



Young Farmers Challenge



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.

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.

Currently VAS Ltd is working with the Melbourne Royal to develop the Young Farmers Challenge in Victoria with the State Final being held at the Melbourne Royal Show each year.

Rules & Regulations

1. Eligible Teams
 - a. Consist of four (4) Competitors
 - b. Have both male and female competitors. All female or all male teams are not eligible to enter.
 - c. Have Competitors with minimum skills required depending on the competition activities such as:
 - 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.
2. Eligible Competitors
 - 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. Competitors must reside in the State they are representing for the National YFC Competition or be within 50km of their State's border.
 - c. Compete at their own risk.
 - d. Undertake all Competition activities in a safe manner.
 - e. Wear appropriate clothing to compete.
3. 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 spectator.

Please refer to the ASA website for all Young Farmer Challenge Materials:
<https://agshowsaustralia.org.au/youth-in-agriculture/australian-young-farmer-challenge/>