

# BRISTOL & WEST WORKING GUNDOG SOCIETY

KC ID No 344

## FIELD TRIAL STANDING INSTRUCTIONS 2011/12

All field trials will be run under Kennel Club Rules and Field Trial Regulations. Copies of these can be obtained from the Kennel Club, 1-5 Clarges Street, London W1Y 8AB.

**RUNNERS:** All stakes are for breeds that hunt, point and retrieve and are restricted to twelve runners.

**ENTRY FEES:** For all stakes – Members (as at 1<sup>st</sup> March) £20.00                      Non-Members - £30.00

**Separate cheque with each entry for each dog.**

Cheques/postal orders etc. to be made **payable to BWWGS**.

Entry fees may be forfeit of the Bristol & West Working Gundog Society to competitors including reserves who are unable to attend, unless **48 hours notice of their non-attendance has been given to the Field Trial Secretary and providing a reserve has run in their place**. Un-presented cheques will be held until the end of the season and then destroyed, unless their return is requested. There will be a 50% refund if a trial is cancelled due to bad weather.

### **ENTRIES**

May be obtained from the BWWGS web-site or the Hon FT Sec, and when completed, returned to  
**Hon FT Secretary: Mrs C Carpenter, Hilltop Cottage, East Woodlands, Frome, Somerset, BA11 5LW**

Entry forms must show dog's Kennel Club Registration/stud /ATC number. T.A.F or N.A.F (as applicable) must be stated on the entry form if a change of registration is being processed. Failure to do so may result in KC disqualification.

Owners entering more than one dog, in the event of over subscription, must state preference in the draw. However, in cases of joint ownership of more than one dog, each of the owners may handle one of the dogs which are jointly owned, and each dog must be entered on a separate entry form and will be treated as a single entry in the event of a ballot.

If a partnership enters a dog only one of the partners shall be permitted to make a separate entry for a dog registered in his/her sole ownership.

**PLEASE NOTE – SUBSTITUTION OF DOGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Entries will **not** be accepted by e-mail as these are not signed or accompanied by the fee or for dogs less than 12 months of age on the day of the trial.

### **CLOSING DATES**

Entries together with fees must be received by the Secretary on or before the closing dates specified against each meeting.

### **DRAW**

Preference will be given to fully paid up members as at 1<sup>st</sup> March in the year of the start of the Trial Season. The draw will take place at approximately 20.30 hours at the address of the Field Trial Secretary on the date stated. Members and applicants may be present or telephone for the result between 21.00 and 22.00 hours. In the event of excessive entries a ballot will be held.

Please enclose with your entry form a **STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE OR YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS** if you require a copy of the draw.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

In accordance with Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations the BWWGS reserves the right to accept dogs by qualification based on previous field trial awards as follows:

**Novice:**                      **Preference to Members:** A Stake confined to dogs which have not gained the following:-

1. First, Second or Third in Open Stake or
2. First in Novice

**All-Aged:**                      Preference in the draw will be given to those dogs with an award in the following order:-

1. Members
2. Others.

- Open:** Preference in the draw will be given in the following order.
1. Members dogs which have gained awards as shown below.
  2. Non-Members dogs which have gained awards as shown below.
  3. Members dogs which have gained other awards.
  4. Non-Members dogs which have gained other awards
  5. Other dogs.

**Awards:** a First, Second, or Third award in an Open Stake or a First or Second in an All-Aged Stake or First in Novice. (All the foregoing awards must have been gained in a Stake qualifying for entry in the KC Stud Book)

### **PRIZES**

Prize cards are on offer in every stake. ALL trophies remain the property of BWWGS and are held for one year only.

### **MEETING AND STARTING TIMES 8.45 for 9.00**

**Competitors must report to the Chief Steward** not later than 15 minutes prior to the published starting time. RESERVES WILL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ABSENTEES at the point when the Chief Steward calls competitors and Judges together and makes his/her introductions. This will be deemed to be the start of the trial.

### **BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF DOGS ENTERED**

K.C.F.T. Regulations J(A) and J(E)

### **CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE**

Should circumstances so dictate the B&WWGS, in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club at the earliest opportunity.

A Field Trial Committee for the day will be appointed from members present to act on behalf of the BWWGS. Should circumstances so dictate the Judges may alter arrangements as necessary after consultation with the committee, and such circumstances will be reported to the KC. No modification will be made to schedule except by permission of the KC, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals, if time permits before the closing of entries.

### **GUNS/ QUARRY**

There has been a change in the law and some types of quarry may not now be killed with lead shot. It therefore depends on what type of ammunition the guns have loaded at the time an opportunity presents itself as to whether Duck, Geese, Snipe, Golden Plover, Moorhen or Coot are killed.

### **LUNCH**

Competitors should make their own arrangements for lunch.

### **PICKING UP DOG**

At each stake there will be a dog whose sole purpose is to retrieve any game not recovered by dogs running in the stake.

### **DISCIPLINE**

All handlers must carry out the instructions of the Judges who are empowered to turn out of the Stake any dog whose handler does not obey them or whose handler wilfully interferes with another competitor or his dog. **When in the line, everybody should remain close to the steward carrying the red flag to minimise the risk of accidents.** Noise levels should be kept to a minimum. All dogs must be kept on a lead except when in the line. No unauthorised dog should be present at a Trial. Competitors may exercise their dogs prior to the Trial by permission of the Chief Steward, but only when and where indicated. Anyone continually disobeying these instructions will be asked to vacate the ground. Any bitch found to be in season must be removed from the ground immediately. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling at a Field Trial.

### **LIABILITY**

Neither the Bristol & West Working Gundog Society nor the hosts of any meeting will accept liability for any accident, damage, illness or injury to dogs, owners, handlers, spectators, or any other person or property whatsoever. The Bristol & West Working Gundog Society reserves the right to refuse an entry without stating the reason.

**The making of an entry constitutes acceptance of the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations for Field Trials and the forgoing Bristol & West Working Gundog Society Standing Instructions.**