



AUSTRALIAN YOUNG FARMER CHALLENGE HANDBOOK

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What is the Australian Young Farmer Challenge?



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A showcase of young people in Australian agricultural competing in diverse challenges of skill, technique, knowledge and safety.

The Australian Young Farmer Challenge (AYFC) is an engaging, entertaining and fast paced competition for young rural people (aged 18 – 35 years). The AYFC is a demonstration of the talent, skills, techniques and safe work methods that young farmers use every day.

It showcases the breadth of technical skills and knowledge required in farming today and the proactive involvement of young people in our industry.

Teams compete in a series of skills-based challenges related to farming with a strong emphasis on technique and safety. Competitors are asked to do their best to complete the challenges correctly against the clock, as well to focus on safety, and most importantly, enjoy the competition and provide entertainment to the audience.

Fosters participation and engagement of youth from rural and regional communities in across the country.

The AYFC is inspired by the successful Young Farmer Contest held in New Zealand since 1969. Each year up to 400 young people from across NZ battle it out for the top spot right through from club level to the Grand Final.

The AYFC has become a cornerstone agricultural youth event in Australia. It is held across many states in Australia with a National AYFC Final competition held at a state show annually.

Aims to ENGAGE, ENTERTAIN and EDUCATE local and a broader, urban based audience about food, fibre modern Australian agriculture.

The AYFC is a great way to engage young people from your community. It is an easy to run, low input and highly entertaining entertainment option for local regional and state events. The AYFC can showcase and educate audiences about agricultural principles, especially those important to your local community.

This is a comprehensive information handbook, for you to run an AYFC.

Be creative, use local products and equipment, set challenges specific to your local farming area, test your young farmers and entertain your audience, build local enthusiasm and have fun.

AYFC Structure and Management

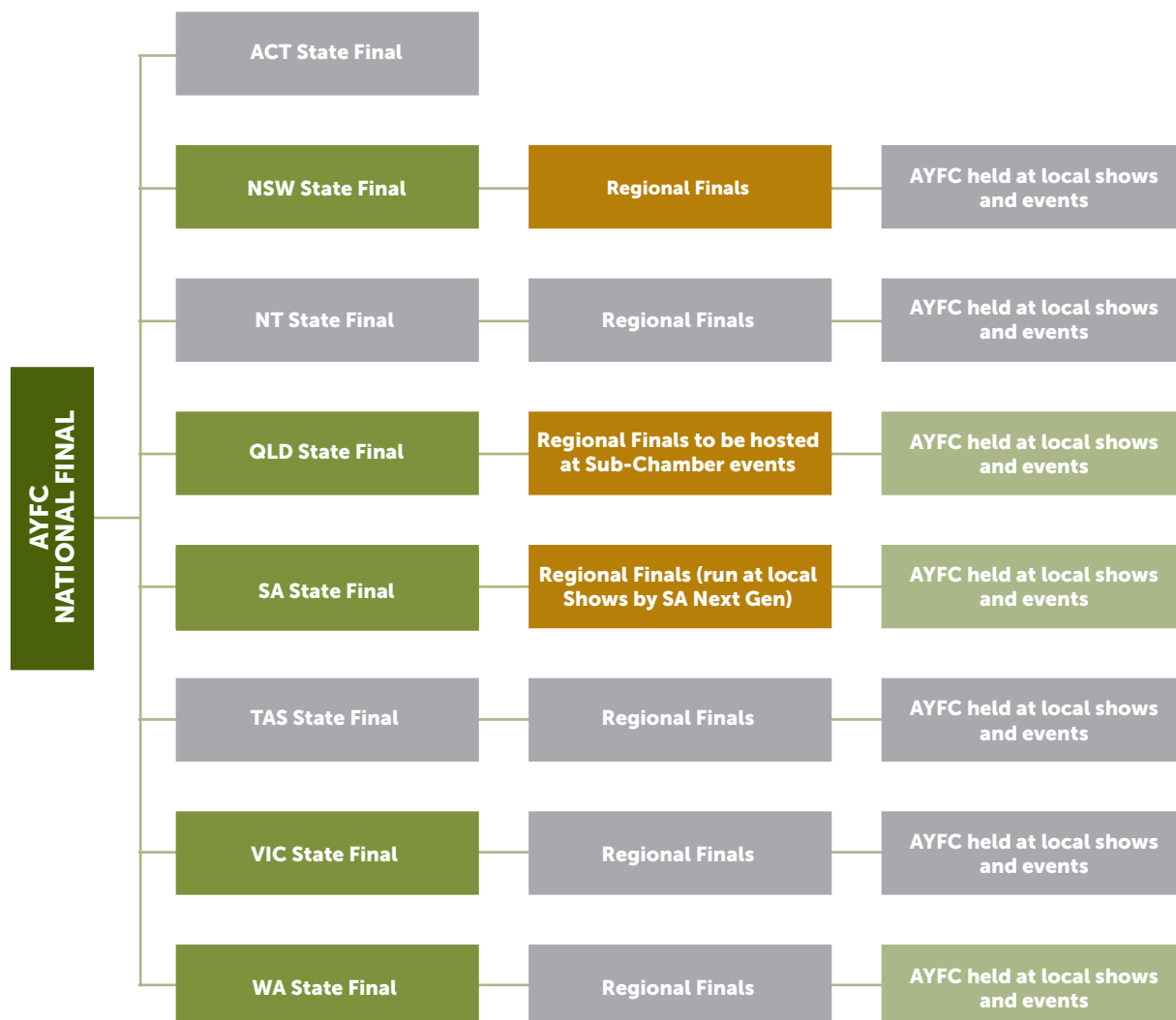
The AYFC is an initiative of Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) and the developing National Emerging Leaders Working Group.

Over 100 AYFC Competitions are run annually at agricultural shows across Australia. Competitors progress through a series of qualifying heats, run at local, regional and state agricultural shows and events, with each state final competition a qualifier for the National AYFC competition.

