**Aim of Competition**

For members to work on stocksmanship and learn to keep a record of the cost of keeping an animal. The competition is designed to give experience of showing an animal.

**Eligibility** - Competitors must be aged 28 or under on 1st September 2022 and hold a current valid membership card.

**Number of entries per club** – Unlimited

**Classes** - Dairy Heifers - Bucket Fed Heifers - Bucket Fed Bullocks - Suckled Heifers - Suckled Bullocks

**Rules**

1. Members may enter as many calves as they wish but must keep a record book for each - £10 cash deposit required for each entry to be handed in with intention to enter form

(£10 refundable deposit following show).

1. Calves must be born between 1st November 2022 and 31st March 2023
2. Calves can be:

a. Heifers for the dairy class

b. Heifers or bullocks for the bucket fed classes

c. Heifers or bullocks for the suckled classes

1. Calves may be home bred or bought in
2. All bull calves MUST be castrated (date recorded in Calf Book)
3. All calves must be dehorned with the exception of those breeds meant to have horns (this must be agreed with County Office, R&C Chairman and Calf Club Judge on entry to the competition). Date of dehorning to be recorded in Calf Book
4. A record book (issued by county office) must be kept for each calf and started either on the date of the calf’s birth or date of purchase. **The record book must be completed up to the Judge’s last visit and be handed in at that visit.**
5. A judge will visit each competing member (with prior notification) twice during the competition, once at the end of May and once in July/August. During the first visit ear tags will be checked, Record Books will be checked and the judge may ask questions on any area of rearing the calf (feeding/housing/handling etc). During the second Visit ear tags will be checked, Record Books will be checked, the judge will ask the calf to be lead out on a halter by the competing member and the judge may ask questions on any area of rearing the calf (feeding/housing/handling etc)
6. Scores during visits will be awarded as follows

a. Conformation of Calf (relative to age of calf) 25

b. Stocksmanship (including housing, feeding and handling) 25

c. Record Book 25

1. Calves must be easily located for the judges visit
2. Calves will be taken to Darlington Mart for the final competition date tbc end of September. *No participation in the show will be considered as a withdrawal from the competition and £10 deposit will not be returned.* Calves only at show day, no cows (mothers) please!
3. Scores at show day will be awarded as follows

a. Presentation and Handling 25

b. Conformation of Animal 25

1. County Office and R&C Chairman must be noticed if a calf dies or a calf develops any ‘problem/ailment’ that may affect them attending the show or a judge visiting
2. *Any deviation from these rules will be at the discretion of the judge and County office and R&C Chairman must be informed*

**Awards**

* For throughout the year are (certificates and Rosettes awarded), Best Suckled Heifer, Best Suckled Bullock, Best Dairy Calf ,Best Bucket Fed Bullock, Best Bucket fed Heifer, Best Dairy Stockman (Trophy), Best Beef Stockman (Trophy), Best record Book, Best overall through the year
* For Show Day are (trophies and rosettes awarded), Best Suckled Heifer and Handler, Best Suckled Bullock and Handler, Best Dairy Calf and Handler, Best Bucket Fed Bullock and Handler, Best Bucket fed Heifer and Handler, Champion and Reserve Champion