

BRISTOL & WEST WORKING GUNDOG SOCIETY
RETRIEVER FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULES 2023/4

RULES and REGULATIONS and CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1 Dogs entered at Kennel Club Limited Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
- 2 The Society reserves to itself the right to refuse any entry.
- 3 Substitutions may be allowed up to 5 days before the Trial.
Should a dog be drawn to run in a Stake and then withdraw for any reason the Owner may run a substitute dog in its place provided:
 - The substitute dog has gained a qualification for the equivalent preference in the draw AT THE DATE OF THE DRAW;
 - Details of substitute dog(s) MUST be included in the Entry Form for that Stake and MUST be clearly marked as Substitute.
 - Any member/owner/dog drawn to run in Novice R2 will not have preference in the draw for Novice R3.
- 4 All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the trial can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the competitor.
- 5 If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.
- 6 Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club.
- 7 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.
- 8 Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
- 9 Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.
- 10 Welfare of Dogs
An Exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise.
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

A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
- 11 DOGS IN CARS ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is 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.

If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

- 12 Entries may be made by post or on-line. Entries made by Email, telephone or facsimile will NOT be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 13 Separate entry forms are required for each dog entered, except in the case of substitute dogs (see point 3 above). Incomplete or illegible Entry Forms may be excluded from the draw if not corrected and resubmitted prior to the draw taking place.
- 14 Pay entry fee if offered a run. At least 7 days before the trial.
- 15 The £5.00 administration fee must be received by the date of the draw in order for entries to be included in the draw.
- 16 A stamped addressed envelope or email address should be provided if notification of the draw is required. Otherwise the draw will be emailed by the FTMS.
- 17 Perpetual Trophies are to be retained for a period of one year, or until the corresponding Stake in the season following the award. Perpetual Trophies are the responsibility of those Members to whom they are awarded until the safe return to the appropriate Field Trial Secretary. Additionally, it is the responsibility of Members awarded any Society Trophy to complete any engraving that may be required.
- 18 Bitches in season and non-competing dogs will not be allowed on the grounds of the Trial except for those designated for picking up.
- 19 All Competitors, Stewards and other persons attending a Trial should be appropriately dressed and should consider themselves to be under the direction of the Chief Steward and officials of the society.
- 20 Prior approval by the Field Trial Secretary is required for spectators to attend any of the society's Field Trials.
- 21 The Bristol & West Working Gundog Society cannot accept responsibility for injury, loss or damage to persons, dogs or property however caused.
- 22 Where a dog is jointly owned, all owners must be members.

DEFINITIONS OF STAKES

Open

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 Champion Stake for its breed; in which entry is open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds except that such Stakes may not be confined to Any Variety Spaniel [except Spaniel (Cocker) and Spaniel (English Springer)]. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J6.i. so that preference is given to previous performance.

Novice

Retrievers, Spaniels and Breeds which Hunt, Point and Retrieve: A Stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place which would qualify them for first preference in the draw for Open Stakes.

Pointers and Setters: A Stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a First, Second or Third in Open Stakes or First or two Seconds in All Aged, Novice or Puppy Stakes prior to the close of entries.

