

Debating – Rules & Eligibility

- All competitors must be financially paid up TeenAg or New Zealand Young Farmers members.
- All competitors must be at least 15 years of age and no more than 31 years of age at the date of competition.
- Entries are for teams of three. All team members must be from the same region
- The winning team from each of the South and North Island will represent their respective island at the Grand Final.
- Competitors will do nothing to bring the competition, its sponsors, judges and organisers into disrepute and will behave in a proper manner befitting such a competition at all times.
- Competitors will follow all instructions made by NZYF officials.
- Competitors agree to arrive at the venue no later than the time notified.
- Each competitor is responsible for their own costs incurred in relation to the competition. No costs incurred by competitors will be payable by New Zealand Young Farmers.
- All prizes are to be accepted as awarded and no other product or cash in lieu of the prize shall be negotiated for.
- If a single team member is unable to represent their island at the Grand Final, they have the right to substitute that member for an eligible member from within their region.
- If more than one team member, representing their island in the Grand Final are unable to attend the Grand Final, the second place team from that island shall take their place.
- At all times, the judge's decision is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.
- That all Debating Moots chosen must be apolitical in line with the objects, purpose and values of the Society.

Trophies

- Winners who receive a trophy at the Grand Final must arrange for its return to either National Office or your Area Manager in a clean state by the end of May the following year.
- Any reasonable cost incurred for engraving will be reimbursed by New Zealand Young Farmers on presentation of a valid tax invoice. Any damage or loss of trophies will be the responsibility of the current trophy holder(s) and the New Zealand Young Farmers National Office reserves the right to invoice the current trophy holder(s) for repair or replacement.

University Members

- If you are a NZYF member of a university club you can choose to enter the Debating Competition in either the region you are from or the region your university is in. You can only enter the competition in one region and once you are eliminated from the competition in that region you cannot enter in another region.



Media

- Participants in the debating competition agree to being photographed and filmed during this competition and consent to the resulting photographs and film material being used by the organisers and sponsors for promotional purposes which includes, but is not limited to, publication on websites and social media.

Failure to adhere to these rules can result in disqualification at the discretion of the NZYF.