



# Scottish Field Trials Association

(ID 387)

## SCHEDULE OF FIELD TRIALS 2025/26 FOR BREEDS THAT HUNT POINT AND RETRIEVE

Held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules and Field Trial Regulations

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### **STAKE 1**

#### **OPEN QUALIFYING STAKE for 12 Dogs**

As defined in RKC Ltd Regulation J.3d(2)

Preference in the draw will be as defined in RKC Ltd Regulation J.6.i(4)

<b>Date</b>	Friday 10 October 2025
<b>Venue</b>	Bowmont Valley, Roxburghshire by kind permission of Mr Wilson Young Snr and Mr Wilson Young Jnr, Eskdale Shooting Services
<b>Judges</b>	Mr Steve Kimberley (A 2571) and Mr Paul Nixon (B 3150)
<b>Entry Fee</b>	Members £50 per dog Non-members £60 per dog
<b>Prizes</b>	Trophy for the Winner
<b>Entries Close</b>	<b>Friday 19 September</b>
<b>Draw</b>	7 pm on Saturday 20 September at the Field Trial Secretary's house
<b>Meet</b>	Directions will be included with the Draw

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### **STAKE 2**

#### **ALL AGED STAKE for 12 Dogs** As defined in RKC Ltd Regulation J.3d(2)

<b>Date</b>	Friday 21 November 2025
<b>Venue</b>	Emblehope and Burngrange Estate, Hexham, Northumberland By kind permission of The Royal Kennel Club Ltd
<b>Judges</b>	Mrs Maureen Nixon (A 2158) and Mrs Emily Hinchliff (NP 4158)
<b>Entry Fee</b>	Members £45 per dog Non-members £55 per dog
<b>Prizes</b>	Trophy for the Winner
<b>Entries Close</b>	<b>Thursday 30 October</b>
<b>Draw</b>	7 pm on Friday 31 October at the Field Trial Secretary's house
<b>Meet</b>	Directions will be included with the Draw

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**Postal Entries** Mr Robin Hall  
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Phone: 01821 650602 Mob: 07596 954995  
**Entry Fees:** Those who are successful in the Draw will be required to  
make payment of entry fees by bank transfer not later than seven days  
before the trial. Sort Code: 80-06-47 Account: 00831734

**The result of the Draw will be e-mailed to you. If you do not use e-mail, please enclose a large stamped addressed envelope for the Draw.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION AND CODE OF BEST PRACTICE SEE BELOW**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Dogs entered at Royal Kennel Club Ltd licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Royal Kennel Club Ltd in accordance with Royal Kennel Club Ltd Regulations for Classification and Registration B.

All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Ltd Authority to Compete number before entry to the Field Trial can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the Competitor.

**Entry Form:** Please complete your entry form in *legible* block capitals. Incorrect entry forms will not be placed in the Draw.

**Entry Fees:** If paying by cheque, a **separate cheque** is required for **each entry**. Fees must accompany entries.

**Ownership:** When a dog is in joint ownership, **all** owners must be members of the Association to qualify for Members' preference in the draw for the Open Stake. Please ensure that details of ownership are correct. If the dog is owned in partnership, **all** owners must be named. Incorrect details could result in a Kennel Club fine. If you have applied to The Kennel Club for transfer of ownership, please write TAF (transfer applied for) after the dog's name.

**Multiple Entries:** Where an individual enters more than one dog in a stake, he/she must nominate his/her first choice. The Association reserves the right to refuse entries.

**Stud Book Number:** Please use a Stud Book number where appropriate in place of Registration number.

**Ballot:** If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete shall be decided by ballot.

**Draw:** If you do not use e-mail, please send a self-seal stamped addressed envelope for the result of the Draw.

**Return of Entry Fees:** Kennel Club Ltd rule J7.f applies.

**Substitution of Dogs:** The Association does not permit substitution of dogs while reserves stand.

The Association reserves the right to refuse entries. Royal Kennel Club Ltd rule J.8b.(1)(x) applies.

Should circumstances so dictate, the Society, in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Royal Kennel Club at the earliest opportunity.

No modification will be made to this Schedule except by permission of the Royal Kennel Club, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.

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

All competitors and spectators attending the trial must consider themselves under the orders of the officials and must follow closely behind the flagman.

Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.

Trophy holders please ensure that **clean** trophies are returned in time for the trial.

Loss of armband £15.

### DEFINITION OF OPEN STAKE

A Stake in which dogs have the opportunity of gaining a qualification towards the title of Field Trial champion (K Regulations 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 (J4 refers), in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J7.i so that preference is given to previous performance.

### 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.

### WELFARE OF DOGS

Competitors whose dogs are entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the needs of their dogs are met and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Regulations.



## Code of best practice for breeds that hunt, point and retrieve field trial competitors

The Royal Kennel Club field trial Regulations, sometimes known as the J Regulations, are vital reading. No competitor should enter a field trial unless they are fully conversant with the current Royal Kennel Club Field Trial J Regulations relevant to Breeds that Hunt Point and retrieve. Find the J regulations [here](#).

Regulation J9 (A) 4 For all subgroups required to retrieve. Regulation J(E) Breeds That hunt, point and retrieve. This section lays out what is required from your dog in a field trial for hunt, point and retrieve. It is important to understand these requirements. Take note of the eliminating and major faults under Regulations J(E)6. and J(E)7., respectively. Does your dog repeatedly show any of these traits? Is it ready to trial?

If you are in doubt, seek a panel judge's advice. You can find a list of Royal Kennel Club official panel of field trial judges on [Find a Judge](#).

### J Regulations training programme

This programme has been created to manage the understanding of the J Regulations for field trial judges, societies and competitors. This is done through a seminar followed by an optional multiple-choice exam. Attending a seminar is strongly recommended. Even if a candidate refrains from taking the examination, they should find the seminar useful and beneficial.

The seminar script for the hunt, point and retrieve sub-group is available on The Royal Kennel Club website. Success in working tests does not mean your dog is suitable to be trialled. Working tests are great fun and a good benchmark to see how you and your dog are progressing. It also enables you and your dog to get used to competing in company and under the scrutiny of the judges, as well as being watched by other people. Although working tests and field trials are 'poles apart', if a dog does not handle well on dummies, in most cases it is unlikely to handle proficiently on live game.

Offering to help (or request to view) before entering your first field trial is highly advised. Find out if there are any trials taking place near you. You learn so much from watching both handlers and dogs, and asking questions. Contact the field trial secretary prior to the trial.

Email us for a list of all the gundog societies and field trial dates.

Before you enter a field trial, ensure that your dog has been shot over and will hunt, point and retrieve and is steady to shot and un-shot game. Handler and dog must have had plenty of experience picking all varieties of warm freshly shot game. This includes picking wounded birds.

### Should you be put out of the trial

Do not enter a field trial if you know your dog persistently commits any eliminating or major faults. A field trial is a competition, not a training day.

### Dress appropriately

Wear conventional and acceptable clothes. No bright colours or denim jeans and no white baseball caps. Looking tidy and presentable in muted or neutral country attire shows respect for the event and the landowners. This is a country sport.

### Manage your expectations

The extra pressure and nerves of working under a judge can affect your decision-making and handling. Mistakes often occur through 'pilot error' so be ready for disappointments. Never publicly impugn the decisions of the judge or judges. Neither should you criticise the host, ground or guns. If you are not sure why you have been put out of the trial, have a word with the judges at the end of the trial when they have completed their official duties. Questions should be restricted to the performance of your dog and not the dogs of other competitors. Social media should never be used to discuss grievances.

### Should you be put out of the trial

You must not leave the trial ground without the permission of a judge or Chief Steward. It is courteous to stay till the end of the trial and you will learn a lot from watching other competitors. When you have qualified for open trials, continuing to compete in all aged stakes is an ideal way of giving an inexperienced dog (and handler) invaluable proficiency before you

consider entering open field trials. A higher standard of work is expected in all open stakes, which carry a qualification for the title of Field Trial Champion.

Harsh handling of dogs will not be tolerated. The welfare of your dog is your responsibility. You may need to carry drinking water, especially in hot weather. Likewise, you may have to consider taking an appropriate dog coat for protection from wet and cold as well as from the sun. Have a drying towel in your vehicle should your dog need to be dried off before you drive home. Any concerning issues you may see at a Trial should be reported to the Chief Steward on the day, if possible.

Targets to achieve before entering a field trial

The following targets are voluntary and self-administered, and something novice handlers can strive to achieve before entering a field trial.

The purpose of these targets is to get novice handlers to read the J Regulations to gain a basic understanding of the rules of the competition they propose to enter. This will also encourage handlers to take a dog out on a proper shooting day instead of just relying on a few training days, which may give a false impression of their dog's ability and suitability for field trials.

Targets to achieve before entering a field trial:

The handler:

Attends a Royal Kennel Club seminar on J Regulations

Helps at a Royal Kennel Club licensed field trial on three separate occasions

Helps on a shoot as a picker up, beating or at a day when dogs are being shot over for a minimum of one season

The dog:

Has worked on a shoot as a picking up dog, Beating or being shot over for a minimum of one season before being entered in a field trial

Has no recurring eliminating faults and has had sufficient experience on live game before being entered into a field trial

We recommend that these targets are achieved before entering a licensed field trial.