

Team Nomination & Entry Criteria

- Team nominations are due by Friday 12th December 2025 to the Holstein Australia Office via youth@holstein.com.au (team members can be finalised later). Telephone enquiries to Celia Evans on (03) 9835 7600. The Youth Challenge takes place at 11am on Sunday 18th January 2026 at IDW.
- Team entries can be accepted from dairy youth groups, Sub-Branch areas, breed associations (national teams) or regionally and state-based teams.
- All participants to be under 22 years of age on competition day.
- The Dairy Youth Challenge is for all breeds of dairy cattle. The participation of youth representing all breeds is actively encouraged.
- Teams are to consist of 10 working members, plus a team coordinator. Coordinators are not necessarily part of the working team and can be outside the competitive age limit.
- Each team must include at least 3 junior members (under 15 years). If insufficient juniors, the team will lose 5 points/person for each junior not participating.
- Each team is restricted to 3 working members over the age of 18 and under 22 on the day of the show.
- Each member over the limit of 3 will be penalised by a loss of 5 points/person to the teams overall score.
- No person to compete in more than 1 event

At The Event

- A compulsory meeting for all team coordinators will be held on Saturday 17th January 2026 at the Holstein Australia stand at IDW, time to be advised. A list of team members and their respective ages must be submitted to the organisers during this meeting. Teams not represented at this meeting may be disqualified.
- No Alcohol is to be consumed by team members or present during the event.
- Uniforms to consist of team coloured shirts, jeans, leather boots and caps (optional). Shirts may have teams name on the back. Sponsors logos may be used on the front of the shirt – no larger than 15cm (pocket size), or on caps.
- Cattle for clipping and judging will be provided by the organisers.
- Cattle for clipping will be randomly allocated on the Saturday evening prior to the competition.
- Once allocated, it is each teams responsibility to feed/water/clean their animal for the duration of the event. Points will be deducted from any team deemed to have not adequately cared for their animal.
- Teams are required to supply their own tarp of an adequate size to catch hair during clipping (5 x 4 tarp).
- All electrical equipment used in the competition is required to be tagged by an electrician.
- A winners presentation and free competitor picnic will follow the Youth Challenge event.

Team Judging Criteria

CLIPPING – points awarded out of 100

- There will be two (2) clipping heats. Clipping order will be notified the day prior to the event.
- Four (4) team members to take part.
- Duration 30 minutes.
- To be judged on teamwork, attitude, equipment use and its safety as well as the quality of the completed job, including topline.
- At the end, animals must be led using a leather halter for final inspection. A short questionnaire is to be completed by all team members collectively during this time.

JUDGING – points awarded out of 100

- Three (3) members to take part.
- Duration 20 minutes.
- Animals will be paraded, with team members to judge the class collectively, recording their places on the sheet provided, and then hand in to officials (50 points).

PARADING - points awarded out of 100

- Three (3) members to take part.
- Duration 20 minutes.
- Three (3) animals to be paraded as a group, side-by-side and head-to-tail under the direction of the ring steward / judges.
- Animals for parading are to be provided by competitors.