



The Field Trials Newsletter
Guidance, reminders and regulation clarifications
Summary

2024

Spring

Guidance on running odds and evens trials

Not currently active policy for field trial judges – update to policy

2023

Spring

Code of best practice for field trial competitors documents

Wounded game at field trials - Reminder of regulation J(A)3.g. J(A)4.c. and J8.a.(3)

The use of social media – Updated Guide for Field Trials Judges

Summer

New process for the selection of judges for the Spaniel Championships and the HPR Championship

Reminder to judges with regards to accepting an appointment and entering a trial

Refusal of entries guidance

Reminders to secretaries – entries from non-members

Judging dogs of non-standard colours

Winter

Retriever draws for Scottish clubs – update to policy

Disciplinary measures for conduct issues

Reminder to judges – evaluation forms

Clarification on “place of the field trial” – regulation J4.c.(1)(iv)

2022

Spring

Running in two trials on the same day

Clarification on the different registration numbers

Clarification on preference for dogs in joint ownership

Clarification on judging a partner or spouse

Summer

Cold game regulation

Regulation J6.i.(4) - preference in the draw for Open HPR stakes

HPR field trials

Reminder of regulation J(B)2 – number of runners for Retriever stakes



Entry fees – regulation J6.f
Clarity on eye wipes

Winter

Use of a judges stick
Competing under partners/spouses

2021

Spring

Importance of letter of support for application for permission to hold field trials

Summer

Clarification on Regulation J7.i.(4) - preference in an Open Stake for HPRs.

Winter

J Regulation clarification – J6.f
Field trial schedules – reminder that these should be available to everyone
Unwelcome competitors guidance

2020

Summer

Use of social media

Winter

Judges appointment and schedules

2019

Spring

Guidance on giving water to dogs at trials
Style of handling reminder to judges
Remit of Field Trials Liaison Council
Judge Evaluation forms

Summer

Supervision of dogs – guidance for retriever and spaniel trials under four judge system by Graham Cox, republished from 2013
Safety at field trials and requirement for specific risk assessments
Retriever regulations – official interpretation
Code of good shooting practice



Winter

Drive Certificates – clarification on the way in which a Drive Certificate is issued.

Club rules and registration of title applications

2018

Summer

Spaniel four judge system by Victor McDevitt

Novice trial conditions of entry

Refusing entries to trials and expulsion of a member, republished from August 2011

Interim guidance on the code of good shooting practice, as issued by the Kennel Club Field Trial Committee

Winter

The code of good shooting practice and field trials by Glynn Evans (BACS)

Draw preference - fully paid up members

New field trial judges

Circumstances surrounding a judge unable to continue at a trial by Wilson Young

Retriever regulation changes

2017

Summer

GWT judging scoring system

Judging a spaniel field trial within a four judge system

Clarification on holding concurrent runs by John Halstead

Scottish Draws – approved online systems

Winter

Novice trial conditions of entry

2016

Spring

Clarification on the order of sending at a retriever trial by Graham Cox

Summer

Guidance on the procedure for judging the hunting ability of a Spaniel by Malcolm Taylor

Gundog working test scoring by Graham Cox

Leads must be properly put away during trials

Societies should make sure all members receive schedules – hard copy or electronically



Winter

Guidance for completing the field trials judges evaluation form

Holding concurrent runs

Guidance on the procedure for judging the hunting ability of a Spaniel by Malcolm Taylor

Dissemination of information from clubs and societies by Phil Highfield

2015

Summer

When is handling too noisy? Article by Graham Cox

Winter

Demonstrating our appreciation to our hosts by Malcolm Taylor

Field trial draw clarifications

2014

Spring

Guidance on the order of sending a dog at Retriever Trials (amended version) by Graham Cox

Winter

Handlers with two dogs in a stake by Phil Highfield and Graham Cox

Walking forward to indicate the location of game by Graham Cox