

Conditions of entry

1. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot. The order of the draw will be the order of running.

2. More than one run may be applied for, but only one run will be offered to each owner whilst reserves stand.

Joint members can only apply for a run jointly and not separately.

Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.

3. THE SUBSTITUTION OF DOGS SIMILARLY QUALIFIED BY THE DRAW DATE WILL BE ALLOWED UP TO THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIAL, THE DETAILS OF WHICH MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE ORIGINAL ENTRY FORM.

4. Withdrawal from a trial; as per Regulation J6.f

5. All dogs must be registered at The Royal Kennel Club in the name of the owner.

6. Only competing dogs or those fulfilling an official activity will be allowed on the Trial ground.

7. All Trophies are to be engraved at the winner's expense, held for one year unless otherwise stated and returned in good condition for the following season's Trial.

8. Entries will be accepted either online through the Field Trial Management System FTMS at www.fieldtrial.info or by posting an entry. There is also an admin fee for all entries into retriever trials. Online entries, the admin fee and the entry fee must be paid online via www.fieldtrial.info the admin fee when entering the trial and the entry fee a minimum of 7 days before the trial. Paper entries, require two cheques enclosed, a cheque for the entry fee and a separate cheque for the admin fee. Results of the draw and directions of the meet will be emailed or posted to entrants that have included a SAE with their entry form. Alternatively results of the draw and directions of the meet will be published on the Society's website www.leicestershiregundogsociety.org

9. Preference in Open Stakes will be given to dogs with the following awards.

Retrievers: A First, Second, Third or Fourth award in a 24 dog Open Stake; First, Second or Third award in a 12 dog Open Stake; First in All Aged stake or Novice Stakes.

Spaniels: A First, Second or Third award in an Open Stake or First award in an All Aged or Novice Stake.

To qualify for preference in the draw in an Open Spaniel stake, the dog must have gained the appropriate places in a stake open to its breed.

In open stakes preference in the draw for members will be as laid down in the J Regs 6 i.

Retrievers & Spaniels

Novice stakes: for dogs not having gained the above awards. Preference in the draw for Novice stakes will not be given to members who have already been offered a run by the club in a similar Novice stake in the current season. J6(h).

All Aged: Open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds without restriction as to their age. Preference will be given to dogs which have a field trial award or a certificate of merit in a field trial.

10. 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. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners (J4 refers), in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J6.j. so that preference is given to previous performance.

All Aged: 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 Royal Kennel Club.

Novice: 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.

11. The society may reserve to itself the right to refuse any entry or nomination. Any such refusal must be reported to the Royal Kennel Club, (ref J6.d).

12. 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 KC at the earliest opportunity.

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

14. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Royal Kennel Club Authority to Compete 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.

15. 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.

16. Welfare of Dogs

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Royal 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 Royal 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 Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the trial.

17. Videography & Photography

Videography & photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the Host.

18. Spectators

No spectators will be allowed at any of the Societies Field Trials except with **prior** approval of the host and chief steward.