

BWWGS SPANIEL STANDING INSTRUCTIONS 2020/21

All Trials will be held under Kennel Club Field Trial Rules and Regulations and the BWWGS Spaniel 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

***New:* THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDES OUR COVID RISK INSTRUCTIONS AT THE TIME OF REVISION**

- Don't attend if you are self-isolating or any member of your household has been infected or had symptoms within 14 days of the trial date or your area is in localised lockdown
- Contact the Club if you develop Covid-19 symptoms within 10 days of attending (FT secs will inform all attendees 'track and trace')
- All attend at their own risk and agree to abide by the social distancing and club requirements as advised at the time
- A Covid Officer will be appointed
- Attendees will be required to leave the ground if protocol is not adhered to
- All attendees to bring personal hand sanitiser and appropriate PPE
- All attending to hand sanitise at the beginning of the day and several times during the day to avoid cross contamination e.g. After each bird handled
- Masks must be worn inside buildings and in vehicles (if required) with more than one occupant
- Competitors must not offload paraphernalia onto anyone else.
- Spectators are not encouraged
- You may supply your own Armband(s) but these will be available having taken the required precautions of sanitation. (plastic products isolated for 72hrs)
- Awards may not be available at the time of the FT Stake.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF DOGS ENTERED - See KC Field Trial Regulations J(A) and J(E)

ENTRY FEES - For all stakes – Members £30.00 Non-Members - £35.00.

ENTRIES - ONLINE ENTRIES and payment online via **FTMS**

www.fieldtrial.info

<https://www.fieldtrial.info/FTMS/downloads/cv19reg.pdf>

Forms will not be available to download on the website

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.

RESERVES - must inform the FT Sec immediately if the run cannot be taken up or fees may not be refunded. See J.7.f for exceptions.

CLOSING DATES – as stated on the schedule.

SUBSTITUTION OF DOGS - will not be accepted by the BWWGS Spaniel 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 the right to refuse an entry without stating the reason.

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

NEW: No entries or cheques will be accepted on the day

DRAW – All Draws will take place via FTMS

New: **RUNNING CARD:** Running cards will be sent out electronically in advance of the day.

DEFINITIONS OF STAKES:

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

Preference in the draw will be given as follows: in the draw will be given to First, Second, Third in an Open Stake or First or Second in an All-Aged Stake, or First in a Novice.

Oder of Draws

j (1) OPEN Stake:

- i. Members' first preference dogs which have gained places shown above.
- ii. Members' second preference dogs which have gained places shown above.
- iii. Non-Members' first preference dogs which have gained places shown above.
- iv. Non-Members' second preference dogs which have gained places shown above.
- v. Members dogs which have gained other places.
- vi. Non-Members dogs which have gained other places.
- iv. Other dogs

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

NOVICE Stake: Confined to dogs which have **not** gained the following, First, Second or Third in Open Stake or First in Novice

j (2) NOVICE Stake:

- i. Members' first preference dogs.
- ii. Members' second preference dogs.
- iii. Non-Members' first preference dogs.
- iv. Non-Members' second preference dogs.

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.

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** 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.

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.

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

WELFARE OF DOGS - A 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. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations

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.

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 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 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. Please read the BWWGS Code of Conduct on our website.

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.

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.

SPECTATORS - Prior approval by the Field Trial Secretary is required for spectators to attend any of the society's Field Trials. **NEW:** at present spectators are suspended.

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

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.

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