

**ENTRIES CLOSE:**  
**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2026**  
Or when entries are full

# YFC TUG OF WAR COMPETITION

Held in partnership with the WORCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

TO BE HELD AT: PARK HALL FARM, HANBURY, REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE, B96 6RD

## OPEN TO LADIES & MEN'S YFC MEMBERS ONLY

Team Member's must all be registered with the same young farmers club  
Open to YFC clubs from the following counties: Worcestershire, Warwickshire,  
Gloucestershire, Staffordshire, Shropshire and Herefordshire

TO FOLLOW THE TUG OF WAR ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS RULES 2011,  
incorporating TWIF Rules (can be found at the end of the schedule)

Headline sponsor:



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Section sponsor:



**Entry Fees per team (to include VAT): £24.00 per team**

**Prize Money: £1,000 to the winning team of each section**

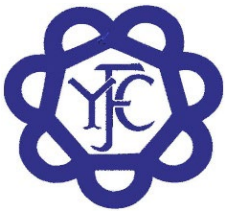
**Prize Cards & Sashes to 4<sup>th</sup> Place**

Tug of War Secretary: Mrs Sue Symonds T: 01905 621616 E: [adminwfyfc@worcsyfc.org.uk](mailto:adminwfyfc@worcsyfc.org.uk)

**ENTER ONLINE: [www.hanburyshow.co.uk](http://www.hanburyshow.co.uk)**

**Entries Open: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Entries Close: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 or when entries are full**



# SCHEDULE OF CLASSES



**Registration and Weigh In for all Teams will be from 9am prompt**

**Please ensure you keep up to date with information being issued on the day regarding timings and general information.**

## SECTION 1: LADIES

Team of 8 pullers, please refer to the YFC rules regarding those eligible to pull.

Approx Time for the class to start: 11.30am, please ensure you keep up to date with information regarding the start time on the day.

All members of the team must be registered with the same YFC club.

Team Members details and membership numbers to be entered online, please provide any substitute information on the morning at the registration.

## SECTION 2: MENS

Team of 8 pullers, please refer to the YFC rules regarding those eligible to pull.

Approx Time for the class to start: 13.30pm, please ensure you keep up to date with information regarding the start time on the day.

All members of the team must be registered with the same YFC club.

Team Members details and membership numbers to be entered online, please provide any substitute information on the morning at the registration.

## PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving will take place in the Tug of War Arena at approx. 15.00pm.

The 1st place winning team in each section will receive £1,000.

Prize cards and Sashes to 4<sup>th</sup> place in each section.

**ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED TO 12 teams per section – and accepted on a first come first served basis - provided all the required information is received at the time of entry.**

**Hanbury Countryside Show Society would like to thank our generous sponsors for their support.**



# HANBURY COUNTRYSIDE SHOW - RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. **HEALTH AND SAFETY:** The Organisers of this event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey all signs and the instructions of the Organiser, Officials and Stewards.
2. **CONDITIONS:**
  - 2.1 The organisers reserve the right to eliminate or refuse any entry or limit the number of entries in any class and to cancel, merge or alter any class.
  - 2.2 The organisers will not be responsible for any accident or loss of property or otherwise arising from any cause connected with the show and it is a condition of entry that each competitor shall hold the organisers blameless and shall indemnify them against any loss, damage or legal proceedings.
  - 2.3 No entry fee will be refunded in any class without the submission of a valid Doctors note.
  - 2.4 Every exhibitor making entries for the show shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by these Rules and it is on this understanding only those entries are accepted.
3. **CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS, COACHES AND THEIR CLUBS:** All persons in will be subject to the instruction of the Society's and YFC appointed officials. Competitors will be held responsible for the behaviour of their team and club and for the consequence of any misconduct of such members. Should Security deem a competitor or their club members behaviour to fall below that expected by the Societies appointed officials that person or persons will be escorted from the showground.
4. **ENTRY FEES:** entry fees are stated in the Schedule. VAT is included in the entry fees. Receipts available on request. Failure to compete will entail forfeiture of entry fees.
5. **PASSES:** Tickets will be emailed to the primary contact. Each puller, the coach and trainer/water carrier will receive one ticket each. Additional tickets may be purchased online via [www.hanburyshow.co.uk](http://www.hanburyshow.co.uk)
6. **PARKING:** All team members must park in the public car parks. There will be no access to the tug of war area by vehicle during show opening hours (9.00am – 6.00pm).
7. **DOGS:** Dogs are welcome, however they must be kept under control & on a short lead at all times. Please ensure all dog waste is picked up and placed in the bins provided.
8. **CANCELLATIONS:** If the Show is cancelled due to poor weather (where the field is considered unusable by the committee) or any other reason outside the Society's control, the Society will refund the entry fee minus £2.50 to cover administration costs.
9. **DATA STORAGE:** Information from entry forms may be stored on computer; information about results may also be published and/or provided to the Press and Societies for publication. Information about exhibitors and their animals may also be provided to DEFRA, Trading Standards, Depts. of County Councils, BCMS, SAC, and others having regulatory functions as well as the Society's Veterinary, Environmental Health, Legal and Safety Advisers. The making of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.

# WORCESTERSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

## RULES AND CONDITIONS

### Tug of War Rules (Ladies & Men's YFC Competitions)

Following the Tug of War Association Competition Rules, 2011; incorporating TWIF Rules  
**Hanbury Show – Saturday 4th July 2026**

#### RULES

##### COMPETITION AIM

To encourage YFC members to work together as a team to demonstrate their Tug-of-War skills in a competition environment.

##### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Tug-of-War skills: strength, rhythm, pulling position and technique; teamwork, respect, discipline, enjoyment, sportsmanship as well as providing health and wellbeing benefits.

REMINDER: Please read these rules in conjunction with **NFYFC General Rules** and familiarise all competitors with them

Further information can be found at <https://nfyfc.org.uk/competition-organisers-resources>

For insurance purposes all rounds of competition must be held using a Tug of War Association (ToWA) judge and under the authority of a Tug of War Association permit (available from the Hon. Gen. Sec. of the ToWA). Further guidance can be obtained from the official Tug of War Association Handbook or ToWA website.

These rules are for the NFYFC final but may be adapted for county and area rounds with agreement from the chief judge. Counties and areas may wish to pull in a straight knockout competition or pull according to the pre 2011 ToWA rules.

#### 1. DATE & VENUE

1.1. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at Hanbury Show, Park Hall Farm, Hanbury, Worcestershire. B96 6RD

#### 2. REPRESENTATION

2.1. Team of 8 pullers representing their County.

#### 3. SUBSTITUTION PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION

3.1 **All substitutes must have been eligible to compete in the competition.**

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. **Ladies and Men's teams** shall consist of eight pulling members of the same gender. No more than **two (2)** members of a team may be between the ages of 15 and over, and under 17 years on 1 September 2025 and the remainder of the team **MUST** be between 17 years and over, and 28 years of age or under on 1 September 2025.

4.2. All competitors must be full members of a Club affiliated to the NFYFC (**You cannot compete for more than one club and county in one membership year**). Competitors at Hanbury Countryside Show must both present their YFC membership card and also, if over 18, have additional official photographic ID (Passport or Driving Licence).

4.3. **Coaches and Trainers** – Only one Coach is permitted with each team during pulling. Only one Trainer or "Water-Carrier" is permitted with each team. During pulling the Trainer shall take up position well clear of both teams and is not permitted to address any remark to them during actual pulling. Neither the Coach nor Trainer need comply with other rules of eligibility.

## 5. REPLACEMENT PULLERS – SUBSTITUTION

- 5.1. **All substitutes must be eligible to compete in the competition.**

## 6. WEIGHING-IN PROCEDURE AND WEIGHT LIMITS

- 6.1. Teams will be notified of Weighing-in and report times prior to the NFYFC final.  
6.2. The 8 members of the Ladies or Men's teams will be weighed as one and will not exceed:

**Men - 680 kg                  Ladies - 560 kg**

- 6.3. The competitors will be stamped or marked on a limb in a position easily seen by the Judge, but not easily erased by the rope or competitors clothing.  
6.4. **At weigh-in all team members must have their boots available for inspection by the judges.**

- **DRESS CODE - WEIGH IN**

The minimum dress for weigh-ins are as follows:

Males - pulling shorts

Females - pulling shorts and a non-transparent top

shorts and t-shirt and for anyone else who is under the age of 18

- **Safeguarding and Position of Trust (POT) for Competitions** – for those in a position of trust who are doing training every week, e.g. choir, dancing, public speaking, tug of war should have a DBS check. For Tug of War, they should also have completed the NFYFC safeguarding training course and their details are to be recorded on the online entry forms. To clarify - that Trainers/coaches of all Tug of War teams need to have a DBS check plus take the NFYFC Safeguarding or an equivalent course.

