

UNITED RETRIEVER CLUB (KC ID 712)

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 Registration B.

2 The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry.

3 Substitution of dogs is allowed. Open and All Aged Stakes will require similarly qualified dogs.

4 All dogs 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.

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 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.

7 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.

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

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

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 dogs(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.

Participants have a duty both to their dogs and to others to make all events friendly and welcoming and are expected to be co-operative. Participants should conduct themselves at all times in an appropriate fashion and should display good manners and respect to other participants. Punitive correction or harsh handling of dogs is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Participants who cannot behave appropriately will not be welcomed at URC events

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.

12 If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must follow Government advice and should consider whether it is appropriate that they attend the event.

13 DEFINITIONS OF 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. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners (J4 refers), in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J6.i. and J6.j. so that preference is given to previous performance.

All Aged: A Stake which is open to all 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.

Preference in the draw for the URC All Aged Stake will go to;

(1) Members' dogs that have won any award, or CoM, in a Field Trial

- (2) Members' second qualified dogs
- (3) Members' unqualified dogs
- (4) Non-members' dogs

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.

13 Joint members will only be entitled to one first preference in the draw.

14 Members may make separate entries for each of the Novice Stakes but having been successful in one, even having refused the run, will rank below other unsuccessful members for any other Novice Stake that season.

14 Anyone included in the draw, who does not wish to take up the offer of a run, must inform the Hon Field Trial Secretary as soon as possible. Anyone who has taken up an offer of a run and fails to take that run will be subject to the current Kennel Club Regulation J6.f.

15 Holding Concurrent Runs. Any member found to be holding on to a run in another stake commencing or taking place on the second day of a two day stake in which they have obtained a run may have entries refused in future trials.

16 Please do not enter our novice trials with a dog which has not had sufficient experience retrieving dead and wounded game. Dogs likely to whine, bark, be unsteady or uncontrollable on driven or walked-up game should not be entered.

17 All persons attending the Field Trial must consider themselves under the control of the Judges and Chief Steward of the Club. They must be dressed appropriately and conduct themselves according to shooting field practices and traditions.

18 Handlers running two dogs should arrange for, and nominate before the day of the trial, a person to hold their second dog

19 All trophies are held for one year and it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure the safe return to the Club by the 1st September. The recipient is responsible for any engraving required and must return their trophy(ies) ready to be presented at a trial. Any member who returns their trophy(ies) (and box provided, where applicable) in an unfit/unclean state or not engraved will waive their right to entry in the Club's field trials the following season.

20 It is a condition of entry that in the event of a cheque being returned for any reason by the competitors bank, or that of his/her agent, a charge will be made.

21 The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned.