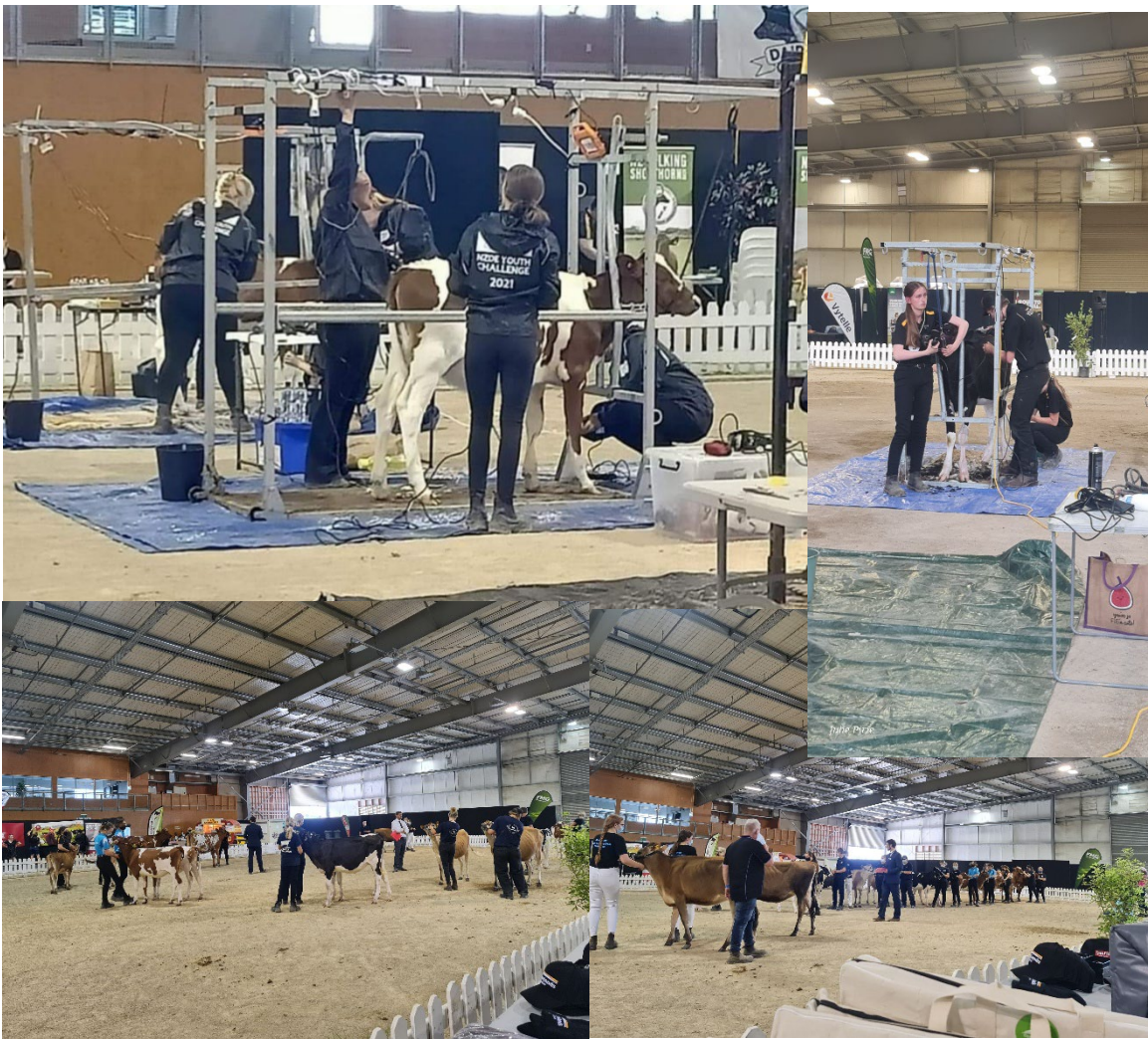




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Team Booklet



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The Youth Challenge takes place on Sunday 25 January at 3.00 pm in the Manfield Park Stadium. Heifers will be allocated to teams at approximately 24 hours prior. Team managers must be available to collect heifers along with some of their team members.

How to make up your team

Teams are to consist of 4 working members plus a team manager. Managers are not necessarily part of the working team and can be outside the competitive age limit.

All participants to be under 22 years of age and over 8 years of age, on competition day.

Each team must include at least one 15 or under member. If insufficient juniors, the team will lose 5 points.

At the event

The meeting point for collecting heifers will be at the wash bays at a time the Youth Challenge co-ordinator notify teams (via text message)

This meeting is compulsory for team managers to attend and is the final cut off for the submission of the team entry from with team member details.