At the National AYFC, Competitors from across Australia come together and compete in front of bumper crowds from both rural and metropolitan backgrounds each year at a different State Show.

The competition structure agreed to by the Australian Young Farmer Challenge Working Group can be found below in Figure 1. Some states are still in a development phase and their structure will be updated once confirmed. Greyed items in Figure 1 indicate sections of the structure under development.

Figure 1: Australian Young Farmer Challenge Competition Structure agreed to by ASA National Next Gen AYFC Working Group – May 2023.



The National AYFC Competition is managed by the ASA Emerging Leaders Working Group and is hosted by a different State Show annually. The winners of each State Final (or nominated representative for States with developing structure) will compete in the National AYFC Competition.

The State Finals are organised by the State Royal Show or other recognised State body and is hosted at the State Show. The winner of the State Final will be eligible to compete as the State representative at the National AYFC Competition.

More broadly, Regional heats may be run in conjunction with the State Show or at another Regional Show (i.e.: Zone Final). Regional heats winners are eligible to compete in the Regional Final, and the Regional Final winners will compete in the State Finals.

Local AYFC Competitions are organised by local Show and Committees and the winning teams qualify to compete in Regional Competition heats.



State AYFC Overview

New South Wales AYFC Structure

The RAS of NSW Youth Group run the NSW AYFC State Final at the Sydney Royal Easter Show each year.

AYFC Regional qualifying heats will be run by the RAS of NSW at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, prior to the State Final. The four top-qualifying teams will progress through to the State Final held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Local AYFC Competitions are open to be run by local show societies and Agricultural Societies Council of NSW Next Generation representatives (ASC). Ideally, teams must win a YFC event held at a local ASC-recognised Show to be eligible to compete in the qualifying heats and State Final. Currently, any team nominated to the RAS of NSW by a local Show that wins a local show is eligible to enter qualifying heats, with places in the heats available on a first-come first-served basis.

Northern Territory AYFC Structure

AYFC under development.

Queensland AYFC Structure

The RNA Future Directions Committee and QLD Ag Shows Next Gen are progressing towards the below structure:

Local Competitions: present an exhibition event (non-competition). It is recommended by the Committees that local Shows use standardised branding issued by the Committee. Shows will manage the preparation and operation of their event, including challenges to suit local industry. Local Shows then nominate a team for the State Final to be hosted at the EKKA in Brisbane annually.

State Competition: heats and final to be hosted at the EKKA. The Committees will manage the preparation and operation of the event including marketing, sponsorship, insurance and prize money.

Victoria AYFC Structure

The recently formed Melbourne Royal Emerging Leaders Advisory Group runs the Victorian AYFC State Final at the Melbourne Royal Show annually. The Victorian State winners will go on to compete at a national level.

Local AYFC Competitions are run by select local show societies. Whilst the YFC continues to develop throughout Victoria, any team may make a nomination to the MR Emerging Leaders for entry into the State Final as long as they meet the team eligibility conditions. However, State

Final places are allocated preferentially to teams who have won a regional, or local show AYFC competition at a Victorian Agricultural Shows (VAS) affiliated Show.

South Australia AYFC Structure

The SA Next Gen Group work with Adelaide Show organisers and SA Rural Services to run the Young Farmer Challenge State Final at Adelaide Show. All aspects of the Young Farmer Challenge will be held at the Adelaide Show.

The SA Next Gen Group will also aim to run the seven regional finals across the state each year in the seven different regions of South Australia. The shows who host the regional finals will change each year (if the local show Committee is capable of running the competition). Winning teams of the regional finals will qualify for the State Final at Adelaide Show.

Local Young Farmer Challenges will be run at local shows by local show Committees with support from the SA Next Gen Group. In general, if the SA Next Group attends a local Show to assist in starting up the competition, the SA Next Gen Group should not need to return to that show to assist in future years unless a regional final competition is taking place.

Western Australia AYFC Structure

The recently formed RAS of WA Next Gen Group run the RASWA AYFC State Final at the Perth Royal Show each year. Affiliated shows submit their winning team who compete for the state championship title at the Perth Royal Show. The state winners will go on to compete at a national level. Local AYFC Competitions are run by the RAS of WA Next Gen group and local Affiliated Show Societies of WA. Teams should win a YFC event held at a local Affiliated Show to be eligible to compete in the State Final. Currently, any team nominated to the RAS of WA by a local Show that wins a local Show is eligible to enter the state final.

National Competition ASA Emerging Leaders

The AYFC is managed by the ASA Emerging Leaders Working Group. The Working Group aids the development of resources for all levels of AYFC's, with a focus on sustainable participation, youth engagement, showcasing agricultural innovation and on-farm safety.

The ASA Emerging Leaders Working Group members are a valuable resource for regional and local committees developing their AYFC competition.

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.

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



AYFC Rules and Regulations continued

Regional Name Example:

AgShows NSW Australian Young Farmer Challenge
Regional Competition

AgShows NSW Australian Young Farmer Challenge Group 3
Regional Final

AgShows 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 Emerging Leader 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.

AYFC Rules and Regulations continued

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 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:
 - i) Competition Officials.
 - ii) ASA Emerging Leaders Working Group 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.
- h. Wear appropriate clothing to compete in the National AYFC Competition.

9. Compulsory National AYFC Challenges

- a. The National AYFC must include a theory/quiz-based section to test competitor knowledge. The type of theory/quiz-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).

AYFC Rules and Regulations continued

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.



AYFC Competition Administration and Coordination

AYFC Officials

Several Officials are required to run an AYFC at all levels of Competition. The procedure for selecting Officials will vary at each Competition level however it is recommended to invite people outside of your potential Competitor base where possible. Consider the below Officials:

Judges

A judge is responsible for timekeeping and monitoring each team's progress through the challenges. The judge will determine if each challenge was completed in accordance with the competition rules, including safety. Each team must be assigned a judge. Judges may adjudicate for ONE TEAM ONLY per competition. E.G.: 4 teams per competition heat requires 4 judges.

