



The Brittany Club of Great Britain

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FIELD TRIAL STANDING INSTRUCTIONS

All trials will be held under Kennel Club Field Trial Rules and "J" Regulations, copies of which can be obtained from the Kennel Club Ltd, 1-5 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB.

The Kennel Club's Codes of Conduct specifies the behaviour expected of those taking part in competitive gundog work. Participants should be aware of their contents and, in particular, should never publicly impugn decisions of the Judge or Judges. Neither should they criticise the host, ground or guns.

These Standing instructions must be read in conjunction with the Covid-19 Risk Assessment. Where there is a conflict the Covid-19 Risk Assessment will take precedence.

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. **Substitution of dogs is not permitted**
3. All dog's resident outside the UK must be issued with a 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.
4. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.
5. Should circumstances so dictate the Brittany Club of Great Britain (BCGB), 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.
6. 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.
7. Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
8. **Videography and photography** will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.
9. **Welfare of Dogs** - An exhibitor (or 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.
10. **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.

RUNNERS: All stakes will be restricted to a maximum of 12 runners.

ENTRY FEES: For Novice and All Aged stakes – Members £35.00 Non-Members - £45.00
For Open Stake – Members £50.00 Non-Members - £60.00

ENTRIES: All entries will be via Fosse Data www.fossedata.co.uk If unable to enter via Fosse Data, entry forms can be obtained online at <http://www.brittanyclub.co.uk>
By submitting an entry form owners and handlers accept that their personal data will be processed in accordance with the Club's Data related policies.
(see <http://www.brittanyclub.co.uk>)

When dogs are owned in joint partnership, two dogs may be entered equally in the draw providing a different handler handles each dog.

Excepting in an Open Stake, owners entering more than one dog, in the event of over subscription, please state preference in the draw.

K.C.Reg. J. (8)(b)(6) except in the Championship, no handler may handle more than 2 dogs in a stake.

DRAW:

The draw for each stake will take place by Fosse Data as indicated under each Stake details. Results will be sent out by e-mail.

RETURN OF ENTRY FEES:

After an applicant has been successful in the draw for a place in a 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:

1. Where the applicant has qualified out of Novice Stakes (where applicable), **or**;
2. Where the dog drawn to run has qualified for the Championship after entries have closed, **or**;
3. On production of a Veterinary Certificate confirming that the dog entered for the Stake is unfit to compete, **or**;
4. On production of a medical certificate that the applicant or the applicant's nominated handler is unable to compete

DEFINITIONS

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 for its breed; in which entry is open to all dogs of a specific breed or breeds. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners (J3 refers), in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J7.i so that preference is given to previous performance.

All-Aged - A Stake which is open to 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 General Committee of the Kennel club.

Novice - A Stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place which would qualify them for preference in the draw for Open Stakes.

The BCGB reserves the right to accept entries as follows:

Members: Members are those whose subscriptions are fully paid-up on the closing date for entries. New and lapsed member's applications must be in the hands of the secretary by the closing date for entries.

Novice: Preference in the ballot will be given to Members.

All-Aged: Preference in the ballot will be given to dogs which have gained a field trial award, in the following order:

1. Members entering Brittany's
2. Members entering other breeds
3. Non-members entering Brittany's
4. Non-members entering other breeds

Open: Preference in the ballot will be given in the following order.

1. Members dogs which have gained a first, second or third award in an Open Stake or a first or second in an All-Aged or a first in a Novice Stake.
2. Non-members dogs which have gained a first, second or third in an Open Stake or a first or second in an All-aged or a first in a Novice Stake
3. Members dogs which have gained other awards
4. Non-Members dogs that have gained other awards
5. Other dogs

Please Note: The BCGB will not allow the use of electronic collars, dummy electronic collars or other electronic devices on its field trial grounds.

Prizes: A Prize will be awarded to the winning handler in each stake

Trophies: As listed against the stakes. In the event of a 1st prize not being awarded, the trophy awarded at a Field Trial will be presented to the highest placed dog (excluding Certificate of Merit winners). The trophy is **NOT** to be engraved with the name of the dog or handler UNLESS a first place is awarded.

Meeting and Starting Times: Competitors should report to the Chief Steward not later than 15 minutes prior to the published starting time, but for the purpose of substitution of reserves, the trial will be deemed to have commenced when the Chief Steward calls competitors and Judges together and makes his/her introductions.

Logistics: All persons attending any trial do so at their own risk and must consider themselves absolutely under the control of the judges and officials.

No bitches in season will be allowed on the ground.

Exercise of Dogs: All dogs must be kept on a lead except when in the line. Under no circumstances are dogs to be run or exercised on the trial ground before the trial. Persons in breach of this rule will be liable to have any entry disqualified and their fees forfeited. Competitors may exercise their dogs prior to the trial by permission of the Chief Steward, but only when and where indicated.

Red Flag: Competitors and Spectators must at all times, except when in line, obey the directions of the steward carrying the red flag to minimize the risk of accidents. They must keep together behind the Red Flag and are requested to keep noise levels to a minimum to avoid disturbing the trial. Anyone continually disobeying this instruction will be asked to vacate the ground.

Lunch: Competitors and Spectators should make their own lunch arrangements for all stakes.

Picking Up Dog: At each Stake there will be a dog whose sole purpose is to retrieve any game not recovered by dogs.

Guns/Quarry: Some types of quarry may not 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, moorhen or coot are killed.

Liability: Neither the BCGB nor the hosts of any meeting will accept liability for any accident, damage, illness nor injury to dogs, owners, handlers, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever. The BCGB reserves the right to (a) withhold any prize or award or cancel any stake, (b) refuse any entry without stating the reason. The making of an entry constitutes acceptance of the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations for Field Trials and the forgoing BCGB Standing Instructions.

Special Water Test Certificate:

The Special Water Test Certificate is issued on the rare occasion that a Water Test is not possible at a HPR Stake due to weather conditions, it is not a mandatory requirement as it takes place once the Trial is over, and is taken at the dog owner's own risk. If an owner is not comfortable with the arrangements for taking the Special Water Test (i.e. if the Landowner's permission has not been sought, or there is a perceived risk of injury) then the individual can refuse to take part and can re-arrange to take the test at another, more suitable location such as another Field Trial which would be covered by a Club's insurance.

The choice of venue for a Special Water Test is at the discretion of the dog owner, therefore, it is their responsibility to find out if the activity will be covered by 3rd Party insurance, for example: The Landowner's permission has been sought and they accept the risk, or the organisers of a Kennel Club Licensed Field Trial allow a dog to undertake this activity during the course of the Trial and therefore accept responsibility for that dog and handler. "The Kennel Club gives this advice without prejudice, if an incident occurs it would be a matter for the insurance company concerned to interpret and it is always best practice to contact your insurer if in any doubt."