducted for excessive use of soap left on an animal.
6. Abuse of an animal will lead to disqualification.
7. To ensure competitor and animal safety, each team must supply its own adapter plug, of the earth leakage circuit breaker type.
8. NO IN CALF HEIFERS SHOULD BE USED FOR THIS COMPETITION (Recommended heifers are under 1 year old of similar size). Cattle should be sufficiently halter trained before the event.
9. Any health & safety concerns should be brought to the attention of the Chief Steward.
10. Penalty points will be deducted if safe working practice were not adhered to at all times when working with electrical equipment

ENTRIES

Entries in the National final will be as follows:

East Region	2 Teams per district
North Region	2 Teams per district
West Region Districts	
Clyde & Central	3 Teams (1 OF WHICH MUST BE A JUNIOR)
Lanarkshire	5 Teams (1 OF WHICH MUST BE A JUNIOR)
Ayrshire	5 Teams (1 OF WHICH MUST BE A JUNIOR)
Dumfries & Galloway	3 Teams (1 OF WHICH MUST BE A JUNIOR)

Only the holder can be substituted.

Entry Deadline: Friday 17th October 2025

Entry Fee: £30 per team