Judges must be provided with the list of challenges prior to the event and attend a full briefing (including safety briefing) prior to the competition.

Stewards

A steward is responsible for a variety of tasks, including monitoring team progress (assisting judges), setting up of challenges and resetting equipment at the completion of each competition. Stewards must attend a full briefing (including safety briefing) prior to the competition.

Safety Stewards

At least one Safety Steward must be nominated for each AYFC competition. The Safety Steward must be in attendance for the entirety of the competition and oversee all safety aspects of the competition.

Announcers

Announcers play a key role in audience engagement, participation and education.

When considering the AYFC announcer(s), consider an announcer:

- who knows the local show/community can be a great asset, especially if they understand the crowd and may have an existing rapport with officials and competitors.
- who understands the AYFC competition, challenges and safety aspects. Announcers with an understanding

of the AYFC will be knowledgeable enough to appreciate, and comment upon, the performances of the competitors and encourage all teams with equal enthusiasm. They will also enthusiastically engage the crowd and explain what is required in each challenge as teams progress.

- who understands the importance of sponsors to the success of the AYFC, including referring to the sponsors at every opportunity, with sincerity.
- with prior experience will assist with set up for the AYFC including AV checks, taking notes from officials, competitors and sponsors to refine their talking points and liaising with sponsors to allow Officials to focus on last minute preparations.

AYFC Safety Management

The demonstration of on-farm safety and the safety of all Competitors is the cornerstone of the AYFC.

Each Competition must have a nominated Safety Steward and a comprehensive safety plan outlining each challenge in the competition. As noted in regulation 13.a., a risk assessment must be carried out on each individual challenge in the competition.

Safety briefings for each challenge must take place prior to each competition (i.e.: ALL TEAM must participate in a safety briefing prior to commencing a competition) and preferably by the nominated Safety Steward.

Competitors are expected to understand the safe use of machinery identified in section 8.c. prior to taking part in the competition.



AYFC Competition Administration and Coordination continued

Safety - Competitor Clothing

In adhere to safe work principles, all Competitors must wear a shirt with sleeves (Long sleeves ONLY), long pants and closed toe shoes suitable for on-farm practical skills.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be supplied by the organising committee for each challenge and must be worn for all challenges where required. PPE must be included in the safety brief for Competitors and Officials, it is the responsibility of the safety steward to monitor the correct use of PPE for each challenge.

Safety - Breach Procedure

In the event of a team unsatisfactorily completing a task or committing a safety infraction on a challenge item, the following stand downs apply:

- **Stand Down #1** = 5 seconds
- **Stand Down #2** = 10 seconds
- **Stand Down #3** - Team Disqualification

NOTE: team may be immediately disqualified for reckless or dangerous activity that may have affected Competitors, Officials or spectators.

AYFC Challenge Selection

The key to your AYFC is the challenges! Set challenges that are:

- **Creative but practical.**
 - Challenges can be simple and do not require large machinery or animals if these are not available.
 - Remember to include; education, new technology, safety, entertainment
 - Ensure the challenges can be easily and quickly set-up and packed up
- **Using local products and equipment.**
 - Use materials, equipment and livestock that are easily accessible and can be borrowed or donated.
- **Specific to your local farming area.**
- **Testing of your young farmers and encouraging to next year's competitors.**
 - Ensure the challenges are challenging – if you want real farmers to compete there must be substance to the competition. This will ensure that the competition grows with integrity to become a well-respected and established event.
 - Challenges are encouraged to test both physical skill and theoretical knowledge of agricultural and farming practices.
- **Entertaining to your audience.**
 - Small challenges that are hard to see are less engaging.
 - Watch the timing of the event: Should not exceed 25 mins is acceptable, remembering that you don't want to exhaust the farmers – or the audience
- **Fun!**



Appendix 1 – AYFC Business Case Template

A template business case is provided to assist interested parties to present the AYFC to their Show organising committees. Contact the Working Group for further assistance when starting an AYFC in your local area.

MISSION	OBJECTIVES
<p>To present a competition that demonstrates the skill, diversity and innovation of young people in Agriculture with a focus on technique and safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fosters participation and engagement of youth from rural and regional communities in across the country. Aims to ENGAGE, ENTERTAIN and EDUCATE local and a broader, urban based audience about food, fibre modern Australian agriculture. <p>TARGET AUDIENCE</p> <p><i>Primary:</i> Rural youth (aged 18-35 years) and those with an interest in agriculture</p> <p><i>Secondary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show patrons: local, regional and urban. Media: opportunity for marketing. Sponsorship: branding opportunity to increase revenue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present a competition that highlights the skills, techniques and innovation required in modern farming Foster participation and engagement of youth from rural and regional communities Provide a main entertainment piece for the Show Program that will engage, entertain and educate show patrons on Australian agriculture. generate new revenue and create an attractive value proposition to corporates who are targeting agriculture and connecting with rural and regional audiences
EXPENSES	INCOME STREAMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hiring of challenge resources: e.g.: equipment and consumables Prize money for competitors Insurances (where required) Marketing and promotion 	<p>Sponsorship revenue</p>
IN SCOPE	OUT OF SCOPE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administering the Competition Sourcing equipment and resources Sourcing Officials 	<p>TBC – Update based on your Competition.</p>
RESOURCES	RISK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee – administration and promotion Officials (judges, stewards, etc) Equipment for challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overspend of challenge resources Competitor Injury No sponsorship (outlay of prizemoney

Appendix 2 – AYFC Budget Template

A draft budget is provided to assist committee's preparing for their AYFC.
Not all line items will be applicable to all competitions.

