

SPECIMEN FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULE

This document is issued by the Royal Kennel Club for Field Trial Secretaries and their printers. All Schedules for Field Trials must be compiled in accordance with the layout indicated and the Rules and Regulations must be included as indicated. No modifications should be made to this specimen schedule except by permission of the Board of the Royal Kennel Club, which should be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press wherever possible.

Additional information may be added to the schedule such as details of sponsorship, club logos, directions to the venue etc, and this information may be included on any appropriate page.

Please note that throughout this document ***all instructions and/or advice notes are shown in bold italic typeface.***

The Specimen Schedule and Entry Form were updated in February 2026 with effect for trials on or after **2 February 2026**.

Societies must include in the schedule any particular measures or conditions that competitors need to be aware of prior to the event. Please refer to the guidance on the Royal Kennel Club website.

<https://www.royalkennelclub.com/resumptionofevents>

This document is updated on a regular basis to take into account any relevant changes to regulations etc. Please ensure that you have the latest copy which can be obtained on The Kennel Club website (<https://www.royalkennelclub.com/media/lcsetuhg/j-regs-mini-guide-2026-final-screen.pdf>) or by contacting the Royal Kennel Club on 01296 318 540.

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The information shown on this page must be included within your schedule, preferably on the front outside cover or title page.

NAME OF TRIAL SOCIETY

SCHEDULE OF (**state breed**) FIELD TRIAL

(held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations 'J')

(Any additional title for which prior permission has been given by the Board of the Royal Kennel Club may be added here)

TRIAL VENUE

(Where the time and place of meeting are not added a statement on how this will be communicated to competitors)

DATE OF TRIAL

STAKE/S: ***(list stake/s with maximum number of runners in the order they will be run)***

JUDGES: ***(list all judges including panel and judging numbers)***

FEES: (state the amount of entry and other fees)

PRIZES: ***(list details of prizes)***

ENTRIES CLOSE: ***(date)***

ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO: ***(state to whom)***

This will usually be the Trial Secretary and a telephone contact number should be provided if possible, together with a full postal address including the postcode.

DRAW: ***(state date, place and time of draw including how all entrants will be notified of the result)***

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE ADDED TO THE SCHEDULE SUCH AS DETAILS OF SPONSORSHIP, CLUB LOGOS, DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE ETC. AND THIS MAY BE INCLUDED ON ANY APPROPRIATE PAGE.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(The following Regulations are mandatory and therefore must be included in the Schedule. Items in bold should be replaced by the appropriate wording; items in normal type should be included verbatim. Instructions and additional rules applicable to the Trial may be added at the end of this section at the discretion of the Organising Society but these must not contradict any of the Rules and Regulations given below).

- 1 Dogs entered at Royal Kennel Club Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Royal Kennel Club in accordance with Royal Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
- 2 **State, if applicable, that the society may reserve to itself the right to refuse any entry.**
- 3 **State arrangements for the substitution of dogs.**
- 4 All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Royal Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
- 5 If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.
- 6 Should circumstances so dictate the society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Royal Kennel Club.
- 7 No modification may be made to the schedule after publication except by permission of the Royal Kennel Club, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.
- 8 Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
- 9 Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.
- 10 **Include the following statement:**

Welfare of Dogs

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Royal Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) 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 Board for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any field trial licensed by the Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the trial.

- 11 **Include the following statement when appropriate:**

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(s).

If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.



Our pledge to sportsmanship, civility, fairness and respect

These qualities make our activities rewarding for participants, spectators, and the dogs at the heart of it all. They help create a respectful culture that welcomes the diverse community united by a love of dogs, and they reflect the spirit in which we come together. By affirming these qualities, we strengthen the integrity of our activities and the inclusive ethos that defines the Royal Kennel Club.

We pledge to:

PUT DOGS FIRST

We place the welfare of dogs above all else.

We will always:

- ❖ Prioritise the long-term health and preservation of all breeds.
- ❖ Make decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- ❖ Share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of our breeding stock.

ACT WITH INTEGRITY

Our actions reflect positively on the world of dogs, the Royal Kennel Club and ourselves.

We will always:

- ❖ Understand and abide by all Royal Kennel Club codes, rules and regulations.
- ❖ Appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in licensed events by fostering an environment of sportsmanship, civility, fairness, respect and inclusion.
- ❖ Decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- ❖ Decline to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dog.
- ❖ Refuse to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- ❖ Judge only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

We recognise we are role models in the canine world.

We will always:

- ❖ Strive to lead by example through humility, kindness and ethical conduct.
- ❖ Actively support education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values and our traditions in a respectful way.
- ❖ Uphold our responsibilities to pedigree dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence our decisions or behaviour.
- ❖ Accept constructive criticism whether judge or exhibitor.

SHOW RESPECT

We treat others with sportsmanship, civility, fairness and respect.

We will always:

- ❖ Be committed to fair play, honesty and courtesy in competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace and dignity.
- ❖ Treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and Royal Kennel Club staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background or differences of opinion.
- ❖ Contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- ❖ Extend attributes of sportsmanship, civility, fairness and respect through all digital and social media platforms.

PROTECT OUR LEGACY

We protect the legacy of pedigree dogs for future generations.

We will always:

- ❖ Respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of pedigree dogs but with a future mindset to improve and protect the breeds.
- ❖ Appreciate those who have gone before us and realise we are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the position for future generations.
- ❖ Welcome and show respect to all dog owners, including those with non-pedigree dogs, recognising that every dog contributes to the richness of our shared canine community.