



NATIONAL YOUNG STARS

20-21 AUGUST 2019

PIG CHALLENGE

(OPEN TO PURE OR CROSS BRED GILTS)



A competitive challenge devised to further the skills of young stock enthusiasts and to enable them to display their abilities in a range of pig keeping and presentation techniques.

TEAM NAME	
Breed of animal being shown	
1st Competitor Name Date of Birth Address Telephone/Mobile Email Address Jacket/Shirt Size	
2nd Competitor Name Date of Birth Address Telephone/Mobile Email Address Jacket/Shirt Size	
3rd Competitor Name Date of Birth Address Telephone/Mobile Email Address Jacket/Shirt Size	

SPONSOR/S INFORMATION

TEAM SPONSOR NAME(S)	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	
EMAIL	
SIGNATURE	

ENTRY FEE: £100 (incl VAT) per team.

This entry form and an accompanying cheque to be returned to the National Young Stars Event Organiser at Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6NW by no later than Monday 15th July 2019. Cheques must be made payable to 'TCAS' (VAT Reg Number: 729 8485 77). A charge of £25 will be made for any returned or refused cheques.



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ENTRY GUIDELINES



The pig challenge is open to a team of three competitors aged between 8 and 26 years in the year of the event (born between the 1 January 1993 and 21 August 2011) and must include one individual under the age of 16 (born after 21 August 2003). Each team will provide and work with two gilts; each of them under 12 months of age on the day of the event. No boars are permitted. Either pure or cross-bred gilts can be entered into the competition. Competitors' ages will be checked before the event. Confirmation of entry will be sent upon receipt of full entry form and payment.

OUTLINE OF COMPETITION:

- During the challenge competitors will be expected to demonstrate skills such as teamwork, knowledge of the industry, understanding of health and safety when dealing with animals and equipment and preparation techniques which will include washing, drying and final presentation of their animal. Other elements of the challenge will include a stockjudging task, industry skillathon, a sausage making workshop, a public interview (one member of the team) and the practice of ringcraft (the other two members of the team).
- The teams are to gather funds from a sponsor(s) to fund their entry fee and also any extras they may wish to add such as accommodation fee, presentation/promotional stand materials, branded clothing, etc. The team can have **multiple** sponsors to cover their costs and are responsible for securing them. A sponsor could come from any area of the livestock industry and doesn't necessarily need to be a breed society.
- Each team will provide and work with two gilts; each of them under 12 months of age on the day of the event. No boars are permitted. Either pure or cross-bred gilts can be entered into the competition. Please note at no point in the show is the conformation of the animal judged.
- Each team has a 3m x 2m space which are the **maximum** dimensions to be used for the presentation/promotional display. A 3m (w) x 1m (d) x 2.4m (h) white shell scheme will be provided by the committee as a backboard. A 1.8m x 1.8m pen will also be provided to display the pigs.
- The presentation stands will promote the team, their breed, the broader pork industry and the sponsors that have helped support the competitors' experience. *Please note there is a theme for stands that is '**Our Journey to Young Stars**' which should reflect how you have worked as a team, the work you have done to prepare for the show, working with your sponsors, etc.
- There will be a special award for the best under 16 competitor in the section which will be judged on all areas of the competition and will also recognise an individual who shows great promise for the future.

ENTRY FEE: An entry fee of £100 (incl VAT) is payable per team and must accompany a completed entry form. The closing date will be Monday 15th July 2019.

GUIDE TIMETABLE: From the time competitors and their animals arrive on site the stewards will observe the actions of the teams and their work leading up to the challenge. A full breakdown of the available points will be provided in the exhibitor packs which will follow with confirmation of entry.

Competitors may arrive on Tuesday 20th August from 9.30am to set up their promotional stands*. The stockjudging tasks and skillathon will start at 3.00pm that day, followed by food and evening entertainment which will take place from 6.00pm onwards.

On Wednesday 21st August the event will start at approximately 9.00am and finish at 5.00pm following the awards ceremony which all competitors are required to attend.

*Please note promotional stands can be set up at any time from when the competitors arrive as long as they are ready to be judged by 9.00am on Wednesday 21st August.

FURTHER CONDITIONS:

- The washing, drying and preparation of the pigs will take place in the allotted time and areas. Judges will be present throughout the proceedings and may ask questions of team members. All competitors must follow the instruction of the section stewards and judges.
- Points may be deducted at the discretion of stewards and the event Chairman with regards to outside interference, health & safety issues and general behaviour of team members.
- The pigs must not have been prepared prior to the event but can, if required, arrive in a cleaned up state.
- The pigs do not have to be the property of the team members or team sponsors but must be under the sole responsibility of the competitors for the duration of the event. The competitors must also have valid paperwork for the animals under their care which should be handed into the Stock Stewards Hut upon arrival.
- All feedstuffs and feeding equipment must be provided by the team. An amount of straw will be available.
- All electrical equipment should have been tested by an approved electrical engineer prior to the event. A power source will be provided for each team entered.
- Competitors will not be allowed outside assistance throughout the course of the event with the exception of unloading on arrival.
- Please note that the stockjudging rules differ from the standard NFYFC rules and a set of guidelines can be found on the National Young Stars website and will also be included in the exhibitor pack.
- White show coats should be worn for the stockjudging challenge, but are not mandatory for any other section.
- All competitors under the age of 18 must be supervised by a parent or nominated adult at all times (day and night) during the event.

DATA STORAGE: Entry forms for the National Young Stars event may be obtained from the show's website or via the administration team at the Three Counties Agricultural Society, Malvern. No entry will be accepted unless made on the prescribed form, signed by a team manager (an individual over 18 who will enter and coordinate the team) and accompanied by the correct fees.

Information from the entry forms will be stored on computers and the name, address and details of entries will be published in the catalogue, unless otherwise advised; information about results may also be published and/or provided to the press and breed societies for publication. Information about exhibitors may also be passed on to any regulatory authority such as DEFRA or Trading Standards, as well as the Society's veterinary advisers. The submission of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.

APPROPRIATE GENERAL RULES AND CONDITIONS APPLY. THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES AND CHIEF STEWARD WILL BE FINAL.