



## **BRISTOL AND WEST WORKING GUNDOG SOCIETY**

### **ID 344**

### **HPR STANDING INSTRUCTIONS 2024/2025**

**All trials will be held under Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Rules & Regulations and Code of Conduct and the BWWGS HPR Standing Instructions**  
**Please read these before entering**

**\*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 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:**

We are requesting paper entries for this field trial season. Entries should be made to the FT Secretary, Sue Wagstaff, together with payment at the time of entry. The entry form is available to download from the website, alternatively you can make a request to the FT Secretary for a paper copy to be sent via post. The order of the draw will be emailed to entrants. Any issues with the draw should be notified to the FT Secretary for assistance.

The preferred method of payment is via BACS to the following account (***please note this is a separate account to the one you pay your subs to***):

Account Name: Bristol and West Working Gundog Society  
Account Number: 21347233  
Sort Code: 40-44-25

Please include a reference with your surname and the date of the trial you are entering (ie BLOGGS-1 Jan) and then email Sue Wagstaff to confirm you have paid. If you prefer to pay by cheque, these should be made payable to BWWGS and sent together with your entry to Sue Wagstaff.

***Anyone unable to make their run, please contact the FT Secretary, immediately.***

Sue Wagstaff – Email: [mrswaggy100@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mrswaggy100@hotmail.co.uk) , Tel: 01278 733713, Mobile: 07532 275569  
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## 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 Champion Stake for its breed; in which entry is open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds.

- J6.i Preference in the draw for Open Stake  
(4) Breeds which Hunt, Point and Retrieve

A first, second or third in an open stake

**Or any two of the following awards:**

A first in an all-aged stake

A second in an all-aged stake

A first in a novice stake

It should be noted that any dog which has gained preference in the draw for open stakes prior to 2 February 2023 will retain their preference in any open draw without the requirement for additional awards.

## 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 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.

*Please note: the BWWGS will give priority to those members who were unsuccessful in the previous draw(s) for its Novice Stake(s) in the 2024-25 Field Trial season (please refer to regulation J6.h for clarification).*

**ALL-AGED** Stakes: (See J3.d(2)): A Stake which is open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds without restriction as to their age, but which may be restricted by any other conditions which may be determined by the society subject to the approval of the Board of the Kennel Club. In all cases, members' dogs which meet the conditions of entry should take preference in the draw.

KC approved preference AA Stake for BWWGS AA FT:

Preference in the draw will be given as follows:

- i. Members with field trial awards.
- ii. Non-members with field trial awards.
- iii. Members with no field trial awards.
- iv. Non-members with no field trial awards.

If a member enters more than two eligible dogs for a stake, these subsequent eligible dogs will be placed in separate ballots and drawn before non-members' eligible dogs.

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF DOGS ENTERED** – KC Reg J(E)1 - Dogs shall be required to quarter ground systematically in search of quarry (hereafter game), to point game, to flush on command, to be steady to flush, shot and fall, and to retrieve tenderly to hand on command from land or water.

**COMPETING** – KC Reg J(E) 4 - Dogs shall be run singly in order of draw under two judges, judging as a pair. A dog, unless discarded, must have been tried at least twice in the line before receiving an award or certificate of merit.

**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 your own arrangements for someone to hold your dogs whilst you are taking up your runs, please do not assume that officials or other competitors will do this for you.

**WATER TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR HPRs** – Following the Kennel Club Field Trials Committee recommendation, **Water Tests will no longer be required in order for an HPR to gain an award at a field trial.** The J Regulations have been amended accordingly.

**RESIDING OUTSIDE THE UK** – All dogs must be registered with the Kennel Club Breed Register and all dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete (ATC) number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.

**RESERVES** – Must inform the Field Trial 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 HPR section.

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

**REFUSAL OF ENTRY** – The BWWGS reserves to itself the right to refuse any entry without stating the reason.

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

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

**DRAW** – All draws will take place manually at 7:00pm via zoom at the home of the Field Trial Secretary. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a trial shall be decided by ballot.

**RUNNING CARD** – Running cards will be sent out electronically in advance of the day together with any specific instructions eg, meeting place and directions.

**MEETING AND STARTING TIMES** – 08:45 for 09:00am – 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.

**LUNCH** – Competitors should make their own arrangements for lunch. There may be a chance of shooting through lunch, so it is advisable for competitors to take something with them.

**RED FLAG** – Instructions from the dedicated Red Flag **MUST** be adhered to at all times.

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

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

**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) are met 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 Board 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.

**DOGS IN CARS ON HOT DAYS** – 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 or Coot are killed.

**APPROPRIATE DRESS** – All competitors, stewards or 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.

**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 minimise 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 a trial unless it is competing. 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 leave 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 in breach of Kennel Club rules; this includes using social media sites and is totally unacceptable. 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](http://www.bwwgs.org.uk)

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