



Young Farmers'
Clubs of Ulster

Beef Stock Judging and Assessment

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 Beef 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 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.

When interviewed **Members aged 12-18 years** will be asked for the reasons for their scoring of the assessment animal in the third ring (providing this information has not already been volunteered), the weight and whether the Killing-Out percentage of the assessment animal would be (a) good (b) medium or (c) poor. The mark given for accuracy of statement will reflect the competitor's views on these aspects.

Marking Scale:

(Members aged 12-18 Years)

Competitors may gain:

- a maximum of **50 marks** for each ring
- **55 points** 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 aged 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.

Fees/Deposit:

The entry fee is £3.00 per member.

Proficiencies:

Proficiencies will be awarded on marks gained at area competitions.

Prizes:

Plaques & 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) Beef or (b) Stores.

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 below.

Members 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).

Heading	Max.
General Appearance and Conformation to Beef Type	20
Head and Neck	5
Forequarters	15
Body Size*	10
Loin	10
Hindquarters	25
Fleshing	15
Legs, Feet and Bone	10
	<u>110</u>

*Body size should be assessed in relation to Breed/Cross Breed Type.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Additional Information:

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 clubs 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

BEEF ANIMAL Club _____ Age Group _____

NAME (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE) _____

Membership number: _____

	Possible	Competitor's Assessment	Error
General Appearance and Confirmation to Beef Type. To be awarded for "eye appeal" only and not for handling	20		
Head and neck	5		
Forequarters	15		
Body capacity*	10		
Loin	10		
Hindquarters	25		
Fleshing	15		
Legs, feet and bone	10		

*Body Capacity should be assessed in relation to Breed/Cross Breed Type

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...	_____

Ring 1					
Ring 2					

Judge's Signature _____



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Competitors Card

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NAME (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE) _____

Membership number: _____

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Ring 1					
Ring 2					

Comments
