

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **DEFINITION OF STAKES- Reference Kennel Club Ltd. Field Trial Regulations J3.d.**

**J3d.(1) OPEN STAKES:** A stake in which dogs have the opportunity of gaining a qualification towards the title of Field Trial Champion (K Reg. refer) and towards entry in the Championship; in which entry is open to all dogs of a specified breed. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners (J(B)2 refers); in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulations J6.i.and J6.j so that preference is given to previous performance.

#### **J6i .(1)PREFERENCE IN DRAW FOR OPEN STAKES FOR RETRIEVERS**

First, Second, Third or Fourth in a 24 dog Open Stake.

First, Second or Third in a 12 dog Open Stake.

First in All Aged or Novice Stakes.

**J3d.(2) 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 Board of the Kennel Club Ltd.

**GRC Preference in the draw for All Aged Stakes:** First preference in the draw will be given to dogs which have achieved a Certificate of Merit or higher award in any field trial. Second preference will be to dogs which have won Open stakes.

**J3d.(3) NOVICE:** A Stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place, or places, which would qualify them for first preference in the draw for Open Stakes.

### **REGULATIONS**

1. Dogs entered at KC Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club Ltd. in accordance with KC Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
2. The Club may reserve to itself the right to refuse any entry, except it shall not apply in terms of the Preference in the Draw Regulations (Ref.J6.i) The Kennel Club Ltd. must be informed in writing of all such refusals, with the Club's reasons.
3. Should a dog be drawn to run in a stake and then withdraw for any reason, the owner may run a substitute dog in its place provided the substitute dog has a qualification for the equivalent preference in the draw. Bitches in season are not allowed on the trial ground.
4. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a KC Authority to Compete (ATC) number before entry to the event can be made. Overseas entries without an ATC number will be returned to the competitor.
5. If entries exceed the permitted runners, the right to compete in a trial shall be decided by ballot.
6. Should circumstances so dictate, the Club – in consultation with the Judges – may alter arrangements as necessary, Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club Ltd. at the earliest opportunity.
7. No modification may be made to the schedule after publication except by permission of the Kennel Club Ltd., 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. If a run is offered but not taken up, the entry fee will not be refunded, unless good reason is given for the withdrawal, i.e.: Veterinary/Doctor.
11. The Club has discretion from the KC to give priority to entrants in the second Novice Stake draw who were not successful in the first Novice Stake draw.
12. If a competitor, or anyone in their household has covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for covid-19 they must not attend the event and should self -isolate in line with government advice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/> .
13. **Welfare of Dogs:** A competitor whose dog is entered at a KC 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 or welfare at risk by action, default, omission or otherwise. 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. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under KC Rules & Regulations.
14. **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 maybe necessary without liability for any damage caused.