

THE WEIMARANER CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

STANDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIELD TRIALS 2016-17

All trials will be held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, copies of which can be obtained from The Kennel Club Ltd, 1-5 Clarges Street, London W1Y 8AB.

RUNNERS All stakes will be 12-dog stakes unless otherwise stated.

ENTRY FEES Novice and All Aged: **WCGB members: £25 non-members: £35**
Open: **WCGB members: £30 non-members: £40**

ENTRY FORMS Unless otherwise stated, should be sent to **TREVOR HALL, COACH HOUSE, ROMSEY ROAD, COPYTHORNE SOUTHAMPTON SO40 2PB**

Cheques/PO's made payable to the **WCGB** with entries. Please send a separate cheque for each entry for each dog.

Members who do not put their membership number on the entry form are deemed non-members.

Members who do not put qualifications on the entry form are deemed not to be qualified.

Dogs entered at KC 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 show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an ATC number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.

Reg: J7f

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 Where the dog drawn to run is withdrawn more than 7 days prior to the stake.

The WCGB will only accept one dog per owner entry to each trial unless there are insufficient dogs to fill the card, except in All-Aged and Open stakes if the 2nd dog is owned by a Member and qualified, in which case it gets preference over Non-Members' and unqualified dogs. The first choice should be put first on the entry form. When dogs are owned in joint partnership, two dogs may be entered equally in the draw providing a different handler handles each dog.

No substitution of dogs is permitted after the draw has been done.

The F-T Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving a reason.

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

DRAWS Will take place at the address of the Field Trial Secretary at 5pm on the dates listed, unless stated otherwise. Entrants are welcome to attend. In the event of excessive entries a ballot will be held. **PLEASE SEND AN SAE WITH ENTRY SO DRAW RESULTS CAN BE SENT ASAP.**

If there is an email address on the entry, results of the draw will be emailed asap.

Anyone phoning for results of the draw please phone before 8pm on the day of the draw.

PRIZES For First, Second and Third place.

TROPHIES As stated, not to be won outright.

DEFINITIONS

NOVICE - Confined to dogs which have not gained the following awards; First, Second or Third in Open stakes, or First or Second in All Aged Stakes or First in Novice Stakes.
Preference in the draw to Members.

ALL AGED - Open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds without restriction to their age, but which may be restricted by any other conditions, which may be determined by the society, as in reg J3.d(2), subject to the approval of the General Committee of the KC. In the event of a ballot, preference in the draw will be to dogs

with field trial awards in the following order: (a) Members with Weimaraners; (b) Members with other breeds; (c) Others

OPEN - Preference in the draw will be given to Members' dogs that have (a) gained a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an Open stake or a 1st or 2nd in an All Aged, or a 1st in a Novice stake. (b) Non-members' dogs which have gained the above awards. (c) Members' dogs which have gained other awards (d) Non-members' dogs which have gained other awards (e) other dogs. (K.C. Regulation J7.i. (4))

DISCIPLINE All persons attending any trial do so at their own risk, and must consider themselves under the control of the judges and officials at all times. Everybody should remain close to the official carrying the red flag to minimise the risk of accidents, and noise should be kept to a minimum. All Dogs must be kept on a lead except when in line. Any incident which occurs where a dog is not under control will be reported to the KC. Competitors are advised to vaccinate their dogs. Collars must not be worn while competing. Competitors may exercise their dogs prior to the trial by permission of the Chief Steward, where indicated by him/her. Anyone disobeying these instructions will be asked to vacate the ground and fees forfeited. Any bitch found to be in season must be removed from the ground immediately.

After a Trial has been officially declared to have started, handlers shall not administer water to their dogs other than by offering the dog water in a bowl or from a natural source such as a stream.

START TIMES Unless otherwise notified start times are 8.45am for 9am. Competitors should report to the Chief Steward not later than 15 minutes prior to the published starting times. For the purpose of reserve substitution, the trial will be deemed to have commenced when the Chief Steward calls competitors and judges together.

FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DAY Will be appointed from the FT Committee and/or those present familiar with Field Trial Rules and procedures.

CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE Should circumstances so dictate the WCGB, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club. No modification will be made to this schedule after publication except by permission of the Kennel Club, followed by an advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.

LIABILITY Neither the WCGB nor the hosts of any meeting will accept liability for any accident, damage, illness or injury to dogs, owners, handlers spectators or any other person or property whatsoever. The making of an entry constitutes acceptance of KC Regulations for Field Trials and the foregoing WCGB standing instructions.

Kennel Club Guidelines regarding Special Water Certificates – J(E)10.c.

The Special Water Test Certificate is issued on the rare occasion that a Water Test is not possible at a HPR Stake due to weather conditions, it is not a mandatory requirement as it takes place once the Trial is over, and is taken at the dog owners own risk. If an owner is not comfortable with the arrangements for taking the Special Water Test (ie if Landowners permission has not been sought, or there is a perceived risk of injury) then the individual can refuse to take part and can re-arrange to take the test at another Field Trial which would be covered by a Club's insurance. The choice of venue for a Special Water Test is at the discretion of the dog owner, therefore it is their responsibility to find out if the activity is covered by 3rd party insurance, for example: the Landowners permission has been sought and they accept the risk, or the organisers of a Kennel Club licensed Field Trial allow a dog to undertake this activity during the course of the Trial and therefore accept responsibility for that dog and handler. The Kennel Club gives this advice without prejudice if an incident occurs it would be a matter for the insurance company concerned to interpret and it is always best practice to contact your insurer if in any doubt.

NB: Your attention is drawn to the change to regulation J10.a permitting blind retrieves from open water in exceptional circumstances.

Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express Agreement of the FT Sec.

The 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 are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any act, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

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.