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2025 Moss Vale Show Young Farmers Challenge Entry Form

The Moss Vale & District A H & I Society Inc is holding an Australian Young Farmer Challenge, in a fast-paced, agricultural skills-based competition where teams of young men and women battle it out to take home the champion title and a share in the prize money.

When: Saturday 22nd March 2025

Where: Moss Vale Showground

Entry Fee: \$ 25.00 per team

How to Enter: Get your team of 4 together, complete the application entry form and return to Alissa Parker at mossvaleshow2@gmail.com OR to the show office prior to the event.

After more info? Contact: Alissa Parker at the above email address, or on 0447 847 772

Australian Young Farmer Challenge – Application for Entry Form

The team must consist of FOUR (4) members, including both males and females (min 1 of each sex) between the ages of 18 and 35.

Team Name:

Team Captain:

(The captain will be the person of contact for team for the entire competition)

Contact Number:

Email:

Name of Team Member

DOB

Sex (M/F)

1 (Cptn)

2

3

4

The first eight applications received before 3pm on 22nd March 2025 will be accepted to participate in the challenge.

I, as team captain have read and agreed to the Rules and Regulations for the Moss Vale Show Australian Young Farmer Challenge available online at www.mossvaleshowssociety.com.au

Captains Name:

Captains Signature:

Date:

AYFC Rules and Regulations

Interpretation

1. In these Regulations, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent there with:

ASA means Agricultural Shows Australia.

ASA Member means an agricultural show organisation who is a current ASA Core Member.

Animal Welfare Policy means the ASA Animal Welfare Policy.

Australian Young Farmer Challenge (AYFC) means the overarching young farmer challenge Competition series from local Competitions, through to a national Competition.

Competition means a contest between like Competitors, including heats and finals.

Competitor means an individual member of the competing Team.

Final means the last Competition, to decide the winner of the AYFC.

Heat means the Competition to decide which Teams are eligible to compete in the Final.

Host State means the State Show that is hosting the National AYFC.

Australian Young Farmer Challenge Local means the Competition hosted at a Local Show.

Local Show means any town or community based agricultural show, recognised by the State/Territory-based governing body and/or ASA Member.

Australian Young Farmer Challenge National means the highest level of AYFC Competition, consisting of teams representing each state or territory of Australia.

Australian Young Farmer Challenge Regional means the heats and final of the AYFC Regional Competitions.

Australian Young Farmer Challenge State means the heats and/or final of the AYFC State Competition, to be hosted by the State Show or an ASA Member Show or Society. The State YFC may be the final of a Regional YFC.

State Show means the agricultural show that is the highest level of competition in any given State or Territory (typically the capital city show), as recognised by the ASA (and is an ASA Member).

Team means the entrant into the Competition, consisting of 4 people. Teams must include both male and female Competitors. All female or all male teams are not eligible to compete.

Working Group means the ASA Next Gen National AYFC Working Group.

AYFC – Nomenclature and Branding

Competition Name: Australian Young Farmer Challenge.

National Competition Name:

ASA Australian Young Farmer Challenge National Final.

ASA Australian Young Farmer Challenge National Heat (if required).

2. It is recommended that all levels of competition use the below prefix and suffix nomenclature.

"Society Name" Australian Young Farmer Challenge "Competition Level"

State Name Example:

RAS of NSW Australian Young Farmer Challenge State Competition

RAS of NSW Australian Young Farmer Challenge State Final

RAS of NSW Australian Young Farmer Challenge State Heat



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Regional Name Example:

ASC of NSW Australian Young Farmer Challenge Regional Competition

ASC of NSW Australian Young Farmer Challenge Group 3 Regional Final

ASC of NSW Australian Young Farmer Challenge Group 3 Regional Heat

Local Name Example:

Cessnock Agricultural Show Australian Young Farmer Challenge Competition.

3. The Australian Young Farmer Challenge logo (below) will be available to all levels of competition and will be made available in multiple formats via the AYFC website.



