



Young Farmers'
Clubs of Ulster

Fencing Competition

Competitors will have the opportunity to compete at one of two levels; Senior or Intermediate/Novice. Each level has attracted the same prize money but the winners of the Senior section will also win an expenses paid visit to Sheffield and the Green Rylock trophy.

Intermediate / Novice Section:

Those participating in the Intermediate/Novice section will be asked to complete a 20m stock proof fence. Each fence will have both the sheep wire and barbed wire joined by traditional methods at some point in the fence.

Senior Level:

Those participating in the Senior section will be expected to complete a 27m stock proof fence with a corner/bend at a predetermined point. Both the sheep wire and the barbed wire must be joined at the centre of the smaller section using traditional methods.

Where:

Members attend an appointed venue.

Eligibility:

The Fencing Competition is open to all members between the ages of 18 and 30.

Marking Scale/ Timing / Penalties:

Teams in both levels are permitted three hours to complete their fences. Participants who arrive after the start of the competition will not be permitted extra time to complete the task. Each team may gain a maximum of 100 marks according to the following scale.

Heading	Max. Score
Health and Safety	20
Team Work	10
Technique <i>(Incorporates wire joins & placement Of Staples)</i>	15
Start/Finish <i>(Incorporates start/finish of the wire, strainers & stays)</i>	20
Appearance <i>(Incorporates wire tension, fence line and general appearance)</i>	35
	<u>100</u>

Closing Date:

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

Proficiencies:

Proficiencies of Merit will be awarded on marks gained at the competition.

Prizes:

Prize money awarded, to 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams. The same team can win more than one year successively.

In addition to their cash prize the winning team receives a trophy.

Prizes at the sponsors' discretion.

Discipline:

Clubs are responsible for their team members' behaviour during the Competition.

Protests:

See Protests in General Rules Section.

Additional Information:

Preparation: This is vital, participants must prepare or prepare to fail. Team members should discuss and plan their approach to the task and devise a strategy for completing the fence within the time limit.

Safety: To Comply with current safety practices within the Department of Agriculture, participants should use post holders (tongs) when fencing posts are being driven into the ground. The use of chainsaws will not be permitted.

Equipment: Each team must assess the type and number of posts, staples and nails they need to bring to the competition, all wire products will be supplied. Teams may wish to consider bringing the following equipment:

Wire Tensioners	Wire Cutters	Gloves
Post Holders (Tongs)	Marking Stick	Twine
Shovels & Spades	Crow-Bar	Pencils
Claw Hammers	Tape Measure	Bow Saw
Tin Box (For nails etc.)	Fencing Maul	
Staple Removers	Wire Twister	

The Fencing Competition 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.

Please Note:

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