



Young Farmers'
Clubs of Ulster

Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster
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Competition

Machinery Handling

This competition is to determine the best tractor drivers in each club and county as well as the best tractor handlers in the YFCU. A fun competition that can bring some friendly rivalry and competition between club members, clubs, and counties.

This competition aims to drive and reverse a tractor and implement around a designated course as fast and as safely as possible without the tractor or implement touching the course markers. This competition takes place in April with the finals taking place at the Balmoral Show (Thursday Show Day). Each County will hold its heat to determine the top two fastest times to represent the County at the finals.

Eligibility

This competition is open to fully paid and transit YFCU members. Members must be 18 – 30.

Closing Date

The closing date for entries will be provided by HQ to club officials.

Prizes

The winning County will be awarded the Tractor Handling Shield at the Balmoral Show.

Marking Scale

- Each participant will be timed as they drive around the course and reverse back to the start. Time will be added to the participant's time if

they touch the course marker with the tractor or implement. Time will also be added on if the participant is judged to be driving dangerously.

- The top two participants in each county will then go through to the YFCU Finals at Balmoral Show where their tractor skills will be tested once again but this time in front of a much larger crowd.
- This is an individual event that turns into a team event because at the finals the two competitors from each county will be working together to win the title of Tractor Handling Champions for their county by competing against the other five counties for the trophy.

Additional Information

- The number of entries per club at each county heat will be decided by each county committee prior to the competition.
- It will be the decision of each county committee or an independent adjudicator on how the course will be laid out.
- It will also be the decision of each county committee or an independent adjudicator on how the scoring system will work.
- Each competitor should be made aware of the course layout and should be given clear instructions on what is required of them.
- Each competitor should also be made aware of the scoring system. E.g., how much time they get added on if the wheel of the tractor or implement touches the course marker.

Protests

See Protests in General Rules Section.

Discipline

Appoint one person in the Club who will be responsible for their Club members' behaviour during the event.

Prize

1st: Cup