



COVID-19 METHOD STATEMENT

To safeguard everyone's health and safety whilst attending Scottish Field Trials Association Trials the following requirements must always be strictly adhered to. Failure to do so will result in person(s) being instructed to leave the Trial ground immediately.

(1) Prior to arrival at the Trial:

- (a) Anyone showing symptoms of Covid-19 or shares a household with anyone displaying symptoms or has been exposed to Covid-19 within 14 days leading up to the trial must not attend.
- (b) Anyone living in an area where local restrictions or lockdown has been imposed must not attend.
- (c) Each individual has the primary responsibility for his or her own health and wellbeing and any risk factors relating to age or health or the health of close contacts should be considered before entering or attending the event.
- (d) Everyone attending the trial should where possible travel alone, or alternatively a max of 2 people per vehicle if the competitor has a second dog which has obtained a run.
- (e) Everyone attending the trial is asked to bring their own PPE including mask/face covering and hand sanitiser and refreshment.
- (f) In an effort to minimize contact no guests or spectators will be permitted on the ground or within the confines of the Trial area. Please take due cognisance of both local and UK Government restrictions and advice on numbers. Anyone turning up without prior Permission will be refused entry. Handlers running more than one dog will be allowed to bring one assistant to assist with the care of the second dog.

(7) A **"Covid" Officer** will be nominated for the event and will continuously monitor the Trial pre, during and post throughout the day and record any issues raised. They will monitor area(s) such as the logging of those attending on the day for the purposes of 'trace and test' and the maintenance of 'safe separation'. Any infringements will result in person(s) being requested to leave the ground.

(8) Everyone attending the trial is asked to strictly adhere to the Government guidelines on social distancing. Please park a safe distance from other vehicles so social distancing can be maintained. The FTS will allocate suitable spaces on the day.

(9) Competitors are asked not to congregate around the FTS but to sensibly approach following social distancing guideline.

(10) **Payment:** Competitors should note that in an effort to minimize contact and avoid quarantine of 'paper' cash or cheque payment will not be accepted. Payment will be made through the FOSSE DATA System or, on acceptance of a 'run', through the Club's own Bank account, either 7 days before or after the date of the Trial. Details can be found on the Club's website.

(11) **Armbands:** Competitors will be responsible for providing their own numbers. This does not have to be an armband as long as some form of number is visible.



(12) Please maintain safe separation and distance relative to the location and area) and refrain from shaking hands with the Judges, other competitors etc. In an effort to minimise contact while the Trial is in progress pre sanitised radios will be used to call dogs into line and also maximise distance control/interaction.

(13) Transfer of game: Game should be transferred from person to person at arm's length. Judges, Competitors and Game carriers should sanitise their hands following the transfer of game. Whilst proper handling, care and humane despatch of game should be paramount, minimal handling should be at the forefront of every person attending. Game carriers as opposed to Game bags will be used.

(14) Competitors who fail to complete their first run should be informed so, in order that they can then leave the ground thus minimising numbers at the end of the day. Upon completion of the trial all competitors are to return to their vehicles maintaining social distancing at all times.

(15) Upon completion of the trial all person(s) present will return to the carpark area where the FTS will expeditiously complete the following:

- (a) Thank Hosts and Keeper etc.
- (b) Issue Silverware. Certificate(s) to be forwarded via Post. Monetary awards to be passed electronically.
- (c) Gratuities/expenses to Keepers, Judges etc to be completed electronically.

(16) Any specific requirements of the host/estate to be strictly adhered to at all times.

(17) This method statement is to be read in conjunction with the guidelines set out by The Kennel Club in their document entitled 'Operational Plan for the Resumption of Field Trials' dated 11th August 2020. Everyone attending the trial must be familiar with this document. (Please follow the link below)

Furthermore all person(s) attending should make themselves familiar with local Government and Regional NHS/Council COVID guidance relevant to the Trial area.

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/operational-plan-for-the-resumption-of-licensed-events/operational-plan-for-the-resumption-of-field-trials/>

[Coronavirus \(Covid-19\): guidance-gov. scot](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19)

[Scotborders.gov.uk](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk)

(18) The health and safety of everyone attending this trial is of paramount importance it is therefore vital that the above measures are adhered to. Whilst the organising committee has a significant responsibility in this regard, everyone has the primary responsibility for his or her own health and well-being.

If you are having trouble reading this email a copy of the Covid-19 Method Statement can be downloaded from the link below Covid-19 Method Statement

www.scottishfieldtrialsassociation.co.uk