REVENUE	
SPONSORSHIP	
Sponsor 1	5000
Sponsor 2	3000
TOTAL REVENUE	8000

EXPENSES	
HIRE & PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	
Purchase of Challenge Equipment (that cannot be loaned or hired)	1000
Hire of Challenge Equipment	1000
Personal Protective Equipment for Competitors (safety glasses, helmets, etc)	500
COMPETITION CONSUMABLES	
Purchase of Challenge Consumables (including cable ties, haybales, machinery fuel, printing and stationery, etc.)	800
Competitor uniforms (including shirts, caps and embroidery)	1000
MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS	
Graphic design of marketing materials	300
Advertising costs for print and online media	500
AWARD - RIBBONS & PRIZES	
Ribbons and awards - Final	250
Ribbons and awards - Heats	250
Prize Money – Final	1000
Prize Money - Heats	1000
CATERING	
Catering for Officials (including water)	200
TOTAL EXPENSES	7800

NET CONTRIBUTION	200
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Appendix 3 – AYFC Sponsorship Prospectus Template

A template with sample content for a sponsorship prospectus is provided below, to assist committees approaching businesses for financial or product support for their AYFC competition. We recommend organisers collaborate with the Show society to ensure relevant sponsorship protocols are followed.

Sample: National Finals Prospectus

The **SHOW NAME** Australian Young Farmer Challenge Competition will give rise to a range of sponsorship opportunities for a wide cross-section of businesses.

The **SHOW NAME** Australian Young Farmer Challenge Competition allows sponsors and supporters to:

- Generate brand awareness
- Showcase products and services
- Engage with consumers face-to-face
- Generate immediate sales
- Data Capture

NAMING RIGHTS: \$10,000

All references to the AYFC will be the “**SHOW NAME** Australian Young Farmer Challenge Competition sponsored by SPONSOR NAME”

Sponsor logo incorporated onto all AYFC collateral and documentation.

Sponsor logo recognition with link to sponsor website on the Show website and eDMs

Sponsor verbal recognition by AYFC announcers.

1 x pull up banner displayed at the AYFC.

20 x unlimited access passes to the Show

1 x mono full page advertisement in the Show schedule

Opportunity to activate a 6x3 commercial exhibition space at the Show. Sponsor to cover all activation and staffing costs.

GOLD: \$2500	SILVER: \$1500	BRONZE: \$1000
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		Value in Kind
1 x mono full page advertisement in the Show schedule. Opportunity to activate a 6x3 commercial exhibition space at the Show. Sponsor to cover all activation and staffing costs. RAS to provide access to 3-phase power	1 x mono full page advertisement in the Show event guide distributed to attendees Opportunity to activate a 3x3 commercial exhibition space at the Show. Sponsor to cover all activation and staffing costs. RAS to provide access to 3-phase power	Benefits will be dependent on value of contra investment and can include: Sponsor logo recognition with link to sponsor website on the Show website and eDMs Sponsor verbal recognition by AYFC announcers Access passes to the Show Pull up banner display Commercial exhibition space

Appendix 4 – AYFC Procedure Manual Template

A template with sample content for an AYFC procedure manual is provided below. We recommend organisers collaborate with the Show society to ensure relevant protocols are followed.

DATE	TASK	COMMENTS
<i>Months till AYFC</i>	<i>Description of action required</i>	<i>Notes to assist with actions.</i>
12 months	Circulate Sponsorship prospectus' to potential supporters.	Refer to the template prospectus, appendix 3.
12 months	Liaise with state bodies re: Regional and Local shows	*Task for State Finals (qualifying teams)
12 months	Meet with sponsor(s) and create collaboration plan, i.e.: marketing	This may include preparation of marketing materials and collateral – including both the competition details and sponsor logos, etc. Flyers, Competition entry forms, etc.
12 months	Prepare a budget for expenses.	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire of equipment, • Purchase of consumables and prize ribbons • Any additional insurance premiums • Team prize money, etc
12 months	Confirm qualifying Teams from Local and/or Regional AYFC competitions.	Note for State and Regional bodies.
10 months	Prepare competition challenges.	Refer to Handbook for advice on selecting challenges, plus the catalogue of challenges to use. For each challenge, note down: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimate time for safe completion • Safety requirements • Equipment requirements
10 months	Prepare competition map.	A rough 'mud-map' to assist with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requesting space requirements on Showgrounds • Ensuring the competition 'flows' well between challenges • Set up and equipment placement • Briefing Officials and Competitors
8 months	Create Marketing Plan	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website's, social media, print media • Advertising to Teams • Promoting to the Public (as a spectator drawcard)
8 months	Invite Officials (Judges, Stewards, Safety Stewards, Announcers)	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sourcing Show committee members • Next Gen members from surrounding Shows • Show Competitors (i.e.: livestock exhibitors) outside the age range (i.e.: over 35) so not to reduce your Competitor pool.

Appendix 4 – AYFC Procedure Manual Template continued

DATE	TASK	COMMENTS
<i>Months till AYFC</i>	<i>Description of action required</i>	<i>Notes to assist with actions.</i>
6 months	Source equipment for Challenges.	Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacting local suppliers and retailers for use of equipment (great item in a prospectus for company branding) i.e.: fence panels, machinery, etc. • Working with Show Competitors (i.e.: livestock exhibitors to supply stock.
6 months	Prepare a Competition Event Plan	A Competition Event Program has been included as a guide (Appendix 10). It includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition run times (Ensure there is enough running time for set-up, pack down, reset between challenges, plus awards presentations, etc.) • List of equipment and resources • List of officials and job allocation
4 months	Order awards/prizes (i.e.: ribbons)	
2 months	Order Competition Shirts	*Task for State Finals (if they will be supplying teams with a shirt).
2 months	Create Theory/Multiple Choice Challenge	Prepare the theory challenge for Competition (if required).
2 months	Prepare Instruction sheets	A brief set of instructions to ensure Officials and Competitors clearly understand what is required in each individual challenge. Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to complete each challenge. • Safety Requirements, what constitutes a safety breach and the penalties.
2 months	Prepare Officials Briefing Notes (Judge, Stewards, Safety Steward, Announcer)	Judge, Steward and Safety Steward Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Instruction sheets – Maps – How to reset each challenge (between heats) Announcer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge details (as above) • Information about the Host Show • Sponsor Information • Team information
2 months	Prepare a risk assessment for every challenge.	Ensure risk assessments are sent to your insurer and legal advisor for approval.

