



## 2025 HIGHLAND RALLY GENERAL RULES



RNI District Association will be responsible for the running of the North Regional Highland Rally, which will be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at the Black Isle Showground, Mansfield, Muir of Ord.

This is one of the main events of the year and it is hoped that again, your Club will give it your full support and co-operation towards making it a successful Rally. All competitors must be full members before 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Competitors must also be under 28 years of age on the day of the Rally (unless otherwise specified). **Please note the Junior age is 14 - 17 years. Once a member turns 18, they are a Senior.**

Each club will be asked to state a 'Contact Person' for each section at the rally. The chief steward of each section will have this person's name and number and can make contact with them if need be. Please ensure this is not the same person for every section.

### Entry Fee

The entry fee is £50 per Club which covers all competitions. Admission to the Rally is free. **Entry fees will be invoiced.**

### Entries

Entries must be submitted by Fri 28<sup>th</sup> February. No club will be able to compete unless a fully completed entry form is submitted. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**STOCKJUDGING -This will be pre-entries ONLY !! – Your Stock Judging Teams MUST BE SUBMITTED via the Microsoft form on the website by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – minor changes can then be made to these teams up until Thursday 29th May 12noon (No team entries will be accepted after Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May)**

### Raffle

Each club will receive 10 tickets per active member as of Feb 2025. **All sold and unsold Raffle tickets along with the money MUST BE RETURNED to our Raffle Convenor by 10 am on Saturday 31st May at the Highland Rally.** Each club must sell ALL their tickets. Any unsold/missing tickets will result in the club being fined.

### Rules

**Any competitor under the influence/or smelling of alcohol, will not be permitted to take part; this is at the discretion of the Rally or Practical Convenor and the stewards.**

**NO MEMBER MAY COMPETE FOR TWO CLUBS IN ANY OF THE RALLY COMPETITIONS. OTHERWISE, BOTH CLUBS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED WITHOUT WARNING.**

The rules for each competition are detailed below and should be adhered to. Should there be a requirement to adjust any on the day, the final decision shall fall to the Rally Convenor and all clubs shall be notified.

Should any controversy arise regarding competitions or the application of the rules, the decision of the Rally Committee/Convenor is final.

## YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR HIGHLAND ELIMINATION

Entry: Unlimited entries and anyone can enter on the day. The winner qualifies for the National Competition, which includes a farm tour (at a later date) a case study, and working alongside a mentor to help devise a business plan for the Farm visited. Fiona will be taking entries on the day – please ensure you have registered with her to secure your place.

Rules Activities must be completed **individually** for this competition (Members competing within Young Farmer of the Year CANNOT enter the Risk Assessment, Knot Tying, Identification or Quiz as a team. You must state to each steward you are carrying out the activity as part of your Young Farmer of the Year Entry.)

Activities to be completed:

- 1) Stockjudging, (This score will also contribute towards your club's team score)
- 2) Identification
- 3) Knot Tying
- 4) Risk Assessment
- 5) First Aid
- 6) Quiz

### STOCKJUDGING

The classes, **subject to availability** shall be: -

Class 1 – SALERS CATTLE

Class 2 – SIMMENTAL CATTLE

Class 3 - SIMX BULLING HEIFERS

Class 4 – TEXEL

Class 5 - BLUEFACED LEICESTERS

Class 6 - BLACKFACE

Teams A team shall consist of three members. There is no maximum on the number of teams that a Club may enter. Any competitor seen near the stock before the competition commences or with any person other than an official during the competition will be disqualified. On commencing, 8 minutes will be allowed for competitors to observe each of the animals and write down their placings.

Reasons All three members from the top eight teams will give reasons. Team reasons will be on Class 3, Class 4 and Class 6. The top 12 individuals will give reasons which will be on Class 1 (Individuals may have to give two sets of reasons but only this set will count toward their individual score)

Reason Giving – 2 minutes will be allowed for Reason Giving. No competitor will be stopped, but competitors will be penalised at the rate of two marks for every complete ten seconds over the appointed time.

Time Competitors will report to either Stock judging Convenor or the Master Scorer at 9.30 am to register and any team who does not have their cards by 10.15 am, will be disqualified. The first person noted in each team will be the person responsible for ensuring their team does reasons if applicable. The competition will start at 10.15 am PROMPT. All competitors are to report to the Food Hall at the Mansfield Showground, before moving in groups to the Stockjudging area. After all the classes have been judged members MUST come away from the stock shed and not return. **Any competitors thought to be irritating stock on purpose will be disqualified immediately.**

Prizes A trophy will be presented to the winning team and Best Individual. In addition, merit certificates will also be awarded.

