



RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2018/2019 CONTEST SEASON

1. To be eligible the Contestant must:
 - a) Be an affiliated member of NZYF at the time of the competition (aged 16 years and over and under 31 years of age as at the 1st October in that contest season).
 - b) Enter the District Contest and Skills Day for the District that their membership sits (exceptions only with Contest Board approval and/or if the District Contest and Skills Day is announced 'Open').
 - c) TeenAg members are still eligible to enter District Contest and Skills Day however if they wish to progress through to the Regional Final, they will be required to upgrade their membership to become a NZYF member.
 - d) Have not previously contested a District Contest and Skills Day this Contest year.
 - e) Not have won a previous Grand Final of the Contest.
 - f) Not have contested a Grand Final more than once before.
 - g) Entry closing dates are final and not a guideline.

2. The Contestant:
 - a) Competes at their own risk.
 - b) Must undertake all Contest activities in a safe manner.
 - c) Must be competent in the use of and aware of safety issues relating to ATV, chainsaw and machinery use etc. Contestants may ask for guidance if not competent in these areas and points will be adjusted accordingly.
 - d) The Contestant must enter in the district in which their club is associated. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the Contest Board but must be communicated ahead of entries closing to be considered. If enough consideration and effort is not made to notify the Event Manager at least 14 days prior to the closing date and gain approval by the Contest Board then you will not be allowed to compete.
 - e) University students may return to their "home" region to compete if the contest aligns with holidays, however the first region they compete in during their period of study is the region they must compete in for the remainder of the time they study

3. At any level of the Contest, no Contest Board members can compete in the Contest (except to have a go at district level for fun, in which case they cannot place or win prizes).

4. At any level of the contest, if family members or partners of contest organisers wish to compete, they must declare this conflict of interest with the National office prior to the event. This conflict will be discussed, and the contestant will be notified of the decision.

5. If a competitor withdraws from a Regional Final, they must advise NZYF Contest Board in writing of their withdrawal immediately, or within four (4) weeks of regional final. Any competitor failing to do so within this timeframe will have one of their possible four (4) attempts revoked. If withdrawal is within four (4) weeks of Regional Final, the vacancy will not be replaced.

6. The Contestant agrees to allow Contest Officials to use their image(s) for media purposes and to allow contact details to be forwarded to media.

7. All entrants must provide their Drivers Licence upon entering

8. The Contestant must respect all decisions and requests made by Contest Officials.

9. The Contestant agrees to be bound by the judges' decisions. The judge's decision is final.

10. No correspondence is to be entered into with any official/judge unless for a positive manner e.g to ask how they could improve for future



11. 1st, 2nd and 3rd safety infringements receive a 30sec stand down, all infringements that follow will incur a 1min stand down. The stand down time starts from when the contestant takes their seat.
12. The red flag judge can use their discretion to issue red flags for any other safety infringements that have been overseen at the briefing
13. The Practical venues are out of bounds for Contestants in the week prior to the Contest at Regional and Grand Final level.
14. The Contestant agrees to arrive at the Practical venue of the Regional or Grand Final no later than the time notified and will compete in both the Practical and the Evening Show. In the event that the competitor does not attend either the Practical or the Evening Show and has not satisfied the Contest Board that they had just reason to not attend, the Competitor will refund the NZYF National Office all reasonable expenses relating to that Competitors nonappearance.
15. The Contestant will not communicate with any member of the public regarding competition challenges or content during the competition event. Contestants risk disqualification or point(s) deduction if they are deemed to have gained advantage through breach of this rule.
16. Media / Social Media
 - a) The Contestant agrees that no communication shall be entered into with any judge, member of the media, sponsors, or organising committee member other than the Contest Event Manager in a letter, private email or verbal conversation but must not be conducted over social media, in respect to a disputed judging decision or any other disputed issue that may occur during the course of the Contest, contestant must follow appeal process as stated in clause 19 of this agreement
 - b) Contestants must not enter into any social media conversations that publicly bring the contest and NZ Young Farmers or the sponsors into disrepute during their event and the 12 months following the Contest. This includes any photos, comments or a combination of the two. If a contestant does this, they risk losing points and/or disqualification. Any prizes they have received in current or past Contest seasons could be retracted. This is at the discretion of the Contest Board.
 - c) Contestants must make themselves available to media at all levels of the contest. It is in the contestant's best interest to be positive and to portray the contest in a constructive manner. Please refer to clause 15.b for consequences should the Contest not be portrayed in a positive manner. Anybody who brings the contest into disrepute on social media or any other form will receive point's penalties not only for the current contest season but any further contest seasons that they might enter.
17. During the Competition, Contestants are obliged to wear Contest clothing as directed and as appropriate. The wearing of any apparel displaying logo types of companies other than those approved by the Contest Board is not permitted. The Contestant will be asked to remove unsuitable clothing. Any additional non-Contest clothing must be approved by the Event Manager prior to the day of the Final.
18. Any damage that occurs when the equipment is being used in a manner for which it was not designed or intended will be replaced/repared at the expense of the contestant.
19. All health and safety briefings must be attended, and all PPE must be worn where and when appropriate.
20. If a contestant does not feel comfortable undertaking a task it is in their best interest to inform the supervisor and ask for their assistance. Marks will be awarded accordingly, however a contestant who attempts something beyond their knowledge in a dangerous manner will receive less marks than a contestant who asks for help



