

Dukeries (Notts) Gundog Club

FIELD TRIAL STANDING INSTRUCTIONS 2025

Group: Hunt Point & Retrieve

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING ALL STAKES:

ALL TRIALS WILL BE RUN UNDER ROYAL KENNEL CLUB RULES AND FIELD TRIAL REGULATIONS AND THOSE OF THE DUKERIES (NOTTS) GUNDOG CLUB.
COMPETITORS SHOULD MAKE THEMSELVES AWARE OF RKC RULES [J] REGS

1. RUNNERS

All field trials are for breeds which hunt, point and retrieve, and are restricted to up to 16 runners.

The Dukeries (Notts) Gundog Club reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating the reason.

2. DRAW [Unless otherwise stated]

The draw for each stake will take place at the address of the FT Secretary, unless otherwise stated, at approx. 6pm on the dates listed. Competitors are invited to be present. In the event of excessive entries a ballot will be held.

Notification will be by phone or email on the day after the draw, trial details and meeting point will be sent by e-mail

ALL COMMUNICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DRAW, AND UPDATES WILL BE VIA EMAIL TO THE REGISTERED EMAIL ADDRESS

3. ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES

3.1 Entries will only be accepted on forms denoted as being applicable to the current season.

Please send a separate cheque or payment for each dog. There will be a 50% refund if a trial should be cancelled because of bad weather. Unused cheques will be destroyed.

Where the Club holds two or more stakes in a season of the same denomination which are not drawn on the same date, it may exercise discretion to give priority in any subsequent draws to members who were not successful in the previous draw/s. (Regulation. J6.(h) refers).

Unless otherwise stated on the schedule, completed entry forms must be sent together with the appropriate fee, however online payment is acceptable, refer to the Schedule for details of reference applicable to each trial. If not pre-paid by cheque, online payment must be made within 48 hours of the draw or the place may be offered to a reserve.

Entries must be received before the closing date and sent to the Acting HPR Secretary Dr R Suchett-Kaye, Ladyfingers, Main Street, Bothamsall DN22 8DW or by email to dukerieshpr.sec@outlook.com

Entries must be received by the HPR Secretary on or before the closing date of the trial, except in unavoidable circumstances.

3.2 Entry Fees

Novice: Members £55.00, Non-Members £75.00.

Open: Members £55.00, Non-Members £75.00.

4. RKC RULES & REGULATIONS

4.1 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. 4.2 The Club reserves to itself the right to refuse any entry, except that this shall not apply in terms of the preference in the draw Regulations (ref J6.i.). The Kennel Club must be notified in writing of all such refusals with the Club's reason.

4.3 Substitution of dogs may be permitted.

4.4 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 exhibitor/competitor.

4.5 If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.

4.6 Should circumstances so dictate, the Society, 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.

4.7 No modification may be made to the schedule after publication except by permission of the Royal Kennel Club, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.

4.8 Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.

4.9 Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.

4.10 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 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 Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the trial.

The Club recommends that all dogs running should be protected against parvo virus and other contagious diseases.

No bitch in season nor any dog suffering from a contagious disease will be permitted to run and must be removed forthwith.

4.11 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.

5. DEFINITIONS:

5.1 MEMBERS:

Members are those that are fully paid up on the closing date for entries. Non-members include those whose membership has lapsed (see Club Rules 2025)

5.2 STAKES:

Where the Club holds two or more stakes in a season of the same denomination which are not drawn on the same date, it may exercise discretion to give priority in any subsequent draws to members who were not successful in the previous draw/s. (Regulation. J6.(h) refers).

5.3 OPEN: For dogs which have the opportunity of gaining qualification, whole or part, towards the title of Field Trial Champion (K Regulations refer) or towards entry in the Championship Stake. The draw preference for Open stakes is as follows (Regulation J6.i.(4):

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

Dogs will be placed in the draw solely based on information on the entry form.

If the status of a dog has altered between submission of the entry and the date of the draw, the FT Secretary may be requested to update the dog's status.

A change in the membership status of the owner may be similarly updated ahead of the draw.

Order of Draw - Open:

(a) Members' first preference dogs which have gained awards as shown above.

(b) Members' second preference dogs which have gained awards as shown above.

(c) Non-members' first preference dogs which have gained awards as shown above.

(d) Non-members' second preference dogs which have gained awards as shown above.

(e) Members' dogs which have gained other awards. (f) Non-members' dogs which have gained other awards. (g) Other dogs.

The foregoing places must have been gained in a Stake qualifying for entry in the Royal Kennel Club Stud Book

5.5 NOVICE

A Stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place which would qualify them for a first preference in the draw for Open Stakes. Dogs are ineligible for entry in a Novice Stake immediately following a win which earns them a preference in an Open draw. Under such circumstances fees will be refunded. Preference in the draw will be given as follows:

Order of Draw: Novice

(a) Members' first preference dogs

(b) Members' second preference dogs

(c) Non-members' first preference dogs

(d) Non-members' second preference dogs

6. MORE THAN ONE DOG

Owners entering more than one dog in a stake - please indicate your first choice on your entry form and please send a separate cheque per dog. If your first choice is allocated a run in the draw, your second choice will go into the draw as described above.

