



SPECIAL REGULATIONS: RAS YOUNG FARMER CHALLENGE

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NSW ('RAS') ABN 69 793 644 351

These Special Regulations expressly apply to the RAS Young Farmer Challenge Competition, which functions under the care and direction of the RAS Youth Affairs Committee and operates alongside the RAS General Regulations. Unless expressly stated in the RAS General Regulations, should there be an inconsistency, these Special Regulations for the Young Farmer Challenge will prevail.

- Queries regarding eligibility should be referred to the Young Farmer Challenge Coordinator, Agricultural Youth Initiatives, Phone: 02 9704 1160 or Email: agrilink@rasnsw.com.au
- Competitors will be provided with an information pack within 14 days of the start of the competition, including 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show entry passes.

Definitions:

Competitors means each member of the 4 person team competing in the challenge.

Notifiable Incident means any incident resulting in the death of a person, a serious injury or illness of a person, or a dangerous incident (as defined in section 37 of the WHS Act)

Prizes means monetary prize of \$2000 for the winning team.

Show Society means a local agricultural show society listed with the Agricultural Shows Council.

1. Teams of four Competitors must be nominated or endorsed by a **Show Society**.
2. One competitor must be nominated as the **Team Captain**. Correspondence from the RAS will be sent to the Team Captain.
3. Each team member must submit an entry via the My RAS entry system. [Young Farmer Challenge](#)
4. The Team Captain must ensure that all Competitors are available for the heats and competitions on the following dates:
 - Heat Monday 14 April of April 2025 held in the Schmit Arena, 9:00am.
 - Heat Monday 14 April of April 2025 held in ENGIE Stadium, 4:30pm.
5. Competitors must be aged between 18 and 35 years of age on the day of the competition. Competitors may be required to provide proof of age.
6. The following people are not eligible to enter the competition:



- Staff and Councillors of the RAS
 - Children and grandchildren of Staff of the RAS
 - Members of the RAS Youth Group
 - Competition Officials
 - Employees of a sponsor of the competition
7. *To promote wider participation, only 25% (1 person) from the previous year's NSW State Final Winning team are eligible to compete in consecutive years.*
 8. Competitors in each team must include both male and female competitors. All female or all male teams are not eligible to enter.
 9. One member of each team is required to meet each of the following criteria for entry:
 - Hold a current drivers licence recognised by an Australian State or Territory.
 - Be capable of hitching a trailer to a car and backing the trailer
 - Be competent at driving a tractor
 - Have experience in driving an all-terrain vehicle (ATV)
 - Be competent at handling livestock, including horses, sheep, cattle and pigs
 10. For the health and safety of all parties involved, Competitors are asked to disclose any medical condition reasonably expected to restrict tasks to be undertaken during the RAS Young Farmer Challenge, on the entry form and directly to the coordinator of the Competition. Adjustments to the competition will be made where reasonably practicable to do so.
 11. Teams will be required to take part in one of the RAS Young Farmer Challenge Heats held during the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show. The winning team from each of the heats may progress to the State Final also held during the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show.
 12. The winner will be selected from the successful completion of the tasks, and judged by the appointed Judges and Officials nominated by the RAS or the RAS Youth Affairs Committee.
 13. The Team Captain only may enter a protest against any decision or act or omission on the part of - a judge; the RAS; or any official of the RAS. Please refer to the correct procedure for lodging a protest in the RAS General Regulations (items 85 – 89). Every protest must be accompanied by a fee of \$50 and this amount shall be forfeited to the RAS if it is not upheld.
 14. The protest will be determined by the Chair of the RAS Youth Affairs Committee and the Chief Steward of the Young Farmer Challenge. Their decision is final and binding. No reasons for their decision will be provided.



15. Competitors consent to personal information being used to conduct the competition including their name and suburb being announced and disclosed to RAS sponsors, the media (online and print media), to the public, for promotional purposes and archival purposes, or as otherwise required by law. The privacy policy is available on www.rasnsw.com.au
16. Competitors acknowledge that they will participate in the Competition wholly and solely at their own risk and indemnify the RAS against any loss or injury.
17. Failure to comply with any of these Special Regulations may result in disqualification from the Competition.
18. Teams agree to comply with the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW) and any regulations under that Act, including the duty to **inform the RAS immediately on 9704 1020** when an incident, near miss or **Notifiable Incident** occurs, and Competitors understand their duty to preserve a site for an investigation if required and follow all reasonable directions from RAS staff and officials.
19. The RAS has the discretion to terminate, retract or change any aspect of the competition during the period.