



HAMPSHIRE GUNDOG SOCIETY

K. C. I. D. Number 125

FIELD TRIAL STANDING INSTRUCTIONS 2025-2026

KENNEL CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS:

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 Regulation B.
2. HAMPSHIRE GUNDOG SOCIETY reserves to itself the right to refuse any entry.
3. Substitution of dogs will not be accepted, while reserves still stand.
4. All dogs resident outside the U.K. must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the trial can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the competitor.
5. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a trial shall be decided by ballot.
6. Should circumstances so dictate the Hampshire Gundog Society in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club at the earliest opportunity. *(A Field Trial Committee For The Day will be appointed to act on behalf of the Hampshire Gundog Society, from any Field Trial Committee Members present and/or fully paid up members of the Hampshire Gundog Society who are familiar with field trial regulations and procedure.)*
7. No modification will be made to these Standing Instructions except by permission of the Kennel Club, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals, if time permits before the closing of entries
8. Judges at a trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
9. 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 damaged caused.

Welfare of Dogs: A competitor whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation maybe referred to the General Committee of the Kennel Club 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.

10. Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the chief steward and the host.
11. The society reserves the right to recoup all unrecoverable expenses in the event of cancellation or abandonment of the trial prior to refunding any entry fee

RUNNERS: a) Open Stakes will be restricted to a maximum of 16 runners and a minimum of 10.
b) Other stakes a maximum of 16 and a minimum of 8.

ENTRY FEES: For Open stakes:	Members - £60.00	Non-Members - £75.00
For All Aged stakes	Members - £50.00	Non-Members - £65.00
For Novice stakes:	Members - £50.00	Non-Members - £65.00

ALL ENTRIES: Postal / Email Payment to be made AFTER the draw by bank transfer. Cheques accepted with postal entries (1 cheque for each entry).

CLOSING DATES: Closing dates available on Schedule

DRAWS: The draw will take place between 6:00p.m and 7:00p.m at the address stated on the field trial schedule on the dates listed.

In the event of excessive entries a ballot will be held. Anyone wishing to be informed of the result of the draw that is unable to access the Internet may telephone the Field Trial Secretary during the evening of the draw between **7.30pm and 10.00pm**. Results will be sent out by e-mail.

STAKES (Kennel Club Definitions)

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 specific breed or breeds. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners (J(E)2 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 first preference in the draw for Open Stakes

In accordance with Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations the Hampshire Gundog Society reserves the right to accept entries as follows:

MEMBERS are those whose subscriptions are fully paid-up on the closing date for entries. Those applying for membership and lapsed members re-applying, whose applications are awaiting Management Committee approval, will be considered to be non-members.

KC Reg. J6. Preference in the draw for Open Stakes – Breeds which Hunt, Point and Retrieve.

A First, second or third in an Open Stake, either a first and second in an All-Aged Stakes or 2 Firsts in Novice Stakes, effective 2nd February 2021.

NB To qualify for Open you must have two awards at Novice or AA. 1st or 2nd at AA or two 1st at Novice or a combination

KC Reg. J6. Order of Draws

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' dogs which have gained a field trial award
- (2) Members' dogs which have not gained a field trial award
- (3) Non-members' dogs which have gained a field trial award
- (4) Non-members' dogs which have not gained a field trial award

Open Stakes: 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 either a first and second in an All-Aged Stake or two firsts in a Novice Stake. As shown above.
- (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 two firsts in a Novice Stake. As shown above.
- (3) Members' dogs, which have gained other places.
- (4) Non-Members' dogs that have gained other places.
- (5) Other dogs.

KC Reg. J(8) b (6) Except at the Championships no handler may handle more than two dogs in a stake.

Please Note:

In Novice Stakes the Hampshire Gundog Society will accept only one dog per single owner for entry in each trial in the first instance and you should indicate your first choice on your entry form. Second dogs belonging to **single** owners will be accepted for entry only if there are fewer than the prescribed number of runners for the trial or to complete the list of reserves. However, in cases of **joint-ownership** of more than one dog, each of the owners may handle **one** of the dogs that are jointly owned, and each dog must be entered on a separate entry form 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.

Prizes: Prize cards will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in every stake.

Trophies: As listed against the stakes. Trophies will only be presented if a 1st prize is awarded.

Meeting and Starting Times: Competitors should report to the Chief Steward not later than 20 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. At all times, except when in the line, everybody should remain close to the steward carrying the red flag to minimise the risk of accidents, and noise levels should be kept to a minimum. Anyone continually disobeying this instruction will be asked to vacate the ground. All dogs must be kept on a lead except when in the line. 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 Steward of the beat, but only when and where indicated. Any bitch found to be in season must be removed from the ground immediately.

Basic Requirements of Dogs Entered: K.C. F.T. Regulations J (E) (1) Dogs shall be required to quarter ground in search of game, to point game, to flush on command, to be steady to flush, shot and fall, and to retrieve tenderly to hand on command from land.

Competing: K.C. F.T. regulations J (E) (4) Dogs shall be run singly in order of draw under two Judges, judging as a pair. A dog must have been tried twice in the line, before it may receive an award or Certificate of Merit.

Return of Entry Fees: Regulation J(6) (f) 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 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 **or**
5. Where the dog drawn to run is withdrawn more than 7 days prior to the stake.

Un-presented cheques will be destroyed unless their return is requested and a SAE is provided.

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, snipe, golden plover, moorhen or coot are killed.

Liability: Neither the Hampshire Gundog Society 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 Hampshire Gundog Society 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 Hampshire Gundog Society Standing Instructions.

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