



Young Farmers'  
Clubs of Ulster

Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster  
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<b>Competition</b>	<b>Choir Festival</b>
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Competitors are required to perform as part of a Club Choir (minimum of ten people) at a venue determined by the Programming and Development Committee.

### **Location**

Club Choirs attend the appointed venue (information provided by HQ to club officials) for adjudication.

### **Eligibility**

The Choir Festival is open to members between the ages of 11 and 30 who hold valid membership cards. The choir must have a minimum of 10 members.

### **Marking Scale/ Timing/ Penalties**

- A musical expert will attend to assess the Choirs and to offer advice for future years.
- 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, 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.

### **Newcomer**

For a Club to be classified as a Newcomer, it was agreed by the 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 for the Newcomer Award but if one of the clubs was an established Club they couldn't be classed as a newcomer.

### **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.

### **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.