



## NATIONAL YOUNG STARS EVENT

21 – 22 AUGUST 2018

# Stockjudging Guidelines

National Young Stars offers competitors a new concept in stockjudging competition procedure, by placing more emphasis on stock selection, reason giving and therefore the skills of ability, understanding and communication.

### **PROCEDURE**

Competitors will view six animals for 15 minutes and then nominate the two that least fit the desired criteria. Of the remaining four, competitors will place them in order of merit, the best first and so on. This order will be submitted on the scorecard. *The animals will be identified A, B, C, X, Y and Z.*

Notes can be made by the competitors on the card provided to aid them in preparing a two minute set of reasons for their chosen order. These verbal reasons will be presented to the competition judge in the time honoured Young Farmers Club method and will be judged as such. For this the standard Young Farmers Club Rules apply and are available on request. *Time penalties will apply in the Reasoning section at the rate of a deduction of 2 marks for each fifteen seconds (or part thereof) that a competitor exceeds the allotted two minutes.*

### **SCORING**

The National Young Stars scorecard will be used and provided for competitors.

#### **Placing Scores of the two unplaced animals**

For nominating the Judge's 6<sup>th</sup> choice animal 15

For nominating the Judge's 5<sup>th</sup> choice animal 10

#### **Reasons**

Style, Ability and Time 10

Comparative (*not Descriptive Statement*) 15

Accuracy of Observation 25

**Total Maximum 75**

For the National Young Stars event, this scoring system will be used for the individual competitors in the Auctioneer and Butcher sections. It will also apply to the principal competitor giving reasons in the livestock team events. Other livestock exhibitors will judge under the same system and their respective placing scores (25 points each maximum) will be used for the final totals.





# Example Set of Reasons

**NATIONAL YOUNG STARS STOCK JUDGING PLACING CARD**

COMPETITORS NAME/NO.: 05

TEAM: ROUGH + BUMPY

SPECIES/RING: FINISHED LAMBS

COMPETITORS CHOICES:

**NATIONAL YOUNG STARS STOCK JUDGING**

SPECIES/RING: FINISHED LAMBS

COMPETITORS NOTES

UNPLACED EXHIBITS						MAXIMUM MARKS	MARKS GAINED
B Z						15	15
Z Y						10	—
1st	A	2nd	X	3rd	Y	4th	C
STYLE AND ABILITY						10	8
A COMPARATIVE (NOT DESCRIPTIVE) STATEMENT						15	12
ACCURACY OF OBSERVATIONS						25	20
SUBTOTAL						75	55
LESS TIME FAULTS						— SECS	
TOTAL							55

FOLD & TEAR

**A** Male  
Bal + Comp +  
SH → LOIN +  
LEG - CHUMP++  
DOCK FLEECE +

**X** DARK HD  
COMP++  
LEG++  
MUSC D++  
MEAT 2 BONE +

**Y** LW++  
CARC WT +  
K.O.% +  
FIN - SALEABLE

**C** TAG --  
EWE  
K.O.% -  
FLESHING +

B + Z UNPLACED - FIN --

Judge, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In assessing this ring of finished lambs I placed the top four in the order of A,X,Y and C, B and Z I did not place.

A, was easily the best lamb on-show today. It was a male lamb and possessed the best balance, conformation and finish for today's mass trade. It had suited width over the top of the shoulder. The shoulder area was neat but well meated. It carried the best spring of rib and fullness through the loin. The lambs legs were well filled and especially in the chump area. The animal handled well in the dock and over the ribs and together with its tight fleece presented itself to be the best of the class.

X, was my second choice. The darker headed lamb. This animal beat off the competition of those placed below it because of its superior conformation and especially of its leg which was the very best of the class. With its extra depth of muscling, this lamb was ahead because it was always going to yield better with improved meat to bone ratio and therefore be more saleable for the retail trade.

Y, was in third place. The impressive feature of this lamb was its great length which was the best of the class and certainly better than the lambs below it. This allowed the lamb to produce a better carcass weight and certainly because of its associated clean-lines a better killing-out percentage. The fineness of head and cleanliness of bone also assisted here. This lamb could have potentially carried a little more finish for perfection but it was saleable.

C, was my fourth placing. This wasn't the best presented lamb, in fact it was missing one of its ear tags, but it was well meated and would produce a saleable carcass. This ewe lamb would not produce as high a killing out percentage as those placed previously but did excel in most areas over the two lambs unplaced, particularly in her depth of firm fleshing.

B and Z failed to make the standard of my placed lambs because they both required more finish and even then, and particularly B may not of been so superior.

These Judge are my brief reasons for placing the four best lambs A, X, Y and C.