AYFC Regulations – National Structure

4. National AYFC

- a. The National AYFC Competition will be hosted each year by a State Show.
- b. The opportunity to host the National AYFC Competition will be rotated between the State Show's.
- c. Each year the National AYFC Competition will be held in accordance with these AYFC Rules and Regulations and the AYFC special regulations of the Host State. Where there are discrepancies between the Host State's special regulations and the AYFC Rules and Regulations, the AYFC Rules and Regulations will prevail.
- d. No more than ONE (1) Team will be eligible to represent each state or territory of Australia.

5. State AYFC

- a. The State AYFC Competitions will be hosted annual by each State Show.
- b. The development and implementation of State AYFC rules and regulations are the responsibility of each individual State Show.
- c. State Shows should consider these AYFC Rules and Regulations when developing their State's regulations to ensure their representing State Team is eligible to compete at the National AYFC.

- d. The winning Team of the State AYFC is typically selected as the qualifying Team to represent the State or Territory.
- e. State Competition Compulsory Challenge Inclusions: Whilst the inclusion of certain machinery and agricultural sectors is not compulsory for a State competition, it is encouraged to ensure the calibre of competitors for the National Final is of a high standard.
- f. The State AYFC total cash prize money must not exceed \$500 per competitor.
- g. There is no limit to in-kind prizes (such as travel, product prizes and education bursaries).
- h. Attainment of insurances and competitor waivers for the State AYFC competitions is the responsibility of the individual competition organisers.

6. Regional and Local AYFC

- a. Regional and Local AYFC Competitions are hosted at the discretion of the State or Local Show committee.
- b. The development and implementation of Regional and Local AYFC rules and regulations are the responsibility of each individual Local or State Show.
- c. Local Shows should consider these AYFC Rules and Regulations and the rules and regulations of their State AYFC Competition when developing their AYFC rules and regulations, to ensure their representing team is eligible to compete at the State AYFC.
- d. The recognition of Regional and Local qualification Competitions for State AYFC Competitions are at the discretion of each individual State and Territory. Please contact your AYFC Working Group representative for more information about qualification competitions specific to each State and Territory.
- e. A Regional AYFC Heat or Final may be held at a Local Show as a culmination of local competitions from a group, district or community (E.G.: ASC of NSW Group 5 may host a Regional (i.e.: group) Heat and Final at a Local Show, to choose a representative Team for the State Final). Regional AYFC Competitions may be held at the State Show, prior to the State AYFC Competition.
- f. The Regional or Local AYFC total cash prize money must not exceed \$500 per competitor.
- g. There is no limit to in-kind prizes (such as travel, product prizes and education bursaries).
- h. Attainment of insurances and competitor waivers for State and Regional AYFC competitions is the responsibility of the individual competition organisers. Committees are advised to contact the State Working Group representative, and the Show insurance provider for further details.

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AYFC Regulations - National Competition Specifics

7. Eligible Teams:

To be eligible to compete in the National YFC, Teams must:

- a. Have submitted their application for entry (or via their State AYFC Coordinator) to the National AYFC Coordinator in the Host State within one (1) month of winning the State Final.
- b. Consist of four (4) Competitors.
- c. Have both male and female competitors. All female or all male teams are not eligible to enter.
- d. Have Competitors with minimum skills. One (1) member of each team is required to meet each of the following criteria for entry:
 - i) Hold a current drivers licence recognised by an Australian State or Territory.
 - ii) Be capable of hitching a trailer to a car and backing the trailer.
 - iii) Be competent at driving a tractor.
 - iv) Have experience in driving an all-terrain vehicle (ATV).
 - v) Be experienced in using a chainsaw.
 - vi) Be competent at handling livestock, including horses, sheep and cattle.

NOTE: Should a team have concerns that any of their members cannot meet the above criteria, they should refer their entry to their State representative.

- e. One reserve Competitor may be nominated by each team at the time of the State AYFC Competition. This reserve Competitor may act as a substitute for the National AYFC Competition in the event a Competitor is unable to attend the National AYFC competition. Substitutions must be review and accepted by the Working Group for the National AYFC Competition.