21. The supervisor of the module has the power to stop a contestant at any time due to unsafe work. All instructions must be followed.
22. The prizes are to be accepted as awarded by the Sponsors and no other product or cash in lieu of the prize shall be negotiated for, nor given. Prizes and/ or endorsements other than those provided by Contest Sponsors are not to be accepted without consent from the Contest Event Manager.
23. All prizes must be redeemed or arrangements made with the Sponsors or Contest Office within six months of the date of the Contest and all prizes must be kept for a period of one year following the Contest. Failure to do so may result in the loss of prize(s).
24. The Contest Board shall use their best endeavours to ensure that the Sponsors provide the prizes that they have agreed to provide the FMG Young Farmer of the Year but shall not be liable to any Contestant if any Sponsor changes the prize originally offered or fails to supply the prize.
25. All Grand Final Contestants within 12 months of this year's Grand Final shall:
 - a) Make themselves available for the purpose of promoting future Contests and, if required, advertising purposes for the Contest Sponsors in consultation with the Contest Office.
 - b) The winner of the Grand Final will be required to make themselves available for marketing purposes without payment, at a time agreed to by both the Sponsor and the winner, within twelve months of winning the Contest. The sponsor will meet travel and accommodation expenses if they have requested the winner's participation.
 - c) Unless approved in writing by the Contest Board, Grand Finalists shall not endorse or lend their name to other advertisers' products for eighteen months from the date of the Grand Final.
26. Airfares to the Grand Final where practicable for the Contestant only (not partner), shall be paid for by the Contest when the contestant needs to drive more than four hours to the location of the Grand Final venue. Where a Contestant is travelling by air to Grand Final the National Office will, at the request of the Contestant, arrange air travel for their partner and will invoice the Contestant for the partners travel.
27. Accommodation and meals as stated in the Grand Final Contestant Guidelines are paid for by the National Office during Grand Final.
28. In the event of a tie at the completion of the contest, the contestant with the highest score in the practical will be deemed the winner. In a situation where the score are still tied it will fall back to the interview scores.
29. Any complaint/protest by the Contestant that will bring the Contest, its Sponsors, judges and organisers into disrepute or ridicule will risk elimination and or disqualification.
30. The Contest Board reserves the right to review the eligibility of Contestants.
31. The NZYF Board delegates the responsibility and running of the Contest, including the development and enforcement of the 'Conditions of Entry', to the Contest Board. All decisions made by the Contest Board are final and binding on all Contestants. National rules set by the Contest Board over-ride any other Contest rules developed by individual Districts or Regions.
32. Any breaking of these rules or failure to comply will lead to immediate disqualification. No exceptions.
33. The Contestant agrees they will not bring the Sponsors (including but not limited to Principal Sponsors), Contest and the Contest Officials into disrepute. This entails appropriate behaviour on a day-to-day basis, not only while approached by media for publicity purposes in relation with the Contest.



34. The Contestant must declare to the Contest Board in writing to the following email contest@youngfarmers.co.nz at least one week prior to first competing in the Contest if they have been charged or convicted with a criminal offence within the last 7 years. Contestants must also declare whether they are a fit and proper person to be competing in the Contest.

Definitions:

- **"FMG Young Farmer of the Year"** or **"Contest"** means FMG Young Farmer of the Year.
- **"NZYF"** means the New Zealand Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.
- **"Contest Board"** means the FMG Young Farmer of the Year Contest Board.
- **"Principal Sponsor"** means the naming rights sponsor (FMG).
- **"Sponsors"** means the Contest Sponsor Family.
- **"Contest Year"** 1st October 2017- 30th September 2018
- **"Contest Officials"** refer to the Contest Board, their representatives, District, Regional and Grand Final Committee members and NZYF Contest staff.
- **"Contestant"** means an entrant in the FMG Young Farmer of the Year

Failure to adhere to these 'Conditions of Entry' may result in point deductions, a stand down period or disqualification at any stage during the Contest Season at the discretion of Contest Officials.