Appendix 4 – AYFC Procedure Manual Template continued

DATE	TASK	COMMENTS
<i>Months till AYFC</i>	<i>Description of action required</i>	<i>Notes to assist with actions.</i>
1 month	Prepare resources	Print off required resources including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Entry forms (if accepting on-the-day) • Theory Exams and Answers • Team and Competition score sheets • Challenge maps, • Waivers Refer to appendices for templates and examples.
1 month	Confirm Officials	Contact Officials with Competition day information, including entry passes, arrival time, expectations and dress codes, etc.
1 month	Update Event Program	Finalise the event program, including final equipment, personnel, timings, etc.
1 month	Source Competition Day Equipment	The equipment below is required to run the competition in addition to any equipment required for each challenge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x stopwatches • 4 x clipboards • 1 x table for paper work • 40 x markers/training cones • Spare paper, pens, markers, etc • 1 x whiteboard & markers for results (if available) • PA or handheld speaker system (if available) • Marker for marking the ground (if available)
Show Day	Good Luck!	Refer to Competition Event Program for further details (Appendix 10)
Post Show	Register qualifying team with the next stage of AYFC competition.	Local and Regional teams must contact their state body to register their qualifying team.

Appendix 5 – AYFC Animal Welfare Guidelines

The ASA supports the Animal Welfare Guidelines as prepared by the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales for the NSW State AYFC Competition. It is recommended that each Show consults their veterinary committee or local veterinarian in the development of their challenges.

RAS of NSW Animal Welfare Guidelines

A judge is responsible for timekeeping and monitoring the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW recognises that animals are used for human purposes, such as food, fibre, companionship, recreation and research conducted for the benefit of both humans and animals. In designing and running agricultural competitions involving animals, it is the responsibility of the organisers, entrants, exhibitors and suppliers of animals to consider the welfare of animals in such use, which encompasses:

- Appropriate housing
- Management
- Nutrition
- Humane handling
- Veterinary treatment

Housing

Provide your animals with adequate shelter when they are to remain in one position for more than 10-15 minutes within a challenge, as necessary, depending on the weather. This may mean providing shade or shelter from wind or rain. If conditions are mild, shelter may not be necessary. Animals should be provided with appropriate shelter when not directly involved in a challenge.

Nutrition

Provide your animals with adequate food and fresh water when not directly involved in a challenge task. Dispose of waste feed appropriately.

Challenge design and animal handling

Challenges should not cause physical pain to animals.

Use appropriate animal handling techniques to reduce stress on your animals. Animals that are not trained to lead should be held in secure yards during challenges. For any challenge involving animal restraint, the use of halters is only appropriate for animals that are halter trained.

Transport

Transport animals to and from the event site in a utility, trailer, van or truck with a fixed crate, or on a lead with the aid of a secure halter. If animals are to be moved within a challenge they are to be quietly drafted (for example sheep) or lead with the aid of a secure halter. Animals should not be picked up and carried, unless this is a part of normal husbandry practices for that species, for example poultry.

Animal selection

Fit and healthy animals should only be selected for use in challenges.

Adult or mature animals should only be selected for use in challenges; however, gestating or geriatric animals should not be selected. This is to avoid unnecessary stress to immature animals that are not used to handling and husbandry procedures.

Veterinary supervision

It is recommended that a Veterinarian is available to provide Veterinary treatment if required as a result of the use of animals in challenges.

The AYFC promotes high standards of animal care and the safety of people involved with animal handling. If you would like further information or advice regarding challenge design and the use of animals in AYFC competitions, please contact the Working Group members.

Appendix 6 – AYFC Challenge Catalogue

Below is a catalogue of challenges that may assist Committee's in preparing their AYFC competition. AYFC Competitions are NOT required to use all or any of the below challenge suggestions. Competition organisers are encouraged seek advice from their insurance providers and own legal advisors when selecting challenges to ensure coverage.

CHALLENGE NAME	CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION	EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	JUDGING CRITERIA & PENALTIES
Applying a Splint to a Team Members Leg	A team member is to feign an injured leg. Other team members are to fit a splint, and move the injured team member a short distance.	1 x bandage per team 1 x splint per team	
Build Wire Fence	Set Up: 3 star pickets must be hammered into the ground measuring no more than 4 meter from first picket to last.	*Task for State Finals (qualifying teams)	
Collect Eggs	One person runs to the eggs that are positioned on the haystack. The runner then places 6 eggs in their basket, then run to an egg carton positioned at the starting line. There must be six eggs before the team continues. If one is broken, then the team will need to collect another.	12 x eggs per team 1 x basket per team 1 x table 1 x ½ dozen egg carton	
First Aid Challenge	Participants must correctly treat and transport victim safely before moving onto the next challenge. Injury could be a broken leg or a snake bite	4 x Stretchers Bandages Splint	
Gestation Period of Animals	Teams must match the animal with the correct gestation period.	Set of cards with the following animal names; cow, sheep, horse, chicken and dog Set of cards with the following gestation periods; 274 days, 152 days, 340 days, 21 days and 63 days.	
Hydraulic Hose Puzzles	Puzzles are made using Hydraulic hoses for all members to work as a team to put together or take apart.	Hoses for each team	
Know your meat cuts	Teams are to draw the different meat cuts on to the cow silhouettes. List will be provided.	4 x Cow Carcass silhouette	
Lead an alpaca	The 1st team member put the halter on the alpaca and then leads it around a course. The 2nd team member assists.	16 x markers/ witches hats 4 x alpaca	