8. Eligible Competitors:

To be eligible to compete in the National YFC, Competitors must:

- a. Have Competitors aged between 18 and 35 years of age on the day the National AYFC takes place. Competitors may be required to provide proof of age.
- b. Have won their State AYFC Competition in the year preceding the National competition. If the winning team is unavailable to attend, the reserve placed team may compete in their place.

- c. Not have previously contested another State AYFC Final in the same Competition year.
- d. Competitors must reside in the State they are representing for the National YFC Competition or be within 50km of their State's border.
- e. Compete at their own risk.
- f. Undertake all Competition activities in a safe manner.
- g. Not be immediate family members or partners of:
- h. Competition Officials.
- i. Working Group members.
- j. ASA National Next Gen Committee members.

NOTE: If this situation arises, the competitor must declare this conflict of interest to the competition organisers which will then be taken to the National Steering Committee for discussion.

- k. Wear appropriate clothing to compete in the National AYFC Competition.

9. Compulsory National AYFC Challenges

- a. The National AYFC must include a theory-based section to test competitor knowledge. The type of theory-based challenge is at the discretion of the Host State.
- b. The National AYFC must include a minimum of 7 challenges run consecutively
- c. The National AYFC may include the following types of machinery:
 - i. Tractors
 - ii. Chainsaws
 - iii. Motorbikes or ATV's (two-wheel or four-wheel)
- d. The following agricultural sectors must be reflected in the challenges of a National AYFC Final:
 - i. An animal industry
 - ii. Grains or Horticulture Industry

10. Competition Prize Money

- a. There is no limit to cash prize money for the National AYFC
- b. There is no limit to in-kind prizes (such as travel, product prizes and education bursaries).

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AYFC Regulations- Regional and Local Competition Specifics

11.Competition Guidelines

- a. The winning Team will be the Team that completes all the challenges correctly, in a safe manner and in the fastest time.
- b. Each Team will have a dedicated judge that watches each challenge of the Competition. The Judge will determine when the Team is permitted to move onto the next challenge. The Judge's decision is final.
- c. The Team will be permitted to progress when each challenge has been completed correctly and safely.
- d. The Team must complete every challenge safely and using the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- e. Any errors made during each challenge will result in the Team having to re-do the challenge to complete it correctly, or receive a time penalty, based on the nature of the challenge.
- f. Teams can incur a time penalty for safety breaches.
- g. Teams may be disqualified in the event of a multiple safety breaches and/or dangerous activity affecting Competitors, Officials or spectators.

12.Risk, Release, Indemnity & Insurance

- a. The management of Risk, Release and Indemnity for participants in AYFC competitions is the responsibility of the Competition organisers.
- b. Competition organisers may produce a series of risk, health and safety documents. An example of the 'Competitor Waiver Form' used by the ASC of NSW has been provided as Appendix 9. Competition organisers are encouraged to use this document as a guide only and seek advice from their insurance providers and legal advisors as to the most suitable waiver form for their individual competition.
- c. Attainment of insurances for AYFC competitions is the responsibility of individual competition organisers. Competition organisers are encouraged seek advice from their insurance providers and own legal advisors for the coverage required for Competitors.

13.Animal Welfare

- a. If hosting an AYFC event, be aware of and adhere to the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines, notably but not restricted to the Land Transportation of Livestock and Model Codes of Practice for the Welfare of Animals.
- b. In addition, National, State, Regional and Local AYFC competitions must adhere to the animal welfare policy of the Host Show.
- c. The RAS of NSW AYFC Animal Welfare Guidelines for use of live animals is included for your reference (appendix 5).

14.Risk Assessments

- a. It is essential for a risk assessment be carried out on each individual challenge included in AYFC. Control measures identified to minimise risks must be adopted.
- b. An example risk assessment template is included (appendix 8). Please contact your State representative to ensure the risk assessment procedure is followed in your State.

