

Classification: Open to a team of three competitors aged between 8 and 21 years in the year of the event (i.e. born between the 1st January 1996 and 31st December 2008), with at least one competitor being under 15 (born on or after 1st January 2002). Competitors' ages may be checked. As many teams as possible will be accommodated to enable the show to give a wide coverage of today's British pig industry. Places will be awarded on a first come first served basis together with the discretion of the organisers whose decision is final. Confirmation of entry will be notified by 17th July 2017, together with guidelines for the competitors. Skills expected to be demonstrated include washing, dressing, final presentation and sausage making. A stockjudging task will be included as will the discipline of pig handling by two members of the team while the other will participate in a public interview. The interview may take place at any appropriate point of the day. The promotion stands will also be judged throughout the course of the day with no specific time.

Entry Fees: An entry fee of £100 (incl VAT) is payable per team and must accompany a completed entry form. The closing date will be Monday 10th July 2017.

Procedure:

1. The teams are to be entered by groups such as breed societies or associations, marketing outfits or other industry supporters. These groups will act as 'Team Sponsors'.
2. Each team will provide and work with two gilts, pure or cross-bred; each of them under 12 months of age on the day of the event. No boars are permitted. Arrival of stock and stand building can commence from 7.30am on Tuesday 22nd August 2017.
3. Each team will be allocated an area of about 1.8m wide by 1.8m deep and to a height of 2.4m along with a 2x2m shell scheme. These dimensions are the maximum area in which they can present the pigs and promotional material. These dimensions will be confirmed at the time of confirmation of entry. Additional adjacent space will be available for kit storage. Competing teams must not encroach upon space of other competitors.
4. A sausage making workshop will be included in the 2017 event which will be completed by all exhibitors in this challenge. You will be instructed on the day and marked on your ability to follow instructions.
5. Teams will be instructed by the stewards with regard to the timings of the various sections of the competition.
6. Competitors will be identified by numbers issued for the duration of the event.

Guide Timetable: From the time competitors and their animals arrive on site, the stewards will observe the actions of the teams as to their work and preparation leading up to the start of the challenge. An anonymous scrutineer for your challenge will award points accordingly for this section. In effect, teams will therefore be competing from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the event.

Tuesday 22nd August

Arrival from 7.30am, stockjudging to take place at 4.00pm. Evening entertainment will begin at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 23rd August

The day will start at 8.00am until 5.00pm with the competition finishing at the discretion of the chief steward.

(Further timings to be included in the exhibitor pack).

Marking System:

The Scrutineer	150
Preparation & Presentation	275
Pen Presentation & Promotion	225
Stock Judging Placing and Reasons	125
Pig Handling & Ring Etiquette	125
Interview	100
Sausage making workshop	100
Total max available per team	1100

(More information will be included in the exhibitor pack)

Further Conditions:

1. The washing, drying, clipping and preparation of pigs will take place in the allotted and enclosed areas. Judges will be present throughout the proceedings and may ask questions of the team members. All competitors must follow the instruction of the Chief Steward and Judges.
2. The pigs do not have to be the property of the team members or the team sponsors, but must be under the sole responsibility of the team members for the duration of the competition.
3. The pigs must not have been prepared prior to the event but can, if desired, can arrive in a cleaned up state.
4. All feedstuffs and feeding equipment must be provided by the team. An amount of straw will be available.
5. All electrical equipment should have been tested by an approved electrical engineer prior to the event. A power source will be provided.
6. Competitors will not be allowed outside assistance other than that given by the Young Stars Stewards and at their discretion.

Appropriate General Rules and Conditions apply

The decisions of the Judges and Chief Steward will be final.



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