



### **Field Trial schedules 2025/26 - Conditions of Entry**

- All Field Trials run by the Society are held under Kennel Club rules and regulations.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Society reserves the right to refuse an entry.
- For jointly owned dogs this must be joint membership. If more than one Nomination per owner is received for the same stake, second and subsequent dogs will only qualify for preference in the Draw if the stake is under-subscribed. The preferred dog should be clearly indicated on the Entry form.
- Members may make separate Nominations for the Society's Novice stakes where more than one is held in any one season. If you have run or been offered a run in the first stake, you will not qualify for preference in the second Draw.
- Any applicant 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. Regulation J6(f) applies.
- Substitution will be allowed *providing the dog was entered on the entry form as a substitute dog* and has the necessary qualifications if required.
- Trophies will be returned to the Trophy Secretary prior to the relevant subsequent stake the following season, cleaned and suitably engraved.
- All competing dogs and handlers must be present when it is announced that the Trial has commenced. All persons attending the Trial, whether competing or not, must consider themselves under the control of the Chief Steward and Officials and will be dressed appropriately for a day's shooting. Mobile telephones must not be used and must be switched off. Should circumstances so dictate the society in consultation with the Judges may alter arrangements as may be necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club at the earliest opportunity. No modification to a schedule will be made except by permission of the Kennel Club followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before closing of entries.

#### **Definition of Stakes:**

Open 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. This stake is confined to dogs which have gained any of the following awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in a 24 dog Open Stake; 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a 12 dog Open Stake; 1st in an All-Aged or Novice Stake. Preference will be given to member's dogs with FT awards.

Novice Stake - open to dogs who have not gained the above awards.

Society rules and specific instructions relating to the Trial may be added at the discretion of the Society. The Society will not accept responsibility for injury, loss or damage to persons, dogs or property at any of its stakes howsoever caused.

#### **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 General Committee 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.

Dogs in Hot Cars: 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.