



Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster
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Competition	Soil Assessment
Sponsor	Fane Valley

In this competition, members must demonstrate their ability in judging soil samples. Competitors must review and compare two soil samples and complete a questionnaire to assess their soil knowledge.

This competition takes place in October in tandem with the area/county Floral Art competition. The competition will take place from 7pm; anyone competing in the Floral Art Competition will have the opportunity after the competition to complete their soil assessment, while the judges are scoring the floral arrangements. Exact dates and venues will be distributed to Secretaries/Leaders by HQ.

The first stage takes place at county level within area heats. The second stage, which is the final, takes place online where the top two junior and two senior members from each county heat demonstrate their knowledge on soil to a judge.

Eligibility

Open to members aged 11 – 30 years old. Participants must hold a valid full or transit YFCU membership. Competitors may take part only in the Classes for which they are qualified by age. Junior classes are for ages 11–18 and senior classes are for members aged 18–30.

Marking Scheme / Timing

- Members will find two soil profile boxes with a different sample in each. Beside each soil profile box, there will be a bucket of soil

matching the sample that the competitors can handle to better assess.

- Competitors will scan a QR code linked to the competition questionnaire. Members must complete all questions and submit their answers based on the two soil samples in front of them on that evening.
- A maximum of 100 marks will be awarded for each profile, based on the replies given by the competitor.
- The two junior and two senior members with the highest scores in each county will progress to the finals.
- HQ will also have paper copies available in the event of any technical issues.

Checklist of things to bring with you on the day:

- A charged mobile phone to complete the questionnaire online (paper copies are available if required)

Proficiencies

Proficiencies are awarded at area level.

Prizes

A cup for first prize.

Discipline

Clubs must appoint one person to be responsible for their members' behaviour.

Protests

See Protests in General Rules Section. The Executive Committee of the YFCU reserves the right to cancel or amend any of the foregoing rules as it may consider necessary.