

Amendments to Field Trial & Working Gundogs 'J' Regulations
Effective 1 January 2015

Regulation J6.c.(3) Qualifications for Judges Panels

A panel

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Before being added to the A Panel, candidates must have handled a dog to win at least one Open Stake for the appropriate sub-group, or in the case of Retrievers, been placed 2nd in a 2-day Open Stake and, since being added to the B Panel, have substantially increased their Field Trial experience.

(Amendments underlined)

Regulation J7.g. Entries

Societies must ensure that all eligible owners are given the opportunity of having their preferred dog entered into the first ballot providing it is appropriately qualified. Societies may have the discretion, when running two or more trials of the same denomination within the same season, to give priority in the draw to members who were not successful in the previous draw/s. This must be clearly stated on all relevant schedules. They may, or may not, after such an entry has been accepted, allow an applicant to substitute a dog before a Trial with another dog owned by him or her: the dog must, however, be eligible and, where a preferential draw is held, it must have the necessary qualifications. Societies may also have discretion to confine the handling of dogs to one dog per owner. (See also J9.b.(6))

(Amendments underlined)

Regulation J7.h. Entries

A member of a society which runs two Open Retriever Stakes in a season, and who enters and is successful in the draw for each of those Stakes, may be asked by the society which of the Stakes he/she wishes to run in. This must be clearly stated on both schedules.

A society which runs two or more stakes of the same denomination in a season which are drawn on the same date may ask a member, who has been successful in the draw for more than one stake, which of the Stakes he/she wishes to run in. Similarly, where a society holds two or more stakes in a season of the same denomination which are not drawn on the same date, it may have discretion to give priority in any subsequent draws to members who were not successful in the previous draw/s. This must be clearly stated on all relevant schedules.

(Insertions underlined. Deletions struck through.)

Regulation J(A)3.g. Judging

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g. Judges should ask the Steward of the Beat what the game position is likely to be and regulate the amount of work or number of retrieves for each dog accordingly. At driven Trials Judges should, after consultation with the Steward of the Beat, ensure that dogs sitting at a drive are positioned as to have the best opportunity to retrieve runners or wounded game during the drive only when it is practical to do so (they should also, however, be mindful of Regulation J(A)4.b). They should moreover satisfy themselves that arrangements have been made for the collection of dead or wounded game not gathered by the competing dogs and where necessary its humane despatch.

(Insertion underlined.)