



Young Farmers'  
Clubs of Ulster

## Dairy Cattle Stock Judging and Assessment

Sponsor: Ulster Bank

*Members 12 -18 years are asked to Judge two rings of 4 animals by placing them in order of merit and score an additional animal according to the appropriate scale of points.*

*A verbal assessment on the animal is given to a Judge (see Additional information - Assessment)*

*Members 18-30 years are asked to judge two rings of 4 animals by placing them in order of merit and give their reasoning on placing the second ring of four animals to a Judge.*

*Participants in these age groups are also required to assess animal A in ring one according to the appropriate scale of points (see Additional Information - Assessment). This is to be used as a tie break only.*

### Where:

Competitors attend area competitions at appointed venues.

The top 4 participants in each age group go forward to the Northern Ireland Finals

### Eligibility:

The Dairy Cattle Judging and Assessment competitions are open to all members between the ages of 12 and 30, who hold a valid YFCU membership.

### Timing and Penalties:

Members are permitted 10 minutes to Judge each ring of stock.

Members aged 12-18 are allowed an additional 10 minutes to score the assessment animal.

Participants must go directly and give their verbal assessment or reasons to a Judge. They will be permitted three minutes to present their case after which the Judge may ask questions for clarification.

It is the competitor's responsibility to be present for interview at the correct time, failure to do so may lead to disqualification or the loss of marks.

### Marking Scale:

#### (Members 12-18 Years)

Competitors may gain a maximum of:

- **50 marks** for each ring
- **55 marks** for assessing the individual animal
- The Judge may also award a maximum of:
  - **50 marks** for Accuracy Of Statement
  - **15 marks** for Fluency and Manner
- The Maximum total possible for a participant is **220 marks**.

#### (Members 18-30 Years)

Competitors may gain a maximum of:

- **50 marks** for each ring
- The Judge may also award a maximum of:
  - **50 marks** for Accuracy Of Statement

- **15 marks** for Fluency and Manner.
- The maximum total possible for a participant is **165 marks**.

**Closing Date:**

The closing date for entries will be provided by YFCU HQ.

**Proficiencies:**

Proficiencies will be awarded on marks gained at area competitions.

**Prizes:**

Cups will be awarded at the Northern Ireland Finals.

**Discipline:**

Clubs must appoint one person to be responsible for their members' behaviour during the event.

**Protests:**

See Protests in General Rules Section.

**Additional Information:**

**STOCK:**

Competitors may be asked to judge any of the following types;

- (a) Dairy Cows in Milk
- (b) Dairy Cows in calf
- (c) Dairy Heifers in calf
- (d) Maiden Dairy Heifers.

All Female stock should be Judged on commercial lines and taken as clinically correct; therefore no teats shall be drawn. Unless the steward directs participants to the contrary, the udder should otherwise be judged and assessed as usual; for example, if there is a light quarter this should be taken into account.

**ASSESSMENT:**

In addition to placing the two rings of stock competitors also have to assess an individual animal according to the marking scale set out overleaf.

Members aged 18-30 years assess animal "A" in ring one (Tie Break) and Members aged 12-18 years assess an individual animal once they have judged ring 2.

**Note**, since the Executive Committee wishes to maintain a desirable ratio between the marks for the two rings and the assessment, only half the marks for assessment will be counted in (110/2=55).

| <b>Heading</b>                                     | <b>Max.</b>       |
|--|-------------------|
| General Appearance and Conformation to Dairy type. | 20                |
| Head and Neck                                      | 10                |
| Shoulders  | 10                |
| Body Capacity                                      | 10                |
| Hindquarters                                       | 10                |
| Udder  | 25                |
| Teats and Teat placing*                            | 10                |
| Legs and feet                                      | 15                |
|  | <b><u>110</u></b> |

\*The heading Teats and Teat Placing is meant to cover the shape, size and texture as well as the placing of the Teats.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

All Competitors must follow the directions of the Stewards and adhere to the time permitted for each of the tasks.

The use of notes during the interview should be restricted to the Competitors copy of the judging card. The use of additional paper is actively discouraged. All things being equal the minimum use of notes will command a higher mark from the Judge.


**WARNING:**

In no circumstances will competitors be permitted to take part in a higher or lower age group than that for which they qualify. Infringement of this rule will lead to disqualification.

Registration is strictly between 6.30pm & 7.30pm. It is at the discretion of the County to allow late arrivals to take part in the competition.

When arranging practices and competitions; headquarters, counties, and club must use herds that are disease free and take adequate protection by providing footbaths and asking members to use suitable footwear. Farms being used for forthcoming area competitions may not be used for practices.

The Executive Committee of the YFCU reserves the right to amend or cancel any of the foregoing rules as it may consider necessary.



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**Judge/ Competitors Card**

DAIRY COW Club \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

|   | Possible | Competitor's Assessment | Error |
|---|----------|-------------------------|-------|
| General Appearance and Confirmation to Dairy Type. To be awarded for "eye appeal" only and not for handling | 20       |                         |       |
| Head and neck   | 10       |                         |       |
| Shoulders   | 10       |                         |       |
| Body capacity*  | 10       |                         |       |
| Hindquarters  | 10       |                         |       |
| Udder   | 25       |                         |       |
| Teats and teat placing**  | 10       |                         |       |
| Legs and feet   | 15       |                         |       |

\*Body Capacity should be assessed in relation to Breed/Cross Breed Type  
\*\*This heading is meant to cover the shape, size and texture as well as the placing of the teats

REASONING }  
ABILITY }

Judge's Score...

Less total error for all parts...

Competitor's Score for Assessment...

Less 50%...

Assessment Score...


Accuracy of Statement 50...

Fluency and manner 15...

Score...

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|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Ring 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Ring 2 |  |  |  |  |

Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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| Ring 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Ring 2 |  |  |  |  |

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