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# **GRAND FINAL**

## **CONTESTANT GUIDELINES**

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# Welcome to the AgriKidsNZ 2025 Grand Final!

Congratulations on qualifying for the AgriKidsNZ 2025 Grand Final. You're on your way to representing your region in a series of tasks and challenges, so here's a set of guidelines that outlines what to expect at the upcoming Contest, and how you can best prepare!

## Expectations

As a Grand Finalist, you're a role model. You're representing yourself, your team, your school, and the AgriKidsNZ Contest — so we expect you to give it your best and always show great behaviour.

Lots of people will be watching, both in person and online. Our events are filmed and shared on TV, social media, and other places by NZ Young Farmers and our sponsors. Please make sure your actions and words show respect and reflect the values of your school and the contest. If anyone behaves badly, there may be consequences.

You might be asked to do an interview by NZYF, our sponsors, or even the media. This is a great chance to talk proudly about yourself, your team, your school or community, and the contest. Just a heads-up: your photo, video, or anything you say might be used to help promote the competition.

If you have any questions about this, please contact our Marketing and Communications Manager, Josh Mangos at [josh.mangos@youngfarmers.co.nz](mailto:josh.mangos@youngfarmers.co.nz)



# SPONSORS

Our sponsors are what make the AgriKidsNZ series possible. They've had long standing involvement with the Contest and are invested in your success. We ask that during the Contest you **do not wear any clothing or display any products that promote any competitor of our Contest sponsors**. If you are unsure if a brand is a competitor or not, please feel free to reach out and confirm with us.

This year's family of contest sponsors are:



# THE CHALLENGES

The AgriKidsNZ Contest is centred around three challenges that are designed to test contestants on their practical and theoretical knowledge of the primary industry. All tasks will be completed in your teams. Your team will rotate through the challenges, having 70 minutes at each.

## Modules

In the modules, contestants will complete a series of tasks hosted by our sponsors and supporters. Each team will complete seven, 10-minute modules for a total score out of 140. You will get a set of tips & tricks to help you prepare for the modules. These will be uploaded to the portal.

## Race-Off

As you will all remember from the Regional Events, the Race-Off is an agricultural themed obstacle course with various tasks to complete. Each team will move through the course as quick as they can, whilst being scored on the quality of their tasks completed and their speed.

## Agri-Quiz

The Agri-Quiz is a one-hour exam based on the primary industry that tests the teams on their general knowledge. The teams will sit together and complete the exam together as a team.

# POINTS BREAKDOWN

Section	Points Available
Seven 10-Minute Modules (20 points each)	140 Points Total
Race-Off 1 hour	110 Points Total
Agri-Quiz	100 Points Total
Total Points Available	350 Points Total

# TICKETS

All AgriKidsNZ contestants will automatically have tickets to the Friday Night Awards Evening, but all additional tickets must be purchased. **Team supervisors and any additional supporter tickets must be purchased.** Information on how to register the contestant tickets and purchase additional tickets are found on the contestant portal. Additional tickets are available for purchase Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

AgriKidsNZ 1st placegetters from Friday will also receive complimentary tickets to attend the Saturday Night Evening Show, where the FMG Young Farmer of the Year for Season 57 will be crowned. All other tickets for Saturday Night Evening Show will be available to purchase on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

# CLOTHING

During the Contest you'll need to dress accordingly for the activity or event that you're participating in. This will be either your formal school uniform, practical clothing, or other clothing that represents your school or community.

Bushbuck will be providing tee shirts for all contestants to wear on Practical Day. Please note that these are short-sleeved tees, so layering is crucial – Invercargill in July will can be VERY cold! You will receive these on-site on Thursday.

Here's a dress-code list for all aspects of the Grand Final event:

## Opening Ceremony

- Costume: AgriKidsNZ teams are encouraged to get creative as part of the costume competition, either based on your team name or an agricultural theme.

## Practical Day

- Practical Clothing - This is clothing that is warm, comfortable, sturdy, waterproof, and that you can safely complete practical activities. Closed-toed shoes are compulsory, long hair is to be tied back.

## Community Day

- Same as practical day

## Friday Night Show & Prizegiving

- Smart Casual

## FMG Young Farmer of the Year Evening Show (Saturday Night Awards Evening)

- Formal

# AWARDS

The following awards are up for grabs.

- Champions
- Second place
- Third place
- Module winners
- Race-Off winners
- Agri-Quiz winners

**Contestant of the Year** – this is awarded to the contestant who receives the most nominations throughout the Grand Final contest. Nominations are based on a contestant's attitude towards the challenges, their teammate, fellow contestants, and judges.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health and safety is a huge part of the AgriKidsNZ contest, as well as NZYF as an organisation. By competing and therefore representing the contest, you must promote a positive attitude towards health and safety and ensure that you and your teammate use safe practice in all elements of the contest.

Your team supervisors are responsible for your team's health and safety. If any person acts in an irresponsible manner that could cause harm to themselves or anyone else, they will face penalisation or in some cases expulsion from the Grand Final contest.

All team supervisors are required to induct themselves into the Health and Safety Form, this will be available on the Portal and must be completed before Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

If at any point your team do not feel safe or confident completing any task, or you feel that someone else is acting in a dangerous, reckless, or irresponsible manner, it is incredibly important that you speak up – no matter who it is. You must tell an NZYF staff member of any incidents immediately. At the end of the day, it's our number one priority that every person walks away without harm. If any task requires you to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), you **MUST** use it.

# MISCONDUCT

We do not tolerate misconduct in any way. This includes cheating or interference from any supervisor, parent, caregiver, or other spectator. Points will be deducted for any interference or involvement from any person other than the contestants involved with the task, and disqualification may result at NZYF discretion. Offending persons will be asked to leave and will not be allowed back. Interference from other contestants is strictly not allowed and will result in disqualification.

## **EVENING SHOW**

The Evening Show on Saturday night is a very special occasion where the wider New Zealand Young Farmers community comes together to formally celebrate every contestant's achievement and to support the FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Finalists as they battle it out in their very last challenge – the Agri-Knowledge Quiz.

We invite the first-place team to attend the Saturday Evening Show to represent the AgriKidsNZ contestants. The first-place team will be invited onto stage to be awarded their trophy, so please make sure you are well presented in your formal attire. Please take this into account when booking flights and accommodation. Tickets for this event are available to purchase on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## **GENERAL**

Please keep a close eye on your emails and the Contestant Portal during the lead up to Grand Final as you'll receive important information from National Office. Make sure you read these guidelines carefully and reach out if you have any questions or need clarification.

If you have any family members involved with the planning of Grand Final or within the NZYF Staff or Sponsor family, please notify Amy Middlemiss at [amy.middlemiss@youngfarmers.co.nz](mailto:amy.middlemiss@youngfarmers.co.nz) ASAP.