



Young Farmers'
Clubs of Ulster

Choir Festival

*Competitors are required to perform as part of a Club Choir (minimum 10 people)
at a venue determined by YFCU HQ.*

The performance is assessed by a musical expert.

Where:

Club Choirs attend the appointed venue for adjudication.

Eligibility:

The Choir Festival is open to members between the ages of 12 and 30 who hold valid membership cards.

Marking Scale/ Timing/ Penalties:

- A musical expert will attend to assess the Choirs and to offer advice.
- Awards will be on one level only and will be announced on the evening of the Festival.
- Each Choir is allocated a maximum of 10 minutes to perform and vacate the stage.
- A penalty will be inflicted if the time is exceeded.

Closing Date:

The closing date for entries, choir lists, music, etc, will be provided by YFCUHQ.

Additional Requirements:

A copy of all music must be forwarded to YFCU HQ *remember it is illegal to photocopy music (copyright laws).

Accurate Choir lists must be forwarded to YFCU HQ for admission and proficiency records

Proficiencies:

Proficiencies of merit are awarded for this event.

Members who perform as accompanist or conductor will be awarded a proficiency of distinction.

Prizes:

Plaques will be awarded for contributions of outstanding merit.

Discipline:

Appoint one person in the Club who will be responsible for the Choir's behaviour. Noise while waiting to go on stage will not be tolerated, and litter in any form, is unacceptable.

Protests:

See Protests in General Rules.

Newcomer:

For a Club to be classified as a Newcomer, it was agreed by Executive that all awards be brought into line and clubs could be classified as a newcomer for 2 years. To requalify as a Newcomer, the Club would have to miss 3 consecutive years but could compete in the 4th year again for the Newcomer award.

Two Clubs can join together for the Newcomer Award but if one of the clubs was an established Club they couldn't be classed as a newcomer.

Additional Information:

Ensure your Club is in the Hall for the start of the whole performance. This will give support to the other Choirs and assist in the smooth running of the event.

In the event of a Choir having to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances, please inform YFCU HQ as quickly as possible.

A piano will be available - but there will be no official accompanist, nor is a piano accompaniment an essential part of any Choir's programme.

Accompaniment on other instruments or entries offering unaccompanied singing will be welcomed.

The Choir Festival will be open to the public, and ticket sales should be encouraged.

The Choir Festival is a restricted competition. Any team that drops out within a week of the competition, will not be allowed to take part in the competition again the following year.

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