**Stock Judging Rules**

**Eligibility**

**Junior**: The competitor must be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2019

**Intermediate**: The competitor must be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2019

**Senior**: The competitor must be 26 years of age or under on 1st September 2019

All must be a full member of a club affiliated to NFYFC.

Competitors will be required to produce their current and signed membership card.

Over 18s will be required to present another form of ID.

**Procedure**

Competitors will be required to judge and give reasons on a ring of 4 (Juniors) or 4/6 (Intermediate and Senior) stock.

Animals will be designated A B X Y or A B C X Y Z.

All competitors must provide and wear a white coat, which must be worn during the period of the competition.

Throughout the competition, competitors must not communicate directly or indirectly with any person other than Judges and Stewards under penalty of disqualification.

Members of the public will not be allowed in the judging area.

Cards will be supplied to each competitor on which must be marked the order the competitor places the animals. Only the tear-off section of the card may be used for making notes.

During the competition, no other papers or literature may be used.

Members will then go onto a 2nd pen where they will be required just to place 4 animals.

**Timing**

**4 Animal Ring:** Competitors will be allowed 10 minutes for inspection and handling of the stock, before handing in their placing card, then 5 further minutes to write reasons.

Each competitor will be allowed up to 2 minutes for stating their reasons. Competitors exceeding this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of 2 marks for each 15 seconds or part thereof. The marks will be deducted from their total score.

**6 Animal Ring:** Competitors will be allowed 15 minutes for inspection and handling of the stock, before handing in their placing card, then 5 further minutes to write reasons.

Each competitor will be allowed up to 3 minutes for stating their reasons. Competitors exceeding this time limit will incur penalties at the rate of 2 marks for each 15 seconds or part thereof. The marks will be deducted from their total score.

**Scale of Marks**

Placing x 50

Reasons x 50

Total 100

**Health & Safety & Child Protection**

All competitions at County Stock Judging day will be Risk Assessed to ensure the safety of competitors, supporters and guests. Competitors should be aware of relevant Health & Safety issues and thus follow the instructions of judges and stewards at all times.

**Parental & Medical Consent Form**

The completion of a Parental & Medical Consent Form for all members under the age of 18, (and Supervisory Member Form making an accompanying member over 18 responsible), is the responsibility of the Club.

**The Parental & Medical Consent Form must be available at the County Stock Judging day and will be requested when booking in for the competition.**