**Points towards the Rally Trophy - 25, 20, 15, 10,**



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## PRACTICAL COMPETITIONS

### No Electric/battery powered Tools are permitted for any event, only traditional hand tools are allowed.

- Time All practical events will be available for members to complete between 11.00 am and 1.30 pm. Clubs who fail to complete the competition within this time will not be counted. Junior/Senior/Associate rule may be changed at the discretion of the steward/judge on the day. The time allowed per event will be at the discretion of the steward/judge. **These events may change depending on availability.**
- Rules Any competitor under the influence/or smelling of alcohol will not be permitted to take part; this is at the discretion of the Practical Convenor and their stewards.
- Points 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 will be awarded for each event

## EVENTS

### Upcycle a pallet

- Entry 2 members per team, maximum of 2 teams per club. 1 Junior per team.
- Rules Competitors are to be given one wooden pallet and they must 'upcycle' it in any way they see fit. They can be as creative as they like. **Members must provide all their own equipment including screws and tools, only the pallet will be provided. Traditional hand tools only allowed. Clubs must remove their pallet after the rally has closed.**

### Identification

- Entry 2 members per team, 2 teams per club. 1 Junior per team
- Rules Individuals to identify as many items as possible.

### Knot Tying

- Entry 2 members per team, 2 teams per club. 1 Junior per team
- Rules Teams will be given lengths of ropes and must attempt as many given knots as possible. Knots will include: Figure-eight, reef, Highwayman's Hitch, bowline, Knots Sheepshank, Timber hitch etc

### Risk Assessment

- Entry 2 members per team, 2 teams per club. 1 Junior per team
- Rules As a team you will be required to recognise potential risks in the workspace area.

### First Aid

- Entry 2 members per team, 2 teams per club. 1 Junior per team
- Rules As a team you will be required to carry out a First Aid task.

### Quiz

- Entry 2 members per team, 2 teams per club. 1 Junior per team
- Rules Individuals to answer questions correctly. **No phones are allowed.**

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## SPORTS

**\*\* Appropriate Sports Gear MUST be worn for all sporting activities. Boots will only be permitted for TOW and Tossing the Sheaf. Anyone thought to be wearing inappropriate footwear will not be permitted to take part.**

The Football and Tossing the Sheaf will commence at 1.30 pm with the remainder of the events starting from approximately 2.30 pm onwards. The time allowed and format of each event will be at the discretion of the steward/judge. These events are subject to change/adaption.

Points 6, 5, 4 will be awarded for each event.

Junior/Senior/Associate rule may be changed at the discretion of the steward/judge on the day. One associate only permitted for each event.

### **Mixed 5 a side Football**

Teams Teams to consist of 5 members. 1 team per club. 2 members must be of the opposite sex.

Rules Teams will play 5 minutes each way. In the event of a draw, 3 penalties will be taken by each side and thereafter penalties will be sudden death.

It will be run as a knockout tournament.

All competitors must report to the steward within 4 minutes of being called.

One substitute per team is permitted. **Football boots or Trainers ONLY**

### **4 x 100m Relay Race**

Team 4 members in each team, 1 team per club. Must consist of 1 Junior girl, 1 junior boy, 1 Senior girl, and one Senior boy

Rules Five metres will be allowed on either side of each starting line, within which distance the baton must be handed over

### **Obstacle Race**

Team 6 members in each team, 1 team per club, must include 1 Junior and at least 1 person of the opposite sex.

Rules Depending on entries this may be a timed event.

### **Mixed Tug of War**

Entries 6 members per team, 1 Team per club. Team to consist of 3 boys and 3 girls. 1 Member must be a Junior. No subs unless injury.

Rules Knockout format with the draw made on the day. Depending on the number of teams competing, preliminary rounds may be used to get to even numbers for the knockout, culminating in semi-finals, final and third/fourth place. No football or TOW boots allowed.

### **Tossing the Sheaf**

Sections Junior & Senior/Associate – girls and boys

Entries 1 competitor per Club per section may enter

Rules This event shall be taking place throughout the afternoon. Once the sheaf is thrown (maximum number of attempts to be agreed on the day) and height cleared you will move up to the next height (the height increase increments will be at the stewards discretion on the day).

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**THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE FOREGOING RULES**