



NATIONAL YOUNG STARS EVENT

21 – 22 AUGUST 2018

BEEF CHALLENGE

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

TEAM NAME	
Breed of animal being shown (Pedigree breed or commercial cross)	
1st Competitor Name Date of Birth Address Telephone/Mobile Email Address Jacket/Shirt Size Interviewee []	
2nd Competitor Name Date of Birth Address Telephone/Mobile Email Address Jacket/Shirt Size Interviewee []	
3rd Competitor Name Date of Birth Address Telephone/Mobile Email Address Jacket/Shirt Size Interviewee []	

SPONSOR INFORMATION

TEAM SPONSOR NAME(S)	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	
EMAIL	
SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE	

ENTRY FEE: £150 (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 16th July 2018.

Cheques must be made payable to 'TCAS' (VAT Reg Number: 729 8485 77).

ENTRY GUIDELINES

The beef challenge is open to a team of three competitors aged between 14 and 26 years in the year of the event (born between the 1 January 1992 and 21 August 2004) and must include one individual under the age of 18 (born after 21 August 2000). 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, clipping, dressing and final presentation of their animal. Other elements of the challenge will include a stockjudging task, industry skillathon, carcass identification quiz, a public interview (one member of the team) and the practice of ringcraft (the two other 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/promotion 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 cattle; each of them under 24 months of age on the day of the event. Only steers or heifers are permitted. Both pedigree and commercial breeds can be entered.
- Each team will be supplied with a 3 x 1m shell scheme to be used as the base for the presentation/promotion stand and a 3 x 3.7m space to display cattle. Dimensions will be confirmed in the exhibitor packs and space will be available for kit outside of the presentation area.
- The presentation stands will promote the team, their breed, the broader beef industry and the sponsors that have helped support the competitors' experience. A theme has been created for 2018 which will also need to feature on the presentation stand and provide information on the following topic '**British Beef Farming – What does the future hold?**'. This is a generic theme and the interpretation of the theme can be as vague or as detailed as the team would like.
- 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 £150 (incl VAT) is payable per team and must accompany a completed entry form. The closing date will be Monday 16th July 2018.

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. An anonymous scrutineer will award points accordingly for this section and will be a part of the final challenge score. 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 21st August from 9.30am to set up their promotional stands. The stockjudging tasks, carcass identification quiz and skillathon will start at 4.00pm that day, followed by food and evening entertainment which will take place from 7.00pm onwards. On Wednesday 22nd 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.

FURTHER CONDITIONS:

- The washing, drying, clipping and preparation of the cattle 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 Chief Steward and Judges.
- The cattle must not have been clipped prior to the event but can, if required, arrive in a cleaned up state (washing is acceptable, but no clipping).
- A TB pre-movement test with a negative result within 60 days of arrival at the show will be required for ALL cattle, except under 42 days of age. A copy of the certificate must accompany the animals and be available for inspection on arrival at the show.
- The cattle 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.
- White show coats should be worn for the stockjudging challenge, but are not mandatory for any other section.

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.