

Senior Speechmaking Competition 2024

2024 Chair and Three Panel Members (Mixed Team)

2025 Chair, Speaker & Vote of Thanks (Club Team)

2026 Chair, Proposer, Opposer & Arbiter (Club Team)

2027 Chair, Speaker, Question Master & Vote Of Thanks (Club Team)

2028 Chair and Three Panel Members (Mixed Team)

ELIGIBILITY

1. A Team will consist of four members of any Young Farmers' Club affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs, one of which may be an Associate. All of these members must not exceed the age limit by the date of the National Final.
2. A District team can be formed only if no one Club from that District has put a team forward.
3. No member of the SAYFC may represent more than one club in the same competition in any one year.
4. Teams will consist of; a Chair and Three Panel Members.
However these four members will not compete together as a club but will compete as individuals in different platform teams. No two members from the same club will compete together unless there are insufficient club entries present at that elimination.
5. 50% of the winning team from the previous National Senior Speechmaking finals is eligible to compete.

SCORING CRITERIA

Chair

Presence, style, voice and clarity	10		
Accurate introduction of teams	15		
Selection, handling and summing up of questions	15		
Management of panel and the questions	10		
Summing up the general vote of thanks	10	<u>60</u>	

The Team

Willingness and ability to argue points of view	10		
Subject matter and relevancy of answers	20		
Presence, style, voice and clarity	10		
	<u>Each</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>120</u>

TOTAL POINTS **180**

Marks for incorrect timing will be deducted from the Chair as follows: - 2 marks for each full minute over or under the time on total performance

PROCEDURE

1. One hour before the commencement of the competition, all Club teams, who must be present in their entirety, must report to the Chief Steward at the competition venue in order that the ballot may be drawn to determine the makeup and order of appearance of teams on stage.
2. Members of the competing must report to the Steward in charge not less than 30 minutes before they are due on the platform.
3. All members will be supplied with proforma biographic sheets. They must complete these as fully as possible prior to this time and hand to the Steward in charge 30 minutes before they are due on stage. The Chair's proformas are passed on to the Chair of the competition so that he/she can introduce the Chair of the platform team. The relevant Panel Member's forms will be handed to the Chair of the platform team so that he/she can prepare introductions.
4. Teams will be allowed a preparation time of 30 minutes and a stage performance time of 15 minutes.
5. The first 15 minutes of the preparation time, the platform team will spend together with the Chair interviewing all of his/her panel.

6. After 15 minutes, the Chair will be moved to another room. The Panel members will remain together for the next 15 minutes when they are allowed to converse with one another.
7. In another room, the Chair will spend time on his/her own preparing notes on his panel members, selecting questions to be tackled etc.
8. The Chair will be able to select topics from a list of 7 questions coming under the following headings:

2 Countryside, 2 General, 2 Domestic and 1 Leisure

9. The Chair will then join the Panel just before they are due to go on stage. The selection of questions must not be disclosed to Panel Members until asked by the appointed Question Master, who will be invited by the Chair to do so. This rule will apply at National, Regional and District level.
10. There should be three timekeepers - 2 back stage to supervise the preparation time and 1 front of stage to record individual and total performance time.
11. On stage each team member may use brief notes. Lecterns may not be used.
12. No pre-prepared notes will be permitted by team members with the exception of the Chair who is permitted skeleton notes only.
13. The Activities Committee will appoint a panel of 3 judges whose decision will be final.
14. Team members competing in subsequent rounds of any competition must comprise at least 50% of the team competing in the previous round. Any member being substituted is not allowed to compete in subsequent rounds of that competition.

ENTRIES

The National Finals of this Competition will be held at the date shown at the foot of these rules, when 4 teams from the West Region, 3 teams from the East Region and 3 teams from the North Region will be eligible to compete.

Entry Deadline: 9th February 2024
Competition Date: 24th February 2024

Entry Fee: £25 if not charged at Region
Entry Criteria: Region to National