



**SEMAYR**  
Breeding Services

# AYRSHIRE YOUNG BREEDERS HEIFER COMPETITION



## 2021 Entry Form

Name: .....

Contact Number: ..... Email: .....

Address: .....

Animal ID and Herd Number: .....

Animal Name: .....

Herd Participant Code: ..... Animal Owner: .....

Reserve Animal ID and Herd Number: .....

Reserve Animal Name: .....

Permission to enter the animal ( if not owned by yourself ):  Yes  No

Age category ( as at 1 June):  5 - 12yr  13 - 17yr  18 - 25yr  26 - 35yr

Date: ...../...../2021 Signed: .....

..... ( Required if applicant is aged 5 to 17 years )  
Parental Siganature: ..... Name: .....

## Competition Rules

- 1: The competition is open to any young breeder aged between 5-35 years of age. Any entrant under the age of 20 who is not already a member of Ayrshire New Zealand must be the son/daughter, employee or close affiliate of an existing member. Any entrant aged 20 years or over must be a member of Ayrshire New Zealand.
- 2: There are four age group categories: 5 - 12, 13 – 17, 18 – 25, 26 – 35. The entrant’s age will be calculated as at 1 June in the year that the competition commences.
- 3: The competition is open to any registered in-calf heifer (A14 or above) due to calve after 20 June in each year, except for the 5-12 age group where a calf may be entered.



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4: Animals that are not owned by the entrant may be entered with written permission from the animal owner.

5: Only one heifer may be entered per entrant, however a reserve animal may be nominated at the time of entry. If the original entry dies prior to 20 October, and upon proof of fate, the reserve animal will replace the original entry.

6: The competition will be assessed in three parts per age group:

5-12 age group	Write a story about your animal, this can be about the fun activities you do with your calf, the understanding of its breeding, about its Dam and Sire.	50%
	Colour her markings on page provided in information pack, or draw your calf.	10%
	Write a diary over the time period of what you do with your calf from feeding to taking your calf to pet days etc, with lots of pictures.	20%
	Points for showing you have taken your calf to calf club, photo competition, shows.	20%
All other age groups	Submit an essay detailing why your heifer was chosen, and assess and evaluate both heifer's lactation development and the changes in her BV's.	35%
	Submit a regular diary of your heifer's lactation development.	15%
	A point system will calculate the breeding value (BV) development of pre-calving compared to end of lactation. Also LW comparison to age group average (within herd), TOP scores and pregnancy status.	50%

On completion of nomination, each entrant will be supplied with an information pack. This pack will provide further detail of the requirements of the essay and diary sections.

7: Bonus points may be allocated at the discretion of the competition Judge where the heifer is also entered in A&P Shows, the Ayrshire On Farm Competition, and/or the Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competition

8: All heifers entered are expected to complete a minimum of three herd tests by 15 April 2022 and be inspected for TOP & Classification.

9: Prizes will be awarded for first – third placings in each age group category. Prizes will be in the form of book vouchers for the 5-12 age group and proven semen straws for all other age groups, sponsored by Semayr Breeding Services

10: All entries must be completed with the Ayrshire NZ office by 20 April of the following year.

11: 5-12 age group - nominations close 30 July 2021 / Calves by 15 September 2021.  
All other age groups - nominations close 30 July 2021.