## 7. SUBSTITUTION ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION

- 7.1. After a team has pulled the first end of the first match, the team is able to use a substitution. A substitute may replace any one puller for the remainder of the competition (Age restriction of team still applies). Substitution may be used for tactical reasons or due to injury.  
7.2. Any potential substitutes must (unless otherwise instructed by competition organisers) have been signed in and had their membership card checked prior to pulling in the competition.  
7.3. At the time of substitution; both, the puller to be replaced and the substitute, must report in full pulling outfit, (shirts, shorts, stockings and footwear) to the Chief Judge/Chief Steward who may designate an official to deal with the substitutes. A small (bathroom type) scale must be available at the pulling area, (in a suitable place, on solid surface), to determine the weight difference between the two pullers. The substitute puller must be of equal weight or less than the puller he/she replaces. Directly after the change, the Chief Judge or designated official shall cancel the stamp or marking of the replaced puller, and indicate a similar marking on the substitute, with an indelible marker. This change shall then be recorded.

## 8. DRAW AND BYES

- 8.1. The Chief Judge and Chief Steward will confirm the number of leagues teams shall be drawn into. However there shall be no more than 7 teams in one league.

## 9. PULLING

- 9.1. Each team shall pull a match of 2 ends against every other team in the league with points awarded as follows:

3 points	to the winners in a straight pull (two straight pulls)
Nil points	to the losers in a straight pull
1 point	to each team winning 1 pull each

*Note: If teams are drawing on points at the end of the league; they shall be ranked using the following system until differentiation:*

- 1. Results of matches (between the teams drawing on points).**
- 2. Matches won (most matches won).**
- 3. Cautions (least number throughout pulling).**
- 4. Team weight (lowest team weight at weigh in).**
- 5. Coin toss or draw.**

- 9.2. If there is one league; the top 4 teams on points shall enter the semi-final competition as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 9.3. If there are two leagues; the top 2 teams on points from each league shall enter the semi-final competition as follows: League one winner v League two runner up    League two winner v League one runner up
- 9.4. The losers of the semi-finals shall pull off for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places before the winners of the semi-finals pull off for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places.
- 9.5. **The semi-finals, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> pull off and the final matches shall be won by two (2) pulls out of three (3).**

#### 10. **BEHAVIOUR & WELL BEING**

- 10.1 Swearing and bad language will not be tolerated whilst on the rope.
- 10.2 No alcohol to be drunk before or during the competition. This includes pullers and coaches.
- 10.3 Any medication that maybe needed by a puller to be with the team's coach. I.e. Ashma inhaler, labelled with pullers name and available when needed. Medication information to be shared with the judges.
- 10.4 Any complaints to be raised by the teams coach at the end of the pull to the judges.

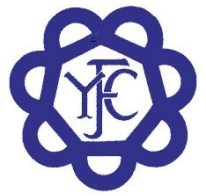
#### 11 **AWARDS**

- 11.1 ***Prize money for the winning Ladies & Men's team. £1,000 per winning team***
- 11.2 ***Prize cards for the top four teams***
- 11.3 ***Sashes will be awarded to the top four teams***



# HANBURY COUNTRYSIDE SHOW

## SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026



# WORCESTERSHIRE TUG OF WAR COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

**ONLINE ENTRY PREFERRED: [www.hanburyshow.co.uk](http://www.hanburyshow.co.uk)**

<b>NAME:</b> Coach / Primary Contact		
<b>ADDRESS:</b>		
	<b>POSTCODE:</b>	
<b>TEL:</b>		
<b>EMAIL:</b> E-tickets will be sent to this email address		
<b>CLUB:</b>		
<b>CLASS:</b>		
	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>YFC MEMBERSHIP No.</b>
<b>Puller 1</b>		
<b>Puller 2</b>		
<b>Puller 3</b>		
<b>Puller 4</b>		
<b>Puller 5</b>		
<b>Puller 6</b>		
<b>Puller 7</b>		
<b>Puller 8</b>		
<b>Trainer / Water Carrier</b>		<b>DBS No.:</b>

<b>ENTRY FEES TOTAL:</b>	<b>£ 24 : 00</b>
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I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **HANBURY COUNTRYSIDE SHOW SOCIETY**

**Having read the Rules and Conditions, I do hereby agree to abide by all rules, regulations and conditions made by YFC and the Show.**

**SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ENTRIES TO BE MADE ONLINE [www.hanburyshow.co.uk](http://www.hanburyshow.co.uk) Or sent to:**

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