Appendix 6 – AYFC Challenge Catalogue continued

CHALLENGE NAME	CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION	EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	JUDGING CRITERIA & PENALTIES
Pack Fruit	Two team members run to a stage where there will be a pile of fruit and a packing box. Two team members catching and packing the fruit into the box. If any fruit is broken, it must be replaced by another piece.	Fruit (assorted) 1 x fruit box	
People on two wheeled trolleys with obstacle course	The 1st team member stands on the two wheeled trolley while the 2nd team member pushes the two wheeled trolley around the obstacle course as quick as possible. When the 1st team member has reached the end of the course (they must stay on the two wheeled trolley for the whole time) the next challenge can be started. Should they fall off at any time, they must start again.	4 x two wheeled trolleys 4 x wooden planks	
Pipe fitting - cut & join	A piece of poly pipe 40cm long will be required to be cut through, allowing the fitting of a joiner to be put into place. The 1st team member holds the pipe while the 2nd team member cuts it and then puts the joiner in place. Once the joiner is attached the next challenge can be started.	4 x hacksaws 8-10 joiners & lengths of polypipe	
Put on CFA overalls & put out fire (empty cans) by fire extinguisher	A pair of CFA pants and overcoat must be put on correctly, along with gloves and eyewear. The team member then must grab the extinguisher and knock off the 5 individually positioned cans from the railing from 5m away. When all the cans have been knocked of the rail the next challenge can be started.	6 x full fire extinguishers (2 spare) Access to water to refill 20 x empty drinking cans 4 x Wooden planks or tables	
Roll Up Swag	One or all four team members start off "asleep" in swag. A bell rings to start the competition, and each team member has to get up, put their shoes on and roll up their swag. Team members are then to run with the swag to the next checkpoint (Swags need to be rolled tight).	1 x Swag per person or team	
Setting up a portable electric fence	The 1st team member pushes in 6 white tread ins and rolls out the reel of wire. The 2nd team member assists with the roll out of wire and with putting it into place. The 1st and 2nd team member puts the 'strainer posts' in at each end. Once the fence is constructed the next challenge can be started.	4 x portable fencing reels with 30m of poly wire rolled on 40 x tread in fence droppers	

Appendix 6 – AYFC Challenge Catalogue continued

CHALLENGE NAME	CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION	EQUIPMENT REQUIRED	JUDGING CRITERIA & PENALTIES
Tractor Challenge <i>**no person or officials are to be on course whilst this tractor challenge is taking place.</i>	Competitors to attach Bale Spear to front of tractor. The front end attachment must be attached correctly. One competitor to drive the tractor through a course, Collect hay bale then head for home.	4 x Tractor 4 x Front end attachment 4 x Front End Bale Spear Witches hats Hay Bales	
Trailer Challenge	One competitor is to jump in the Ute and reverse to trailer load point whilst being guided by remaining team mates. All competitors are to help hitch trailer to Ute.	4 x Ute 4 x Trailers	
Transfer Water	Teams should be in a line from a water trough to empty buckets. Teams are then to bail the water from the trough to the empty bucket using a jug, and passing the jug down to each team member before dumping into the empty bucket.	1 x water trough 1 x bucket 1 x jug	
Wool Bale Run	Each team is to roll the Wool Bale off the back of the ute roll it to their designated coloured tarp. Run to next challenge.	4 x Ute	

Appendix 7 – AYFC Quiz Template

Organisers are encouraged to consider quiz type that are relevant to local agricultural industries and state specific questions. Suggestion is for a rapid fire quiz of 20 questions in 2 minutes.

TOPIC	QUESTION	ANSWER
Dairy	Name the breed of dairy cow commonly attributed with high butterfat content in its Milk?	Jersey
Field Crops	What Field crop is commonly used in the production of beer?	Barley
Sheep	What is the measure of wool fibre diameter?	Micron
Horses	What is the Unit of measure for horse height?	Hands
Chickens	What is an early laying chicken?	Pullet
General Knowledge Ag	Apiculture is commonly referred to as what?	Bee Keeping
Ministers	Who is the Ag Minister for NSW?	
Safety	Name an item of PPE used for drenching sheep?	Glasses/Gloves/Overalls
Dairy	Name a byproduct of milk?	Cheese/Yoghurt/etc
Beef Breeds	Cattle breed originating in Canada prized for their hides?	Speckle Park
Fruit	Kensington Pride is a type of what fruit?	Mango
Acronyms	What is a PIC?	Property Identification Code
Other	What is a baby alpaca?	Cria
Horses	What does a farrier commonly do with horses?	Deal with their Feet
Random	What discipline is the Grande Prix Commonly Associated with?	Show Jumping
Dairy	Name the most common breed of dairy cow found in NSW?	Holstein/Friesian
Beef	Originating from King Ranch in America and imported to Australia?	Santa Gertrudis
Field Crops	Field Crop commonly associated with Flour Production?	Wheat
Sheep	What is the measure of fibre length in wool?	Staple
Horses	Australian sport that involves selecting a beast from the mob and completing a set course?	Campdrafting
Chickens	What is the Name Given to Meat Production Chickens?	Broiler
General Knowledge Ag	Viticulture is the production of what?	Wine
Ministers	Who is the Treasurer for NSW?	
Safety	Name a piece of PPE that should be used for applying spray?	Respirator/Overalls/Gloves/Goggles
Dairy	What is the milk produced from a freshly calved cow?	Colostrum
Beef Breeds	What breed are colloquially known as Oreo cows?	Belted Galloway
Fruit	Red Delicious is a type of what fruit?	Apple
Acronyms	What does NLIS stand for?	National Livestock Identification System
Other	What is an immature female pig referred to as?	Gilt
Horses	What is a Clydesdale often referred to as?	Heavy Horse
Random	Which date is commonly referred to as a horses birthday?	1st August

Appendix 8 – AYFC Risk Assessment Template

Competition organisers are encouraged seek advice from their insurance providers and own legal advisors when selecting challenges and completing each risk assessment.