When dogs are owned in joint partnership, all owners must be members of the Dukeries Gundog Club for the member preferences to apply. Two dogs may be entered in the draw, provided the joint owners specify which are their first and second preference dogs, a different handler may

handle each dog.

Kennel Club reg. J 8 (b)(6) Except in the Championship, no handler may handle more than 2 dogs in a stake. Where a handler is designated to handle more than two dogs which have been drawn to run, the owners must notify the FT Secretary within 48 hours of the draw of an alternative handler or withdraw the dog. In the absence of such notification and at the discretion of the FT Secretary, the lowest drawn dog will forfeit their place in the draw.

7. BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF ENTERED DOGS RKC F.T.REGS J [ANNEX E]

Dogs shall be required to quarter ground systematically in search of quarry (hereafter 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 and water. Any dog which does not fulfil the basic requirements shall not receive an award or a Certificate of Merit.

Dogs will run singly in the order of the draw, under two Judges, judging as a pair. A dog, unless discarded must have been tried at least twice in the line, before it may receive an award or certificate of merit.

8. PRIZES

Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th with Certificates of Merit available

9. MEETING AND STARTING TIMES

Competitors should report to the Chief Steward not later than 15 minutes before the published starting time, but for the purposes of substitution of reserves, the trial will be deemed to have begun when the Chief Steward calls competitors and Judges together and makes the introductions. All competing dogs and handlers must be present at the start of the trial and be available when required by the Judges. Dogs that are not present when required, save in exceptional circumstances, will be discarded.

10. EXERCISE OF DOGS

All dogs must be kept on a lead except when in the line. Competitors may exercise their dogs prior to the trial with the permission of the Chief Steward and only where indicated by him/her. Persons in breach of this rule will be liable to have their entry disqualified, their fees forfeited and to be asked to vacate the ground.

11. RED FLAG & PICKING-UP DOG

1. Red Flag - Instructions from the dedicated red flag MUST be adhered to at all times.
2. At each stake there will be a dog whose sole purpose is to retrieve any game not recovered by competing dogs.

12. TROPHIES

Unless otherwise stated, trophies are kept at the joint responsibility of the winners and the Club for one year. The winner will be responsible for engraving the trophy and for its return to the Breed Secretary before the next succeeding Field Trial – clean and in good order.

13. SPECTATORS

Spectators - Prior approval by the Field Trial Secretary is required for spectators to attend any of the society's Field Trials. Spectators must at all times obey the direction of the stewards. They must keep together behind the Red Flag bearer and must keep the noise levels to an absolute minimum to avoid disturbing the trial.

14. LUNCHES

Competitors and spectators should make their own lunch arrangements at all stakes

15. RETURN OF ENTRY FEES

In accordance with RKC 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 if his or her place is not taken up by another competitor except for any of the following instances:

1. Where the applicant has qualified out of Novice Stakes [where applicable]. 2. Where the dog drawn to run has qualified for the Championship after entries have closed. 3. On production of a Veterinary Certificate confirming that the dog entered for the Stake is unfit to compete. 4. On production of a medical certificate that the applicant or the applicant's nominated handler is unable to compete. 5. Where the dog drawn to run is withdrawn more than 7 days prior to the stake.

There will be a 50% refund of fees if a trial is cancelled due to bad weather, or insufficiency of runners on the day

16. REGULATION J8.b [13]

The Royal Kennel Club's Codes of Conduct specify the sort of behaviour expected of those who take part in competitive gundog work. All participants should be aware of the Codes of Conduct and must abide by them, and by Royal Kennel Club Regulations, and, in particular, should never publicly impugn decisions of the judge or judges. Neither should they criticise the host, ground or guns.

17. LIABILITY

All persons attending these trials do so at their own risk. Neither the Dukeries (Notts) Gundog Club nor the hosts of any meeting will accept liability for any accident, illness, loss or injury to dog owners, handlers, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever. The Dukeries (Notts) Gundog Club reserves the right to [a] withhold any prize or award; [b] to cancel any stake; [c] to refuse entry without stating the reason. In the case of cancellation whether due to insufficiency of runners required for the stake, inclement weather or other reasons, the Club shall not be liable for the costs or losses of any participant occasioned thereby, unless agreed within prior contractual arrangements. The making of any entry constitutes acceptance of these conditions and rules of the Kennel Club and of the Dukeries (Notts) Gundog Club. The attendance of any spectators also implies such acceptance.

18. RISK ASSESSMENT

All entrants/competitors/spectators will accept and adhere to all health and safety or other hygiene protocols attached to the trial including the Club's risk assessments and in particular those which are pandemic or Avian Influenza related; as stipulated by the government, DEFRA, as advised by the Royal Kennel Club and applied by the Club.

The Risk Assessment will be circulated to all attendees ahead of the trial and be available on the day of the trial. All attendees will be deemed to have read the Risk Analysis and be familiar with its stipulations.