

Working Trials Amendments for 2026 (I Regs)

Amendment to all activity disciplines to increase the time frame between requesting a show licence back to 6 months before the date of the show.

I6. Societies are required to apply for permission to hold Special Events.

TO:

Applications should be submitted to The Royal Kennel Club by email at least six ~~weeks~~ **months** before the start of any qualifying heats for the event.

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(Effective 1 January 2026)

Regulation I9. Application.

TO:

The application for a licence to hold a working trial must be made to the Secretary of The Royal Kennel Club, and must be accompanied by the appropriate licence fee, at least six ~~weeks~~ **months** before the date of the working trial.

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Amendment to I regulations to ensure the exercise remained that of search and escort and not of sendaways and redirections.

Regulation I.27.f

TO:

Lockouts are ~~not permitted for any of the Patrol exercises~~ **permitted for the Quartering the ground and Search and Escort exercises only**. There must be a run through of the complete Patrol test **except the Quartering the ground and Search and Escort exercise (if there is a Lockout of those exercises)** in the presence of the competitors before judging of the Patrol exercises commences. **If a handler has more than one dog to work in the patrol round section of the stake, then a lockout is not permitted.**

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