DATE:			EVENT TITLE:					CONTRIBUTOR/S:			
HAZARD TYPE <i>Refer to table below</i>		RISK <i>Describe injuries eg. death, cuts</i>	PERSONS AT RISK <i>eg. Staff, public</i>	CURRENT CONTROLS	CALCULATE RISK <i>Use the Risk Score Calculator</i>			CONTROLS <i>Determine control measures to minimise risk. Use Hierarchy of Risk Control</i>	Residual Risk	Approved (Y/N)	Person Responsible
		Consequence			Likelihood	Risk Score					
CB	EXAMPLE: Person caught between car and trailer when attempting to hitch trailer onto vehicle	Crush, fracture, sprain/strain	Competitor	Detailed briefing which includes how to use the equipment. Judges familiar with the equipment and the challenge and will stop activity if being performed unsafely. Pre-event questionnaire to gauge competitor's skill levels.	Major (10)	Unlikely (2)	Medium (20)	ELIMINATION: Competitors/Person must not stand behind the car when the engine is on ADMIN: Competitors to be briefed about the risks of hitching a trailer Driver to adhere to speed limit of under 10km/hr. Spotter to be used to provide driver guidance PPE: Competitors to wear high visibility clothing to aid in visual identification	0 10 (10x1) 10 (10x1)		

HAZARD TYPE						
CONTACT WITH (CW) – A person or part of a person contacts a source of energy that may exceed the body's threshold. Cold, Heat, Pressure, Energy, Chemical, Noise, Radiation.	CAUGHT BETWEEN (CB) – A person, or part of a person can be pinched, crushed or otherwise caught between either a stationary object or moving object or between two moving objects	STRUCK AGAINST (SA) – A person can forcibly strike an object. The force is provided by the person.	STRUCK BY (SB) – A person can be forcibly struck by an object. The force of contact is provided by the object.	FALL TO BELOW (FB) – A person can fall to a level below the level that they are standing or walking on.	FALL TO GROUND (FG) – A person can fall to the surface they are standing or walking on.	OVERSTRESS (O) – A person can exceed their mental or physical capacity.

Consequence → Likelihood ↓	Catastrophic (20)	Major (10)	Moderate (6)	Minor (3)	Insignificant (2)
Almost Certain (5)	Extreme (100)	High (50)	High (30)	Medium (15)	Medium (10)
Likely (4)	High (80)	High (50)	Medium (18)	Medium (15)	Low (10)
Possible (3)	High (60)	High (30)	Medium (18)	Medium (9)	Low (6)
Unlikely (2)	High (40)	Medium (20)	Medium (12)	Medium (6)	Low (4)
Rare (1)	Medium (20)	High (10)	Medium (6)	Medium (3)	Low (2)

Hierarchy of Controls	Elimination	Score	Requirements
	Substitution	100	Operations must stop immediately and fix issue
	Engineering	30 - 80	Actions must be completed within 1 month
	Administration	10 - 29	Actions must be completed within 3 months
	Personal Protective Equipment	2 - 9	Actions must be completed within 6 months
Signed: (Accountable Manager)			Date:
Monitor It: (are the control measures effective?)		YES	NO
Signed:			Date:

Appendix 9 – AYFC Competitor Waiver Template

Competition organisers are encouraged seek advice from their insurance providers and own legal advisors when preparing the competitor waivers.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES LIMITED

BULK WAIVER ONLY

**THIS DOCUMENT IS A NO DUTY OF CARE RISK WARNING
THIS DOCUMENT IS A WAIVER OF DUTY OF CARE**

Do not complete "Event" details if this document only applies to use of facilities other than for an Event.

Event Name (Subsequently referred to as "the Event"):

Event Date:

Section A - Supplier's statements about risk and duty of care

Agricultural Societies Council of New South Wales Limited and

(Name of Show)

(together the Suppliers) advise as set out below.

The handling of animals is a dangerous recreational activity as animals can act in a sudden and unpredictable way, especially when frightened or hurt.

Participation (including passive participation) in animal handling and/or physical competitions and/or Events at an agricultural show and/or use of the Suppliers' facilities contain elements of risk, both obvious and inherent.

Physical competitions and activities, Events and use of the Suppliers' facilities are all dangerous recreational activities. This document is a risk warning for the purpose of section 5M of the Civil Liability Act NSW 2002.

This risk warning is given by or on behalf of the Suppliers.

This document acts as an exclusion of liability under Part 1A Division 5 of the Civil Liability Act NSW 2002 if the services supplied by the Suppliers are supplied without reasonable care and skill.

Section B - Participant's acknowledgements

By signing this document I acknowledge that:

1. Participation in the Event and/or use of the Suppliers' facilities is a recreational service for the purposes of section 139A of the Australian Competition and Consumer Act (Cth) 2010 and a recreational activity for the purposes of section 5K of the Civil Liability Act (NSW) 2002.
2. I participate in the Event and/or use of the Suppliers' facilities at my own risk.
3. Participation in the Event and/or use of the Suppliers' facilities is a hazardous activity and involves a significant risk of physical harm and may result in injury, loss, damage or death to me and others.

Appendix 9 – AYFC Competitor Waiver Template continued

4. Participation in the Event and/or use of the Suppliers' facilities requires certain skills and experience. I declare that I have sufficient skills and experience to be able to safely and properly participate in the Event and/or use the Suppliers' facilities.
5. Animals can act in sudden and unpredictable ways, especially if frightened or hurt, or if exposed to loud or unfamiliar noises.
6. The Event will be held in close proximity to rides and large groups of people and there may be loud and unfamiliar noises which can frighten animals used in the Event.
7. If the Event is held outdoors, there are risks to me as a result of the weather conditions, including either extreme hot or cold weather, rain or wind.
8. Insects or other animals may cause animals used in the Event to become frightened and act in an unpredictable way.
9. In handling animals, there is a risk of suffering injury including injuries caused by the animals.
10. I am responsible for ensuring that I have and will wear equipment suitable for my safety in my participation of the Event and/or in using the Suppliers' facilities.
11. I am responsible for the condition of any tools and equipment and ensuring that they are appropriate for the Event and/or in using the Suppliers' facilities.
12. I use the Suppliers' facilities, including for the Event entirely at my own risk, as I find them and with the prior acceptance of the risk of possible danger to me, both obvious and inherent.
13. At the time of participating in the Event and/or in using the Suppliers' facilities, I will not to any degree be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs.
14. I will not consume any alcohol or illicit drugs while participating in the Event and/or in using the Suppliers' facilities and agree that such use may result in my being excluded from the Event and/or from using the Suppliers' facilities with no entitlement to any refund of money paid to the Suppliers for entry.
15. I agree to be bound by the rules and guidelines of the Suppliers as varied from time to time.

Section C - Participant's acceptance of risk & no duty of care & waiver of rights

1. I acknowledge and agree that my participation in the Event and any associated activities and/or my use of the Supplier's facilities is dangerous and may have obvious and/or inherent risks as a result of which personal injury (and sometimes death) may occur.
2. I acknowledge that my participation in the Event and any associated activities and/or my use of the Supplier's facilities carry with them a significant risk of physical harm.
3. I accept and assume all risks of personal injury or death in anyway whatsoever arising from my participation in the Event and any associated activities and/or my use of the Supplier's facilities.
4. I waive my individual right to sue the Suppliers for all claims I may have for such personal injury or death against the Suppliers in any way whatsoever arising from or in connection with my participation in the Event and any associated activities and/or my use of the Supplier's facilities.
5. If I suffer personal injury or death while participating in the Event and/or from my use of the Supplier's facilities, I will not hold the Suppliers, their employees or agents legally responsible for any personal injury or death I suffer.
6. I will not sue the Suppliers, their employees or agents for any claims, actions, costs, damages or liability.
7. I release the Suppliers and their employees from legal responsibility for the services I have been provided and/or activity I have participated in, including the Event.

Appendix 9 – AYFC Competitor Waiver Template continued

Section D – Signature (If using a Bulk Waiver, please ignore this section and sign at Section F)

Where the participant is 18 years of age and over:

I agree that I have read and understood this waiver prior to signing it.

I acknowledge that the Suppliers have permitted me to participate in the activity the subject of this document in reliance on the matters acknowledged by me and the representations I have made in this document.

I agree that this waiver is governed in all respects by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of New South Wales.

I agree that everything in this document is binding on me and my heirs, next of kin, executors and administrators.

Signature: Please sign in Section F

Dated:

Where participant is UNDER 18 years of age (to be completed by a parent or guardian):

Participant's Date of Birth:

I, (insert parent/guardian name),

being a parent or legal guardian of the above named participant, hereby consent to my child using the Suppliers' facilities and/or participating in the Event.

I confirm that I have read and understood and explained to the participant this waiver prior to signing it.

I acknowledge that the Suppliers have permitted the participant to participate in the activity the subject of this document in reliance on the matters acknowledged by me and the representations that I have made in this document. I agree that this waiver is governed in all respects by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of New South Wales.

I agree that everything in this document is binding on me and my heirs, next of kin, executors and administrators.

Signature: Please sign in Section F

Dated:

Appendix 9 – AYFC Competitor Waiver Template continued

Section F – Bulk Signature Facility

- I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD the above SECTIONS A through to D WARNING ME OF THE RISKS OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY
- I HAVE MADE ALL FURTHER ENQUIRIES WHICH I FEEL ARE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THISACTIVITY
- I SIGN THE DOCUMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT MADE TO ME

PARTICIPANT’S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	PARTICIPANT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH	CONTACT NUMBER

I, _____ have observed the sighting and signing of this document by the participants (PLEASE PRINT) listed above.

Signature of Responsible Official/Witness: _____ Dated: _____

Appendix 10 – AYFC Competition Event Program

Below is an example of an event program for a State AYFC Competition final. You will note that timings are brief as an example of managing busy timetabling for a State Royal Show.

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	EQUIPMENT	PERSONNEL
12pm	Final safety review of equipment for competition finals		Refer to challenge equipment list	Next Gen Officials
12pm	Set up Competition Course		Refer to competition map	Next Gen Officials
1.00pm	Competing teams marshal for briefing		Briefing Docs	Next Gen Teams
1.15pm	Officials marshal for briefing and allocation of resources.		Briefing Docs Clipboards Scoresheets Whistles Stopwatches Pens Safety flags	Next Gen Officials
1.30pm	State theory exam		Exam papers Exam answers Pens	Officials Teams
1.30pm	Announcers test AV (microphones, speakers, etc)			
1.55pm	Teams move from theory to competition area			
2.00pm	Course walk through for Officials and Teams		Competition Maps Challenge Instructions	Next Gen Officials Teams
2.10pm	Competition in progress			Officials Teams
3.00pm	Presentation to winners			Presenting officials Teams Announcers
3.15pm	Pack up and bump out of the venue			Next Gen Officials

Appendix 11 – AYFC Entry Form Template

The [SHOW NAME] 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: [DETAILS]

Where: [DETAILS]

Entry Fee: [DETAILS]

How to Enter: Get your team of 4 together, complete the application entry form and return to [COORDINATOR/STEWARD CONTACT DETAILS]

After more info? Contact: [COORDINATOR/STEWARD CONTACT DETAILS]

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 [number of teams spots available] applications received before [entry deadline (can be the day of the Show)] will be accepted to participate in the challenge.

I, as team captain have read and agreed to the Rules and Regulations for the [Show Name] Australian Young Farmer Challenge available online at [website]

Captains Name:

Captains Signature:

Date:

Appendix 12 – AYFC Team Score Sheet Template

Team Name:

Lane Number:

Judge Name:

YOUR CHALLENGES	ACCRUED PENALTIES
Challenge 1:	
Challenge 2:	
Challenge 3:	
Challenge 4:	
Challenge 5:	
Challenge 6:	
Challenge 7:	
Challenge 8:	

Course Completion Time (i.e.: time on stopwatch):

Total Penalties (sum of all penalties):

Total Time:

Overall Heat Placing:

Appendix 13 – AYFC Competition Scoring Template

[illegible]