

Module Judges Guidelines

FMG Young Farmer of the Year
District Events
Season 59



Introduction

On behalf of the events team and the district committee of the FMG Young Farmer of the Year, we want to thank you for your time and input as a judge in our contest. Without the involvement of people in rural farming communities such as yourself, this contest wouldn't exist. All contestants are aged 16-30 and each contestant will be challenged to complete each module as the module judge has detailed. A briefing will be held at the start of the day before contestants arrive. This will go over how the day will run, health & safety, scoring, and will be an opportunity to ask any questions. All module judges are required to attend this briefing.

Developing your Module

Please make sure your module is as practical and hands-on as possible. Some things to consider include...

- Resetting your module – contestants will complete your module one after the other. This means that it's important that your module is easily reset to be ready for the next contestant.
- Health & safety – what are the health & safety considerations of your module?
- Scoring – how will you allocate points for your module?
- Where possible, it's helpful to have more than one person running the module. This makes scoring and resetting your module easier
- If you have a marquee, table or chairs available it would be great to bring these along

You'll need to let the district convenor what your module is and of any space requirements.



Being a Module Judge

- Be consistent with each contestant so that they get the same length of time for your challenge, the same instructions, same equipment etc.
- There is typically no travel time between challenges. The end of one timeslot is the immediate start of the next
- If there is equipment failure or a situation arises that is not caused by the contestant but may impact their ability to complete your module, take note of the situation and discuss the problem with the district convenor and NZYF staff. In addition, establish whether the situation adversely affected the contestant and if compensation of marks is appropriate.
- Please ensure you do not discuss any points or scoring with any contestant. You may offer some pointers about your module at the end of the day, but you can't disclose how any contestant did at your module. However, in the initial briefing you can inform the contestant of what they will be scored on as such as H&S, quality, etc. We just ask that you do not disclose any specific tasks that could impact their score.
- We recommend organising your module scoring based on the following:
 - 50% of the module should be completed by all contestants.
 - 75% of the module should be completed by experienced contestants in that task.
 - 100% of the module should be completed by expert contestants in that task.



Safety is Crucial!

- In the points breakdown, be sure to include an allocation for the contestant's attention to safety and industry standards in the activity. Some points can be added to your marking schedule based on Health and Safety
- Module judges are authorised to intervene if a contestant is undertaking an activity in an unsafe manner. If a situation arises where a module judge has intervened, the module judge is to adjust the scores accordingly.
- The district committee is to liaise with the module judges to ensure the correct safety equipment is available to complete the module. You may have to provide appropriate PPE for contestants to borrow while completing your module.
- Each module judge will be responsible for being inducted into our Health and Safety Induction, if you have not completed this please let your district convenor know
- Please be vigilant – health & safety is everyone's responsibility



Scoring Basics

- Each module is a total of 20 points.
- Do not discuss points with anyone other than NZYF staff or the district convenor
- If you wish to discuss your decisions, point allocation, or have any questions from any members of the public or contestants, please direct them to the district convenor or NZYF staff.



Contestant:	
Module:	
Date:	

Task	Comments	Available Points	Points Awarded
Points	/20		

Judges Signature	
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Scoresheet

- Each module judge will be given a contestant module scoresheet and a master scoresheet per module for all contestants.
- The module points are to be completed by the module judges for each challenge per each contestant. Each module judge is asked to sign the scoresheet indicating that the points allocated are correct.
- It's each module judge's responsibility that the contestant scoresheet reaches is collected for input into the master scoresheet. Someone will periodically collect scoresheets, so please keep them safe and have them ready to be collected.
- The module judge will also be responsible for submitting the master module scoresheet of all contestants at the end of the day.
- Only the district convenor, NZYF staff or designated person can view the scoresheets.
- See below for an example of the scoresheet
- The District Convenor or NZYF staff will provide you with a scoresheet template. It's recommended that you use the example below as a template to develop your scoresheet.

Signage

As a supporter of the contest, you're more than welcome to bring some signage of your business/organisation to display at your module. This can be a small sign and flag or a branded marquee no larger than 6m x 3m.

Thank you again for coming to spend the day with us at the FMG Young Farmer of the Year District Final!