Heifers will be allocated to each team via ballot

Once allocated, it is each teams responsibility to feed/water/clean their animal for the duration of the event, in the designated tie up area. Points will be deducted from any team deemed to have not adequately cared for their animal.

No alcohol is to be consumed by team members or present during the event

Uniforms to consist of team shirts, jeans, leather boots and cap type hats only (optional). Shirts may have teams name on the back. Sponsors logos may be used on the front of the shirt or caps.

Cattle for judging will be arranged by the Youth Challenge organisers.

Teams are required to supply:

- A tarp of adequate size to catch hair during clipping (5m x 4m tarp)
- Clippers and materials for clipping
- Long electrical lead
- 2 heifers for the parading component.
- A clipping frame – will be two heats. Those teams needing to supply a clipping frame will be notified a week prior to the event.
- All electrical equipment used in the competition is required to be tagged by an electrician

The winners presentation and BBQ will follow the Youth Challenge Event.

Running Order:

	Activity
2:45	Clipping Heat 1 – Preparation (allow 15 minutes)
3:00	Clipping Heat 1 – allow 30 minutes
3:00	Parading Heat 1 – 30 minutes total – 15 minutes in ring
3:30	Final Judging Clipping
3:35	Clipping Heat 1 – Pack up – allow 15 minutes, set up for Clipping Heat 2
3:50	Clipping Heat 2
3:50	Clipping Heat 2 – allow 30 minutes
3:50	Parading heat 2 – 30 minutes total – 15 minutes in ring
4:20	Final judging Clipping
4:35	Clipping Heat 2 – Pack up – allow 15 minutes
4:35	Judging – allow 30 minutes
5:05	Competition finishes – Coordinators tally points
6:00	Presentation and Youth BBQ

Teams in Clipping Heat 1 must have their clipping frames positioned in the show ring from 2:45 pm and must be ready to commence clipping at 3pm.

Following each heat, teams have 5 minutes to clean and clear their area. Teams in clipping Heat 2 are allowed 10 minutes to prepare their area.

At the conclusion of the event coordinators of teams that took part in clipping heat 1 must arrange to have their clipping frames removed as soon as possible.

Judging Criteria

CLIPPING – points awarded out of 100.

There will be two clipping heats

All four team members to take part.

Duration 30 minutes

At the end, animals must be led using a leather halter for final inspection.

The clipping judge will assess each heifer being led at the completion of the clipping heat and she will be judged **ONLY** on clipping and the finished product – not the heifers conformation.

The heifers being led for inspection will double as the heifers judged in the Judging competition.

The breakdown of points for this section:

Component	Score	Comments
Teamwork	20 / 100	Working together as a team to allocate tasks to get the heifer clipped within the time frame.
Attitude	20 / 100	Display a positive attitude toward the task at hand and encourage team members throughout the duration of the task
Equipment	20 / 100	Utilise all equipment in the manner intended
Safety	20 / 100	Safely prepare all equipment for use (eg cords taped to frame away from heifer and avoiding tripping hazard). Ensure safety measures are taken while clipping vulnerable parts of the heifer.
Final Product	20 / 100	Final product – ensure the heifer is fully clipped, topline is fully completed and leather halter is on.

PARADING – Points awarded out of 100

Two members take part

Duration 20 minutes.

Two animals paraded as a group, side by side and head to tail under the direction of the ring steward.

Animals for parading are to be provided by competitors.

The breakdown of points for this section:

Component	Score	Comments
Teamwork	25/100	How team members work together while in the ring
Technique	25/100	Attention to judge. Skills utilised to stand heifer up and present to the judge as they move around the ring.
Uniformity	25/100	Parading as a pair, side by side and head-to-head.

Presentation	25/100	Team members wearing clean, tucked shirts, jeans and boots. Showing they are proud to be representing their team.
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JUDGING – Points awarded out of 100

Two members take part

Duration 30 minutes

Judging will require one team member to speak on the microphone with their comments to qualify for points.

The breakdown of points for this section are as follows:

Component	Score	Comments
Judging Placement (1-4)	50/100	Placement of heifers in comparison to judge. Placement 1 – 4
Justification Microphone –	50/100	Comments on the microphone to justify results (1-2 minutes). Looking for clear, concise manner.

PENALTIES

Up to a maximum of five penalty points can be deducted from any one team's total score. Examples of penalties that may be applied to a Youth Challenge team, at the discretion of the judging/organisation panel:

Failing to wash, feed or water competition heifer adequately

Poorly maintained heifer stall

Thanks to Holstein Australia for the information.