

Rules, Regulations and Conditions of Entry

All Field Trials will be conducted in accordance with the Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Regulations (section J) together with these Conditions and the Rules of the Usk Valley Working Gundog Club.

1. 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 B.
2. Dogs must be registered at the Kennel Club Limited in the name of the owners, or joint owners prior to the closing date for entries. Owners who have applied for change of registration (name or ownership) prior to entry date can also apply for a run. All owners must be fully paid-up members of the Club (see note 23). Joint owners will be considered the same as single ownership with regards to preference in the draws.
3. All persons attending the Field Trial must consider themselves under the control of the Judges and Chief Steward of the Club. They must be dressed appropriately and conduct themselves according to shooting field practices and traditions.
4. Usk Valley Working Gundog Club have the right to refuse entry to the Field Trial if they believe that compliance of the rules and regulations of the club and the Kennel Club have not been adhered to.
5. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel club Authority to Compete number before entry to the event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the competitor.
6. Should circumstances dictate the Club, in consultation with the Judges, may alter the Trial arrangements as deemed necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club Limited at the earliest opportunity.
7. The order of running in the trial is the order of the draw. All dogs and handlers must be present at the 'commencement' of the Trial, as announced by the Chief Steward. Those who are not present will forfeit their run and their number will be allocated to the next available reserve(s). If exceptional circumstances prevail this will be dealt with in accordance with to Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Regulation J9b (1).
8. Judges at a trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
9. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.
10. Substitution may be allowed up to 7 days before a Trial. Open Stakes will require similarly qualified dogs.

11. The date, place and time of the draw will be as published in the Field Trial Schedule. No modification may be made to the schedule after publication except by permission of the Kennel Club Limited, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.

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

13. 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 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.

14. 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.

15. After an applicant has been successful in the draw for a place in the Stake, or as a reserve has accepted an offer of a run, if the run is not taken up the applicant may become liable for the full entry fee if his or her place is not taken up by another competitor except.

- a. Where the applicant has qualified out of Novice Stakes (where applicable) or,
- b. Where the dog drawn to run has qualified for the championship after entries have closed or,
- c. On the production of a veterinary certificate confirming that the dog entered for the stake is unfit to compete or,
- d. On production of a medical certificate that the applicant or the applicant's nominated handler is unable to compete or,
- e. Where the dog drawn to run is withdrawn more than 7 days prior to the stake.

We would request any withdrawal BE DONE BY TELEPHONE NOT BY EMAIL.

16. If a member enters more than one dog for a Trial, the name of the dog in Box 1 of the REGISTERED NAME OF DOG section of the Field Trial Entry Form will be taken as their first 'preference'. The draw will be conducted in accordance with Regulation J6j.

17. Members may make separate entries for each of the Novice Stakes but having been successful in one, even having refused the run, will rank below other unsuccessful members for any other Novice Stake that season.

18. It is at the discretion of the Club to confine the handling of dogs to one dog per owner unless the trial is under subscribed. Only the handler whose name appears on the official entry form may handle the dog on the day.

19. Any dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease must not be brought to the trial ground (as required by entry declaration). Usk Valley Working Gundog Club recommends that competing dogs are fully vaccinated.

20. Bitches in season must not be brought to the trial ground.

21. Completed entry forms must be received by the Hon. Field Trial Secretary by the closing date. An incorrect fee or illegible entry will be returned, the applicant must then re-apply. The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry.

22. Retriever and Spaniel Field Trial entries can be made on-line via FTMS <http://www.fieldtrial.info>. We will also accept paper-based entries for these breeds and all HPR entries.

23. If notification of the Draw is required by post please include a large stamped addressed envelope with your entry.

24. Membership must be paid in full at least 7 days prior to the closing date to have preference in the draw for the Field Trials. If full payment is not received 7 day prior, entries will be processed as a non-member.

25. For new members joining the Club, please ensure that your membership has a proposer and seconder. In the instance that you don't, your application will be put to the committee, and we will need at least 7 days to approve this.

26. All trophies are held for one year and it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure the safe return to the Club in good time for the following year's Trial. The recipient is responsible for any engraving required and must return the trophy in the condition it was received.

27. Once the Trial is deemed to have commenced (as announced by the Chief Steward) all mobile phones must remain switched off or put into silent mode.

28. Failure to return arm bands will incur a fine of £20.00

29. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property, however.

30 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.

Definition 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 will 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. and J6.j. 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, or places, 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.

PREFERENCE IN THE DRAW FOR OPEN STAKES:

Retrievers

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.

Spaniels

A first, second or third in an open stake or a first in a Novice Stake or All Aged (excluding trials restricted to Any Variety Spaniel except for Spaniel [Cocker] and Spaniel [English Springer]). 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.

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

ORDER OF DRAWS

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 Limited Stud Book.

Novice Stakes

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

J6 I: If a member enters more than two eligible dogs for a stake, these subsequent eligible dogs must be placed in separate ballots and drawn before non-members' eligible dogs.