



Definitions:

A novice stake is confined to dogs which have not gained the following awards:

1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in a 24 dog open stake, or 1st, 2nd, 3rd in a 12 dog open stake, or 1st in an all-aged or novice stake

An all-aged stake is open to any dog. Preference in the draw will be given to dogs who have gained any field trial award, including Certificate of Merit.

Conditions of Entry for Field Trials

1. All Field Trials will be conducted in accordance with the Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations (section J) together with these Conditions and the Rules of the Wye Valley Retriever Club. All participants should be fully conversant with the Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations.
2. The Kennel Club's Codes of Conduct specify the sort of behaviour expected of those who take part in competitive gundog work. Participants should never publicly impugn decisions of the Judge or Judges. Neither should they criticise the host, ground or guns.
3. 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.
4. Dogs must be registered at the Kennel Club in the name of the owners, or joint owners, prior to the closing date for entries. Owners who have applied for change of registration (name or ownership) prior to entry can also apply for a run
5. Should circumstances dictate the Club, in consultation with the Judges, may alter the Trial arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club at the earliest opportunity.
6. The order of running is the order of the draw. All dogs and handlers must be present at the 'commencement' of the Trial, as announced by the Chief Steward. Those who are not present will forfeit their run and their number will be allocated to the next available reserve(s). If exceptional circumstances prevail this will be dealt with in accordance with KC Field Trial Regulation J9b(1).
7. Substitution may be allowed up to 7 days before a Trial.
8. 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:
 1. Where the dog drawn to run has qualified for the Championship after entries have closed, or;

2. On production of a Veterinary Certificate confirming that the dog entered for the Stake is unfit to compete, or;
 3. On production of a medical certificate that the applicant or the applicant's nominated handler is unable to compete.
9. If a member enters more than one dog in a Trial, the dog entered in Box 1 of the REGISTERED NAME OF DOG section on the Field Trial entry form will be balloted in the first draw after which a second draw will take place which will include any second dogs and then non-members; the results of this ballot will be added to the end of the first.
 10. It is at the discretion of the Club to confine the handling of dogs to one dog per owner unless the trial is under subscribed. Only the handler whose name appears on the official entry form may handle the dog on the day.
 11. The date of the draw will be as published in the Field Trial Schedule. Any fully paid up Club member is welcome to attend the draw by contacting the Field Trial Secretary in advance.
 12. Any dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease must not be brought to the trial ground (as required by entry declaration). Wye Valley Retriever Club recommends that competing dogs are fully vaccinated.
 13. Bitches in season must not be brought to the trial ground.
 14. Cheque for entry fee must accompany entry form. A stamped addressed envelope or email address is required for the results of the draw, which will also be posted on the Club website. Cheques for those not successful in the draw or as reserves will be shredded.
 15. Completed entry forms must be received by the Hon. Field Trial Secretary by the closing date. The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry. All trophies are held for one year and it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure the safe return to the Club in good time for the following year's Trial. The recipient is responsible for any engraving required and must return the trophy in the condition it was received.
 16. Once the Trial is deemed to have commenced (as announced by the Chief Steward) all mobile phones must remain switched off.
 17. Failure to return arm bands will incur a fine of £20.00.
 18. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned.