BWWGS AV RETRIEVER STANDING INSTRUCTIONS 2026 ID 344

All Trials will be held under Kennel Club Field Trial Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct and the BWWGS AV Retriever Standing Instruction. Please read before entering.

Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration.

MEMBERS: Please ensure your membership is up to date to qualify

THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDES COVID RISK INSTRUCTIONS AT THE TIME OF REVISION:
COVID: The BWWGS will continue to follow any updated guidance issued by the Government and/or the Kennel Club. If a competitor, or anyone in their household has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must follow Government advice and should consider whether it is appropriate that they attend the event.

ENTRIES:
IF POSSIBLE ENTER ONLINE VIA THE **FIELD TRIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
Online FTMS entries:-
Admin Fee: A non-refundable administration fee of £5 will be charged for each entry.
Entry Fee: To be paid at least 7 days before the day of the trial. (Except in exceptional circumstances)

All fees must be paid directly into the society's bank account (details below) or by cheque NOT via FTMS.

Account name: Bristol & West Working Gundog Society
Sort code: 40-19-27
Account no: 01551191

****** Please note this account is separate to the account which membership fees are paid into ******

Paper entries: Schedules and entry forms can be downloaded from the website
Admin Fee: A non-refundable cheque for £5 will be charged for each entry.
Entry Fee: as per schedule
Separate cheques for admin fee/entry fees made payable to 'Bristol & West Working Gundog Society'

Postal entries must be received by the Field Trial Secretary by the date of the draw.
To receive a copy of the draw please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your entry.

Paper Entries to be sent to: - Field Trial Secretary (Retrievers)
Miss A. Dodd
2 Laburnum Walk
Upton upon Severn
Worcestershire
WR8 0LW
Mobile: 07703 412176 Email: annabelle-dodd@hotmail.co.uk

THE DRAW:
If you have not paid the admin fee you will NOT be entered in the draw.
Anyone unable to take up their run, please contact the FT Secretary immediately.

DEFINITION OF STAKES:

Open Stakes: A stake in which dogs have the opportunity of gaining a qualification towards the title of Field Trial Champion (K regulations refer) and towards entry in the Championship or Championship Stake.

J6.1 A first, second, third or fourth in a 24-Dog Open stake. First, second or third in a One-day Open stake. First in all age or Novice stakes.

ORDER OF DRAWS:

J6.j (1) Open Stakes

i. Members' first preference dogs which have gained places as shown above.

ii. Members' second preference dogs which have gained places as shown above.

iii. Non-members' first preference dogs which have gained places as shown above.

iv. Non-members' second preference dogs which have gained places as shown above.

v. Members' dogs which have gained other places.

vi. Non-members dogs which have gained other places.

vii. Other dogs.

The foregoing places must have been gained in a stake qualifying for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book.

NOVICE Stakes: A stake which is confined to dogs which have ***not*** gained a place, or places which would qualify them for a first preference in the draw for Open stakes.

J6.j (2) Novice Stakes

i. Members' first preference dogs.

ii. Members' second preference dogs.

iii. Non-members first preference dogs.

iv. Non-members' second preference dogs.

OWNERS ENTERING MORE THAN ONE DOG:

In the event of over subscription, you must state a 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 as a separate entry 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 make arrangements for someone to hold your dogs whilst you are taking up runs, please do not assume that officials or other competitors will do this for you.

RESERVES: Must inform the FT Secretary immediately if the run cannot be taken up or fees may not be refunded. See J6.f for exceptions.

CLOSING DATES: As stated on the schedule.

SUBSTITUTION OF DOGS: Will not be accepted by the BWWGS Retriever section.

REFUSAL OF ENTRY: The BWWGS reserves to itself the right to refuse an entry without stating the reason.

CANCELLED TRIALS DUE TO BAD WEATHER: There will be a 50% refund.

JUDGES ARE PROHIBTED from entering a dog at a trial they are judging where it is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.

ENTRY ON THE DAY: No entries or payment will be accepted on the day.

DRAW: All draws will take place via FTMS.

RUNNING CARD: Running cards will be given out on the morning of the trial.

MEETING AND STARTING TIMES: 9:00am for 9:30am – Competitors must report to the Chief Steward not later than fifteen 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.

RED FLAG: Instructions from the dedicated Red Flag ***MUST*** always be adhered to.

PICKING UP DOG: There will be a dog whose sole purpose is to retrieve any game not recovered by dogs running in the stake.

CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE: Should circumstances so dictate, the BWWGS in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club at the earliest opportunity.

No modification may be made to the schedule after publication except by permission of the Kennel Club, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.

WELFARE OF DOGS: A competitor whose dog(s) is/are entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) and should not knowingly put their dog(s)' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars or prong collars is not permitted at any field trial licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the trial.

Your dog(s) is /are vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog(s). If your dog(s) is/are found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

GUNS/QUARRY: Some types of quarry may not be killed with lead shot. It will depend 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, coot are killed.

APPROPRIATE DRESS: All competitors, stewards or other persons attending a trial should be appropriately dressed and should consider themselves under the direction of the Chief Steward and officials of the Society.

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 willfully interferes with another competitor or his/her dog. When in the gallery, everybody should remain close to the steward carrying the red flag to minimize the risk of accidents. Noise levels should be kept to a minimum. All dogs must be kept on a lead except when running. Nobody should bring a dog to the trial unless it is competing. Competitors may exercise their dogs prior to the trial by the permission of the Chief Steward, but only where indicated. Anyone continually disobeying these instructions will be asked to vacate the ground. Bitches in season will not be allowed on 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.

Criticism of grounds, hosts, guns, officials or individuals at any time is a breach of Kennel Club rules; this includes using social media sites and is totally un acceptable. The BWWGS will not tolerate any verbal abuse, aggression or disrespectful comments made directly or indirectly towards any officials or helpers at our trials. We would politely ask that you are respectful to all officials and your fellow competitors. Please refer to both the Kennel Club Code of Conduct and BWWGS Code of Conduct which is available on our website.

SPECTATORS: Prior approval of the FT Secretary is required for spectators to attend any of the society's field trials. The allowing of spectators will be reviewed with any new COVID guidance issued by Government or the Kennel Club.

VIDEOGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHY: Will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward, the host and those photographed.

LIABILITY: Neither the BWWGS 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.

FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE ON THE DAY: Will be appointed from members present to act on behalf of the BWWGS.

Website: **www.bwwgs.org.uk**

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