

Conditions of Entry for Novice Field Trials

Wye Valley Retriever Club



Definition

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.

Conditions

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. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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).
5. Substitution may be allowed up to 7 days before a Trial.
6. Anyone included in the draw, who does not wish to take-up the offer of a run, must inform the Field Trial Secretary as soon as possible by telephone. Anyone who is unable to take up an offer of a run, and fails to notify the Field Trial Secretary at least 7 days before the start of the Trial will forfeit the full entry fee, except where a competitor has qualified out of Novice Stakes after entries have closed. If withdrawal is due to injury, sickness or a bitch in season a veterinary certificate may be requested. If a competitor withdraws for any other reason it will be at the discretion of The Field Trial Secretary whether the entry fee is forfeited.
7. 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.
8. Members may make separate entries for each of the Novice Stakes but having been successful in one, will rank below other unsuccessful members for any other Novice Stake that season.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Bitches in season must not be brought to the trial ground.
13. A nomination fee of £2.00 will be charged for each dog entered. A stamped addressed envelope (9" x 6") together with the appropriate cheques (separate cheques for nomination fee and entry fee) must be included.
14. Completed entry forms must be received by the Hon. Field Trial Secretary by the closing date. An incorrect fee or illegible entry will not go into the draw. 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.
15. Once the Trial is deemed to have commenced (as announced by the Chief Steward) all mobile phones must remain switched off.
16. Failure to return arm bands will incur a fine of £20.00.
17. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned.