## Kennel Club Regulation Booklets

This is one of a series of booklets designed to present the Regulations in a more accessible form. The complete set of Rules & Regulations is of course still available within the Kennel Club Year Book.

There are booklets available for Breed Shows, Obedience Shows, Agility Shows, Flyball Competitions, Working Trials and Bloodhound Trials, Heelwork to Music, Field Trials and Rally. Whilst including all the relevant regulations also included is an extract from the B Regulations on the requirements of dog registration.

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# KENNEL CLUB WORKING TRIAL REGULATIONS

*As at 1st January 2017*

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

**1. Eligibility.**

a. Working Trial licences will be issued to registered or affiliated Societies only.

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

c. Dogs under 18 calendar months of age on the closing date are ineligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Working Trials, except that Bloodhounds may be entered for Bloodhound Trials at 12 calendar months on the first day of the trial. However, Societies may accept Not For Competition entries at their discretion. Dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not For Competition.

d. If, in the opinion of the Board, a dog is of a savage disposition it shall be ineligible for entry at any Working Trial held under Kennel Club Regulations.

e. Persons disqualified or suspended under Kennel Club Rules are not eligible to take part in any Kennel Club licensed event.

f. No activity shall be conducted which permits, encourages or develops aggression in a dog other than in the strictly controlled conditions of Patrol Dog (PD) Stakes.

**2. Welfare of Dogs.**

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a 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 Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

**3. Code of Conduct.**

Those taking part in Kennel Club licensed/approved events are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards, in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Conduct as published from time to time.

**4. Licensed Working Trials.**—Licensed Working Trials held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are those held under Licence granted by the Board of the Kennel Club, and are:

a. Championship Working Trials—Open to all competitors, except where a qualification for entry has been approved by the Board of the Kennel Club.
b. Open Working Trials—Open to all competitors.
c. Members Working Trials—Where entry is limited to Members of the Societies.
d. Matches—Where entry is limited to Members of the Societies.

On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held or the event will be deemed to be unlicensed.

**5. Permission to Hold Working Trials.**

a. The Board shall have the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any licensed Working Trials.
b. Any cancellation or abandonment of a Trial without prior permission of the Board must be reported in writing to the Kennel Club without delay.

**6. Guarantors.**

a. Licensed Working Trials require Guarantors who shall undertake jointly and severally to hold and conduct the Trials under and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club, to guarantee the due payment of any prize money, and to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation I31.
b. Such undertaking shall also be taken as an agreement by such guarantors and each of them, that any decision given against them or any of them, under Rule A11 of the Kennel Club Rules may be communicated by the Secretary of the Kennel Club to the secretaries of Registered Clubs and Societies affiliated with the Kennel Club, and may also be published in the Kennel Gazette, the official publication of the Kennel Club together with a report of the proceedings in the matter, including names, addresses and descriptions.
c. Any notice sent by registered post to any such Guarantors at the addresses given by them shall be deemed full and sufficient notice on the part of the Kennel Club to them, or any of them of any proceedings, matters or decisions of the Board, or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers, or in regard to anything arising out of the Trial licence or to the conduct of the Trial, or in respect of any other matter whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the same.

**7. Undertaking of Guarantors**—The application form for a Working Trial licence must be signed by the Guarantors who must give their full addresses in the spaces provided on the form. The signed application shall be a binding undertaking.

Should changed circumstances affect the status of any of the original signatories as Guarantors, then notice of replacement(s) must be forwarded to the Kennel Club. Such notice shall be accompanied by a signed declaration from the replacement Guarantor(s) agreeing to the conditions of the guarantee.

Notice of such change(s) must be made in the Schedule and Catalogue, if possible, or by notice in the canine press.

The Guarantors for Trials shall be as follows:-

a. **Championship Trials** - A minimum of six members of the Committee which must include the Society Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer.
b. **Open and Limited Trials** - A minimum of three members of the Committee which must include the Society Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer.

**8. Veterinary Support.**—The Secretary of a licensed Trial is required to arrange veterinary support compatible with the arrangements for the Trial and anticipated entries. The name, address and telephone number of the Veterinary Surgeon, Practitioner or Practice supporting the Trial is to be available.

**9. Application.**—The application for a licence to hold a Working Trial must be made to the Secretary of the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, London W1J 8AB, on an official form which must be properly completed, together with the appropriate licence fee, at least 60 days before the date of the Working Trial.

**10. Documentation.**—At every Working Trial the following documents must be available:

a. The licence for the Trial.
b. A current Public Liability Insurance Document must be available at the Trial. Failure to have a current Document at the date of the trial will invalidate the licence.
c. A copy of Kennel Club Rules and relevant Working Trials Regulations.
d. A copy of the Schedule and Catalogue for the Trial.
e. The completed entry forms for the Trial.
f. A Kennel Club Incident Book, containing details of all incidents occurring at the trial, a copy of which must be submitted to the Kennel Club within 14 days.

**11. Removal of Dogs.**

Following discussion between the Trial management and/or a veterinary surgeon a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Trial if it is:

a. A bitch which is in season.
b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the Trial Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club

**12. Objections.**

a. An objection to a breach of Kennel Club Regulation(s) may be made direct to the Secretary of the Trial before the end of the Trial. As an alternative, an objection may be lodged directly with the Kennel Club within seven days after the last day of the Trial and under these circumstances a copy of the objection must be sent to the Trial Secretary.

When an objection is lodged the following information must be given;

A statement detailing the objection, quoting the relevant regulation(s).

The objection fee of £35, or such amount as may from time to time be decided by the Board.

The name and address of the objector.

The name and address of the owner of the dog (if relevant).

All relevant evidence.

The objection fee may be returned after consideration of the objection.

b. With the exception of objections made under Regulation I11 (Disqualification of Dogs from Competition) the dog should be allowed to compete and a full report made to the Kennel Club.

c. The right to lodge an objection to a dog or any action taken at a Trial is limited to anyone in attendance at the Trial not under a term of suspension imposed by the Kennel Club, or the owner of a dog competing or his accredited representative.

d. No objection shall be invalidated solely on the grounds that it was incorrectly lodged.

e. Objections or alleged breaches of Kennel Club Regulations shall be referred to the Board who shall have the power to delegate the hearing of the objection or breach of regulation to the relevant Committee or may decide to refer the matter for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rule A11.

f. Any appeal against the relevant Committee decision must be lodged within fourteen days of the decision being given and will be subject to the prescribed appeals procedure as shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

**13. Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct at Working Trials.**—The Secretary of a Trial must immediately report in writing to the Secretary of the Kennel Club any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, or any default, omission or incident at or in connection with the Trial which may come under his notice, even where parties concerned have indicated that they intend taking no action and at the same time forward to the Secretary of the Kennel Club all documents and information in connection therewith which may be in his possession or power. If evidence is placed before the Board to its satisfaction that undue influence has been exercised by any person(s), or that any improper means have been used to influence the appointment of a Judge or interfere with the competition of a dog at any Trial held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, the Board may require all correspondence and evidence in connection with the case to be produced in order that it may deal with the offender(s) under Kennel Club Rule A11.

**14. Disqualification and Forfeit of Awards.**

a. Dogs may be disqualified by the Board from any awards whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proven amongst other things to have been:

(1) Competed at an unrecognised event

(2) Entered for competition or handled by a person disqualified or suspended under Rule A11, as from the date of the complaint

having been lodged at the Kennel Club and for the period of disqualification or suspension.

(3) Not entered on a Kennel Club approved entry form in the name and with the details which are recorded with the Kennel Club.

(4) Entered after the closing date of entries, or contrary to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

(5) Suffering from an infectious or contagious disease.

(6) Competed in a Stake for which it is not entered.

(7) Entered for competition or handled at the Trial by a judge of dogs at that Trial/Bloodhound Stake.

(8) Registered or recorded as owned by the scheduled judge within a period of twelve months prior to the Trial/Bloodhound Stake. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a judge appointed in an emergency.

(9) Handled at a Trial/Bloodhound Stake within the previous twelve months by the scheduled judge. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a judge appointed in an emergency.

(10) Handled in the stake by the scheduled judge's spouse, immediate family or is resident at the same address as the scheduled judge. This shall not apply to a judge appointed in an emergency.

(11) Not correctly registered or recorded in the name of the owner at the Kennel Club or as provided in Regulation I.22.b.

(12) The subject of any other default, omission, action or incident occurring at or in connection with the Trial rendering it unfair that the award should be allowed to stand.

b. A dog shall be disqualified by the Board from any awards gained whether an objection has been lodged or not, if entered in a Stake for which it is ineligible and not withdrawn from competition and the competitor may be fined at the discretion of the Board.

c. The owner of the dog disqualified for any of the above reasons is liable to forfeit all entry fees paid, and all prize money won by such dog.

**15. Order of Merit when Dogs are Disqualified.**

If a dog be disqualified, the prize to which it would otherwise have been entitled shall be forfeited. The Committee may at its discretion move up the dog or dogs next in order of merit (up to and including reserve or fourth place) to take the prize or prize(s).

**16. Penalty for Infringement of Kennel Club Rules by Working Trial Managements.**—The Board shall have power to fine the Officers of the Society holding the Working Trial who have broken Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the conduct of the Trial.

**17. Unlicensed Trials.**—Notwithstanding the provision of these Regulations, certain events which are not licensed by the Kennel Club may from time to time be recognised by the Board of the Kennel Club.

The Board shall have power to grant permission for Kennel Club registered dogs to be entered for such events. The standing of a judge, exhibitor or promoter will not be prejudiced by participation in these special unlicensed events.

**18. Working Trial Certificates.**

a. A Kennel Club Working Trial Certificate will be awarded to any dog winning a TD or PD Stake at a Championship Working Trial provided that it has obtained 70% or more marks as indicated in the Schedule of Points and has also been awarded the qualification "Excellent" by obtaining at least 80% of the possible total marks for the stake. A Reserve Working Trial Certificate will be awarded to the dog placed second in the Stake provided it is similarly qualified.

b. Certificates will be awarded by the Judge or Judges at a Championship Working Trial PD (Patrol Dog), TD (Tracking Dog), WD (Working Dog), UD (Utility Dog), and CD (Companion Dog) Stake to dogs which have obtained 70% or more marks in each group of exercises in the Stake entered, provided that the dog has complied with any additional requirements for that Stake. The added qualification "Excellent" shall be awarded should the dog also obtain 80% or more marks of the total for the Stake.

c. The Judge or Judges of Introductory, CD, UD, WD, TD and PD Stakes at Open Working Trials shall award Certificates of Merit for those dogs whose marks would have gained them a qualification "Excellent" at a Championship Working Trial, or, in the case of the Introductory Stake, for those dogs which have obtained 70% or more marks in each group of exercises and 80% or more of the total marks. The Certificate must include the following words: "This Certificate does not entitle the dog named thereon to any qualification recognised by the Kennel Club except entry in appropriate Stakes at Championship Working Trials" or , in the case of the Introductory Stake, the following words: "This Certificate does not entitle the dog named to any qualification recognised by the Kennel Club". Such Certificates of Merit must contain the name and breed of the dog, the name of the owners, the title of the Society and date of the Trial, the Stake and the marks awarded.

d. Societies may issue Qualification Certificates in Championship Stakes to their own design, subject to the approval of the Kennel Club, but they must contain the name and breed of the dog, the name of the owner, the title of the Society and the date of the Trials, the qualification and marks awarded and signature of the Judge(s) and Working Trial Manager.

**19. Penalties.**

The Board shall have power to impose any of the following penalties upon any person for any breach of Kennel Club Regulations subject to a right of appeal, notice of intention of which must be lodged within 14 days from the date on which the decision is given and subject to the prescribed appeals process as shall be determined by the Board from time to time;

a. Warn
b. Censure/Reprimand
c. Apology directive (Conduct Regulation or the Control of Dog Regulation)
d. Fine
e. Award disqualified
f. A dog's registration record may be marked 'incident recorded'

g. A dog's registration record may be endorsed 'not eligible for entry in any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, nor any unlicensed event recognised by the Kennel Club.'

In the event of any fine not being paid, or non compliance with any apology directive issued within the time stipulated by the Board, then that person may, at the discretion of the Board, be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A11 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the Board.

**20. Working Trial Championships.**

a. The Kennel Club Working Trial Championships at which Patrol Dog (PD) and Tracking Dog (TD) Stakes shall be scheduled are held annually.
b. The responsibility for organising the Championships each year will normally be delegated to a Working Trial Society approved to hold Championship Working Trials, such Society to be selected by the Activities Committee from applications submitted by Societies.
c. The Secretary of the host club will, unless otherwise specified, be the Working Trial Secretary for the event, the Society scheduling the Championships appointing a Trials Manager.
d. The following shall be the method of selection of judges for the Championship:
   (1) Nominated by Working Trial Societies which have been granted Championship Working Trial status for balloting by the Working Trial Council. Every nominee must have already judged the relevant stake for which they are nominated.
   (2) Recommendation by the Activities Committee.
   (3) Final approval by the Board.
e. Dogs eligible for entry in the Championships qualify as follows:
   (1) TD Championship: A dog must have been placed 1st in Championship TD Stake with the qualification "Excellent" in the Stake during the period week no. 35 to week no. 34 the following year.
   (2) PD Championship: A dog must have been placed 1st in Championship PD Stake with the qualification "Excellent" in the Stake during the period week no. 35 to week no. 34 the following year.
   (3) Dogs which qualify as above in both PD and TD Championship Stakes may be entered in both Championship Stakes.
   (4) The Winners of the previous year's Championship Stakes qualify automatically.
   (5) No other dogs are eligible for entry in the Championships except by special permission of the Board of the Kennel Club.
f. The Championships will normally be held during the third weekend in October each year.
g. The Working Trial Society selected to hold the Championships may forego holding one Open Working Trial during the year in which they hold the Championships without affecting their status to hold other Championship Trials.

**21. Schedules.**

a. The Trial Society must issue a schedule for the Trial, such schedule to follow the layout of the specimen schedule provided by the Kennel Club and conform with Kennel Club Regulations. No modifications may be made to the schedule except by permission of the Kennel Club and such modifications must be advertised.

b. A copy of the Schedule issued for each trial must be retained by the organisations for at least one year from the date of the trial and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if requested, together with any other documents.

c. The schedule must contain:

(1) On the front outside cover or title page, the name of the Trial Society, the type, venue and date of the Trial as described on the licence and any additional title for which prior permission has been given by the Board of the Kennel Club; the names and addresses, or email addresses, of the Guarantors of the Trial, and the Trial manager's name, address and telephone number where appropriate.

(2) The latest date for applying for entry at the Trial.

(3) The amount of entry fees and any prize money.

(4) A statement that a draw will be made for the order of running.

(5) A statement if applicable on details of how entries can be made via the internet.

(6) The conditions and qualifications for making entries and for intimating acceptance or refusal of entries.

(7) An announcement that the Working Trial is held under Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations with such exceptions as the Committee of the Society may decide. Such exceptions and conditions must have received the approval of the Board of the Kennel Club prior to publication of the schedule.

(8) The definition of each Stake, together with the qualification and limitations for entry in that Stake.

(9) The names of the Judges. An announcement that if the entries in the Companion Dog (CD) Stake exceed 20, a second Judge may be appointed to judge the Group III exercises and the competitors notified accordingly.

(10) A statement that spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete.

(11) If applicable, a statement that; 1. Not For Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered or 2. Not For Competition entries are not accepted.

(12) An announcement that dogs under the age of 18 months on the closing date for the Trial are not eligible for entry.

(13) A regulation which prohibits Judges at the Trial entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.

(14) A separate official entry form which must include the "declaration" to be signed by the entrant as on the specimen entry form issued by the Kennel Club.

(15) A statement that the Committee reserves the right to itself to refuse any entries.
(16) A statement that 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 Kennel Club.

**22. Entry Forms.**—Such forms must be in accordance with the approval form issued by the Secretary of Working Trial.

a. An entry form, which must include a box for the Kennel Club Registration Number or Authority To Compete (ATC) Number and the standard declaration approved by the Kennel Club and included in the specimen entry form issued by the Kennel Club.
b. A dog must, at the time of entry for a Trial be registered as required by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given.
Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required.
A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a Trial may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the Kennel Club before the Trial, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).
c. A separate application for entry must be made by each owner and acceptance of the entry declaration must be given in accordance with the provisions specified thereon - whether in writing or via the internet. Entries cannot be accepted without the appropriate fees or acceptance of the entry declaration.
d. All entry forms and a set of track and search articles must be retained by the Committee of a Working Trial for at least 12 months from the last day of the Trial, and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if requested, together with any other documents.

**23. Catalogue**.—The Society must publish a Catalogue for the Trial containing:

a. On the front outside cover or title page, the name of the Trial Society, the type, venue and date of the Trial as described on the licence and any additional title for which prior permission has been given by the Board of the Kennel Club; the names and addresses, or email addresses, of the Guarantors of the Trial, and the Trial manager's name, address and telephone number where appropriate.
b. The date and place of the Trial.
c. The names and addresses of competitors (unless withheld by competitors).

d. The registered name of each dog entered, the Stake in which it is entered together with its full particulars as recorded on the entry form.
e. The name of the Judge(s) for each Stake.

*Championship* – Within 14 days of the close of the trial, a copy of the official Catalogue for the trial, containing a full and correct list of all the entries, with all the Tracking Dog and Patrol Dog awards correctly marked, must be submitted to the Kennel Club.

*Open* – A copy of the official Catalogue for each trial, containing a full and correct list of all the entries, with all the awards correctly marked, must be retained by the organisations for at least one year from the date of the trial and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if requested, together with any other documents.

**24. Management.**

a. Societies must schedule one other tracking stake in addition to the Working Trial Certificate Stake.
b. A Working Trial Manager must be appointed by the Committee of the Society who shall be responsible for ensuring that the regulations are observed but he may not interfere with the judges decisions which shall be final. He shall decide upon any matter not related to judging and not provided for in the Rules and Regulations and may call upon the Judge or Judges to assist with the decision which will be final. The Manager and his deputy, one of whom should be present throughout must not enter or work a dog at the Trial.
c. The Working Trial Manager and the Judges should assess the weather conditions and should they consider the weather unfit for holding the Trial commencement may be postponed until such time as it is considered necessary for the Trial to be abandoned and the entry fees returned.
d. When a Judge is prevented from attending or finishing a meeting which has commenced, the Working Trial Manager shall decide what action is to be taken.
e. The order of running tracks shall be determined by a draw and competitors notified accordingly by post of their reporting time prior to the day of the Trial.
f. The Committee may reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entries.
g. Replacement judges appointed in an emergency must have previously judged the stake they are to judge.
h. The Working Trials Manager shall be in receipt of a specimen set of Track and Search articles prior to the commencement of the Trial. The judge must ensure that the articles and all exercises are:
   (1) suitable to the nature of the ground,
   (2) suitable to the Stake being judged, and
   (3) unlikely to be in any way injurious to the dog.

**25. Approval of Judges.**

a. Working Trial Societies must apply to the Board for the approval of judges for Championship T.D. and P.D. Stakes at least nine months

before the date of the Trial. All first time appointments must be applied for a minimum of eighteen months before the date of the Trial on the form provided.

b. On a person's first appointment to judge Championship Working Trial Certificate Stakes, the nominee must meet the following minimum conditions:

**Criteria**

On application a person must:

(1) Have 5 years experience of judging at Kennel Club licensed Working Trials.
(2) Have judged a W.D. Stake at two or more Championship Trials.
(3) Have judged two or more Open T.D. Working Trials for T.D. judges and Open P.D. Working Trials for P.D. judges.
(4) Have qualified a dog "Excellent" in the nominated Stake.
(5) Have attended a Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.
(6) Have attended a Kennel Club Practical Working Trials seminar. In addition P.D. judges must have attended a Kennel Club P.D. Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the relevant examination (effective 1 January 2014).
(7) Have been assessed by a Kennel Club approved assessor.

c. A person approved to judge a Championship Working Trial Certificate Stake may not judge the same Stake within a period of six calendar months. The relevant date being the last day of each trial.

d. Societies must be satisfied that the following minimum conditions have been met for the first appointment of judges for C.D., U.D. and W.D. Stakes at a Championship Working Trial:

(1) For C.D. Stake—Must have judged at least two Open Working Trials and have as a Handler qualified a dog "Excellent" in a Championship C.D. Stake or higher Stake.
(2) For U.D. Stake - Must have judged all groups in U.D., W.D., P.D. or T.D. Stakes at two Open Working Trials, have judged C.D. Stake at a Championship Working Trial and have as a Handler qualified a dog "Excellent" in a Championship U.D. Stake.
(3) For W.D. Stake - Must have judged U.D. Stake at a Championship Working Trial and have as a Handler qualified a dog "Excellent" in a Championship W.D. Stake.

e. Judges at Open Working Trials—Before a person is appointed to judge at an Open Working Trial, they must satisfy the Committee of the Society holding the Trial that they have qualified a dog "Excellent" in the Stake they are to judge or in a higher Stake. For a TD or PD appointment they must have previously judged the nosework section of a lower tracking stake.

f. To judge the Introductory Stake a person must have qualified a dog CD Ex.

g. Additionally judges appointed to officiate for the first time must have attended a Kennel Club Working Trials Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.

h. The Board of the Kennel Club shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the approval of any judge.

**26. Judging.**

a. Judges at Kennel Club licensed Working Trials are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published from time to time.
b. Judges at Working Trials may not enter a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the Trial at which they are judging.
c. The Judge or Judges in consultation with the Working Trial Manager may arrange for dogs to be working singly or together in any numbers. All dogs entered in a Stake shall be tested as far as possible under similar conditions.
d. All awards made by the Judge or Judges at a Working Trial shall be in accordance with the agreed scale of points approved by the Board of the Kennel Club. Equal awards are prohibited, where there is equality of marks the award must be decided as follows:
   (1) Where all parties involved are present at the time of the award, the order shall be decided by a runoff exercise(s).
   (2) Where all parties involved are not present at the time of the award, the order shall be decided at the discretion of the judge.
e. The winner of the Stake shall be the dog which:
   (1) has qualified in all groups and obtained the highest overall marks.
   (2) if no dog has qualified in all groups, that with the highest overall marks shall win.

   Other placings in the Stake shall be allocated on the same basis.
f. Where a person is working more than one dog in the PD Stake, the judge must not prevent any competitors from watching the Patrol Round.
g. Any physical disciplining of the dog by the handler in the test area or any uncontrolled behaviour of the dog must be penalised by deducting points from the total score and the judge may bar the dog from further competition in the stake.
h. The Board of the Kennel Club shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the appointment of any Judge.

**27. Judging Contracts.**

a. Invitations to judge must be made by Working Trial Societies in writing and must include the following wording:
   "In accepting this invitation you agree to be bound by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for Judges and confirm that you are qualified to judge in accordance with Working Trial Regulation I25.
   You should note that we reserve the right to cancel the contract before the date of the appointment if there is a change in your circumstances, which in our reasonable opinion would adversely affect your ability to fulfil the appointment."

b. Working Trials Societies must ensure that written acceptances are received and these must be followed by written confirmation of the appointment by the Society upon which a judging contract will be deemed to have been formed; except that in the case of appointments to judge TD & PD Stakes at Championship Working Trials, the contract will only be formed when Kennel Club approval of the appointment has been given.
c. All judging contracts are subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Kennel Club in the event of the judge being subject to relevant disciplinary action.
d. In the event of a judge failing to honour an engagement to judge, the Board will require reasons for such failure, and in the event of an explanation not being considered satisfactory, the Board may impose a fine. Similarly, in the event of a Society not honouring a judging contract, the Society may be required by the Board to give reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the Board may impose a fine upon the Society.
e. In the event of such fines not being paid within the time stipulated by the Board, the Judge or Guarantors of the Trial, as applicable, may at the discretion of the Board be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A11 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the Board.

**28. Control of Dogs.**

The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at Kennel Club licensed events must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the licensed venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches. This Regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event). The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition, as stipulated above, is forbidden.

**29. Competing.**

a. An owner or handler may handle the dog, once the dog has commenced work an owner must not interfere with his dog if he has deputed another person to handle it.
b. The Working Trial Manager shall announce the specific time at which a dog or group of dogs may be called for any exercise or group of exercises. Each dog must be brought at its proper time. The times and order may be changed if necessary at the discretion of the Working Trial Manager with approval of the Judge or Judges provided that no hardship is thereby caused to any competitor. If absent when called, the dog shall be liable to be eliminated by the Judge or Judges.
c. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the precincts of the Trial.
d. A person handling a dog may speak, whistle or work it by hand signals as he wishes, but he can be called to order by the Judge or Judges for making unnecessary noise, and if he persists the Judge or Judges can eliminate the dog. Punitive correction or harsh handling of the dog is forbidden.

e. No dog entered for competition and at the meeting may be withdrawn from competition without notice to the Working Trials Manager. No dog shall compulsorily be withdrawn from a Stake by reason of the fact that it has obtained less than 70% of the marks in any one group.
f. Failure to participate in all exercises shall result in the dog being ineligible for any placing or qualification.
g. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.
h. A dog must not compete in the same stake more than once, including special stakes.

**30. Animals Allowed at an Event.**
No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of a Dog Show during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board.

**31. Delegated Powers of the Scottish Kennel Club.**—For the purpose of these Regulations, all powers of the Board relative to Working Trials held in Scotland and licensed by the Scottish Kennel Club are delegated to the Executive Council of the Scottish Kennel Club. Applications for licences, objections and allegations of fraudulent or discreditable conduct relative to Working Trials licensed by the Scottish Kennel Club must be made to the Secretary General of the Scottish Kennel Club, Paterson House, Eskmill Park, Station Road, Musselburgh, EH21 7PQ.
For the purpose of paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of these Regulations, the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any licensed Working Trial in Scotland, other than a Championship Working Trial, shall be delegated to the Scottish Kennel Club.

**32. Definition of Stakes, Eligibility and Exercises.**
The detailed Regulations for the Definition of Stakes, Eligibility and Exercises are given in Annex A.

**33. Specific Regulations for Working Trial Rallies and Matches.**
The specific Regulations for Working Trial Rallies and Matches are given in Annex B.

**34. Description of Exercises and Guidance for Judges.**
The Description of Exercises and notes for the Guidance of Judges are given in Annex C.

**35. Bloodhound Trial Regulations.**
The Specific Regulations for Bloodhound Trials are given in Annex D.

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## DEFINITION OF STAKES, ELIGIBILITY AND EXERCISES

**1.** When entering for Championship or Open Working Trials, wins at Members Working Trials will not count.

**2.** No dog entered in P.D. or T.D. Stakes at a Championship Trial shall be eligible to enter in any other Stake at the meeting.

**3.** Societies may schedule Stakes other than those defined below. The eligibility for "Special" stakes must be defined by the Society and included in the schedule. The word "Special" must be included in the title of the Stake.

**4.** No Working Trial Stake shall be limited to less than 30. If a limit is imposed on entries in any Stake, it shall be carried out by ballot after the date of closing of entries. Championship T.D. or P.D. Stakes shall not be limited to numbers.

**5. Open Working Trials.**

a. Introductory Stake—For dogs which have not qualified CDEx or UDEx. Dogs in this stake may also enter the CD Stake.
b. Companion Dog (C.D.) Stake—For dogs which have not qualified or obtained a Certificate of Merit in W.D., P.D. or T.D. Stakes at Open or Championship Working Trials.
c. Utility Dog (U.D.) Stake—For dogs which have not been awarded a Certificate of Merit in W.D., P.D. or T.D. Stakes.
d. Working Dogs (W.D.) Stakes—For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in U.D. Stakes but not in P.D. or T.D. Stakes.
e. Tracking Dog (T.D.) Stake—For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in W.D. Stakes but excluding dogs that have qualified T.D. Ex.
f. Patrol Dog (P.D.) Stake—For dogs which have qualified W.D. Excellent at a Championship Trial but excluding dogs that have qualified P.D. Excellent at a Championship Trial.

**6. Championship Working Trials.**

a. Introductory Stake—For dogs which have not qualified CDEx or UDEx. Dogs in this stake may also enter the CD Stake.
b. Companion Dog (C.D.) Stake—For dogs which have not qualified W.D. Ex.
c. Utility Dog (U.D) Stake—For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in an Open U.D. Stake. A dog is not eligible for entry in this Stake if it has qualified W.D. Excellent or is entered in the W.D. Stake at the same trial.
d. Working Dog (W.D.) Stake—For dogs which have qualified C.D. Ex and U.D. Ex and have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in an Open W.D. Stake or qualified W.D. Ex. A dog is not eligible for entry in this Stake if

it has qualified T.D. or P.D. Excellent or entered in the T.D. or P.D. Stake at the same Trial.

e. Tracking Dog (T.D.) Stake—For dogs which have been awarded two Certificates of Merit in Open T.D. Stakes and have qualified W.D. Ex at two Championship Trials.

f. Patrol Dog (P.D.) Stake—For dogs which have been awarded two Certificates of Merit in Open P.D. Stakes, and have qualified W.D. Ex at two Championship Trials.

**7. Members Working Trial.**

Restricted to the members of the Society holding the Working Trial, otherwise eligibility for Stakes is as for Open Working Trials.

**8. Introductory Stake.**

A Working Trial may be run consisting only of an Introductory Stake.

**9. Schedule of Exercises and Points.**

a. **INTRODUCTORY AND COMPANION DOG (CD) STAKE**

| | Maximum Marks | Group Total | Minimum Group Qualifying Mark |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Group I. Control** | | | |
| 1. Heel on Leash | 5 | | |
| 2. Heel Free | 10 | | |
| 3. Recall to Handler | 5 | | |
| 4. Sending the dog away | 10 | | |
| 5. Sit (Introductory Stake 1 Minute; CD Stake 2 Minutes) | 10 | | |
| 6. Down (Introductory Stake 5 Minutes; CD Stake 10 Minutes) | 10 | 50 | 35 |
| **Group II. Agility** | | | |
| 7. Clear Jump | 5 | | |
| 8. Long Jump | 5 | | |
| 9. Scale (3) Stay (2) Recall (5) | 10 | 20 | 14 |
| **Group III. Retrieving and Nosework** | | | |
| 10. Retrieve a dumb-bell | 10 | | |
| 11. Elementary Search | 20 | 30 | 21 |
| Totals | 100 | 100 | 70 |
| Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall) | | | 80 |

b. **UTILITY DOG (UD) STAKE**

| | Maximum Marks | Group Total | Minimum Group Qualifying Mark |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Group I. Control** | | | |
| 1. Heel Free | 5 | | |
| 2. Sending the dog away | 10 | | |
| 3. Retrieve a dumb-bell | 5 | | |
| 4. Down (10 Minutes) | 10 | | |
| 5. Steadiness to Gunshot | 5 | 35 | 25 |
| **Group II. Agility** | | | |
| 6. Clear Jump | 5 | | |
| 7. Long Jump | 5 | | |
| 8. Scale (3) Stay (2) Recall (5) | 10 | 20 | 14 |
| **Group III. Nosework** | | | |
| 9. Search | 35 | | |
| 10. Track (90) | | | |
| 11. Articles 10+10 (20) | 110 | 145 | 102 |
| Totals | 200 | 200 | 141 |
| Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall) | | | 160 |

c. **WORKING DOG (WD) STAKE**

| | Maximum Marks | Group Total | Minimum Group Qualifying Mark |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Group I. Control** | | | |
| 1. Heel Free | 5 | | |
| 2. Sending the dog away | 10 | | |
| 3. Retrieve a dumb-bell | 5 | | |
| 4. Down (10 Minutes) | 10 | | |
| 5. Steadiness to Gunshot | 5 | 35 | 25 |
| **Group II. Agility** | | | |
| 6. Clear Jump | 5 | | |
| 7. Long Jump | 5 | | |
| 8. Scale (3) Stay (2) Recall (5) | 10 | 20 | 14 |
| **Group III. Nosework** | | | |
| 9. Search | 35 | | |
| 10. Track (90) Articles (10+10=20) | 110 | 145 | 102 |
| Totals | 200 | 200 | 141 |
| Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall) | | | 160 |

d. **TRACKING DOG (TD) STAKE**

| | Maximum Marks | Group Total | Minimum Group Qualifying Mark |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Group I. Control** | | | |
| 1. Heel Free | 5 | | |
| 2. Send away and Directional Control | 10 | | |
| 3. Speak on Command | 5 | | |
| 4. Down (10 Minutes) | 10 | | |
| 5. Steadiness to Gunshot | 5 | 35 | 25 |
| **Group II. Agility** | | | |
| 6. Clear Jump | 5 | | |
| 7. Long Jump | 5 | | |
| 8. Scale (3) Stay (2) Recall (5) | 10 | 20 | 14 |
| **Group III. Nosework** | | | |
| 9. Search | 35 | | |
| 10. Track (100) Articles (10+10+10=30) | 130 | 165 | 116 |
| Totals | 220 | 220 | 155 |
| Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall) | | | 176 |

e. **PATROL DOG (PD) STAKE**

| | Maximum Marks | Group Total | Minimum Group Qualifying Mark |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Group I. Control** | | | |
| 1. Heel Free | 5 | | |
| 2. Send away and Directional Control | 10 | | |
| 3. Speak on Command | 5 | | |
| 4. Down (10 Minutes) | 10 | | |
| 5. Steadiness to Gunshot | 5 | 35 | 25 |
| **Group II. Agility** | | | |
| 6. Clear Jump | 5 | | |
| 7. Long Jump | 5 | | |
| 8. Scale (3) Stay (2) Recall (5) | 10 | 20 | 14 |
| **Group III. Nosework** | | | |
| 9. Search | 35 | | |
| 10. Track (60) Articles (10+10=20) | 80 | 115 | 80 |
| **Group IV. Patrol** | | | |
| 11. Quartering the Ground | 45 | | |
| 12. Test of Courage | 20 | | |
| 13. Search and Escort | 25 | | |
| 14a. Recall from Protected Steward | 30 | | |
| 14b. Pursuit and Detention of Protected Steward | 30 | 150 | 105 |
| Totals | 320 | 320 | 224 |
| Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall) | | | 256 |

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## SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR WORKING TRIAL RALLIES AND MATCHES

**1.** A Working Trial Rally or Match may be a competition between Club Members or an inter-Club competition between Associations, Clubs, Societies or Branches of Clubs.

**2.** Only registered Associations, Clubs, Societies and Dog Training Clubs may hold Working Trial Rallies and Matches.

**3.** A Club may hold up to 12 Working Trial Rallies and Matches per annum. In the cases of Clubs which have registered Branches, each Branch may hold up to 12 Working Trial Rallies and Matches per annum.

**4. Application.**
Applications for authority to hold Matches is to be included with the Annual Return required under Regulation C.4.b. On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held or the event will be deemed to be unrecognised.

**5. Regulations.**

a. No exercise at a Working Trial Rally or Match shall vary from those contained in the Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations.
b. A dog must, at the time of competition, be registered at the Kennel Club. Exhibits must be the property of Members of one of the Associations, Clubs, Societies or branches competing in the Working Trial Rally or Match.
c. The Committee of the organising Club may reserve the right to refuse any entry on reasonable grounds.
d. Dogs under 18 calendar months of age are not eligible for competition at Working Trial Rallies and Matches.
e. No dogs suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Match/Rally may compete. Competitors infringing this Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A11.
f. Prize cards, diplomas or other printed awards may be awarded at Rallies and Matches provided such awards are clearly overprinted, "WORKING TRIAL RALLY" OR "WORKING TRIAL MATCH".
g. Not more than 5 Special Prizes shall be awarded at Working Trial Rallies or Matches.
h. The organising Club shall keep a list of the names of all competing dogs with awards and the names and addresses of their owners for a period of 12 months from the date of the Working Trial Rally or Match.

# DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISES AND GUIDANCE FOR JUDGES

**1. Method of Handling.**—Although implicit obedience to all orders is necessary, dogs and handlers must operate in as free and natural a manner as possible; persistent barking, whining, etc. in any exercise other than location of articles, person or speak on command should be penalised. Food must not be given to the dog by the handler whilst being tested.

**2. Heel Work.**—The Judge should test the ability of the dog to keep its shoulder reasonably close to the left knee of the handler who should walk smartly in a natural manner at normal, fast and slow paces through turns and among and around persons and obstacles. The halt, with the dog sitting to heel and a "figure of eight" may be included at any stage.

Any act, signal or command or jerking of the lead which in the opinion of the Judge has given the dog unfair assistance shall be penalised. Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory Stake.

Where required the lead should be of a slip type or attached to a smooth collar or slip chain. Retractable leads or head collars are not to be used.

**3. Sit (Introductory Stake 1 Minute. CD Stake 2 Minutes).**—Dogs may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The Judge or Stewards will give the order "last command" and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to the dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the Judge or Steward until ordered to return to them. In the Introductory Stake, these positions should be in sight, but in the CD Stake, where possible, such positions should be out of sight of the dogs but bearing in mind the short duration of the exercise this may not be practical. Dogs must remain in the sit position throughout the test until the Judge or Steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. The Judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause the dog to move.

**4. Down (Introductory Stake 5 Minutes. Other Stakes 10 Minutes).**—Handlers must be out of sight of the dogs who may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The Judge or Steward will give the command "last command" and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to their dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the Judge or Steward until ordered to return to them. Dogs must remain in the "Down" position throughout the test until the Judge or Steward indicates that the Test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. No dog will be awarded any marks that sits, stands or crawls more than its approximate body length in any direction. The Judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause the dog to move. The Judge may test the dogs by using distractions but may not call them by name.

**5. Recall to Handler.**—The dog should be recalled from the "Down" or "Sit" position. The handler being a reasonable distance from the dog at the discretion of the Judge. The dog should return at a smart pace and sit in front of the handler, afterwards going smartly to heel on command or signal. Handler to await command of the Judge or Steward. Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory Stake.

**6. Retrieve a Dumb-bell.**—The dog should not move forward to retrieve nor deliver to hand on return until ordered by the handler on the Judge or Stewards' instructions. The Retrieve should be executed at a smart pace without mouthing or playing with the dumb-bell. After delivery the handler will send the dog to heel on the instruction of the Judge or Steward. Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory Stake.

**7. Send Away and Directional Control.**—The Minimum distance that the Judge shall set for the Send Away shall be 18.288m (20 yds) for the Introductory Stake and the CD Stake and 45.72m (50 yds) for all other Stakes. In the Introductory Stake the maximum distance that the Judge shall set for the Send Away Shall be 45.72m (50 yds). The TD and PD Stakes shall also include change of direction or directions of a minimum of 45.72m (50 yds). When the dog has reached the designated point or the Judge is satisfied that after a reasonable time the handler cannot improve the position of the dog by any further commands the dog should be stopped in either the stand, sit or down position at the discretion of the handler. At this point in the TD or PD Stakes the Judge or Steward shall instruct the handler to redirect the dog. In all Stakes, whilst the Judge should take into account the number of commands used during the exercise, importance should be placed upon the handler's ability to direct the dog to the place indicated.

**8. Steadiness to Gunshot.**—No gun test will be held in buildings, or other confined areas, nor will shotguns be used at Working Trials. Guns used must be constructed to fire blanks only. Prior warning must be given to the handler, who will be instructed to work the dog "heel free", or leave the dog within a controlling distance and where the handler has sight of their dog. The dog must not be provoked by excessive display of the gun, nor should the gun be pointed at the dog or handler except in Group IV Patrol. Any sign of fear, aggression or barking must be penalised. This test must not be incorporated into any other test.

**9. "Speak on Command".**—The Judge will control the position of the handler in relation to the dog and may require the handler to work the dog walking at heel. If the dog is not required to walk at heel, the handler may place the dog in the stand, sit or down. The dog will be ordered to "speak" and cease "speaking" on command of the Judge or Steward who may then instruct the handler to make the dog "speak" again. "Speaking" should be sustained by the dog whilst required with the minimum of commands and/or signals. Continuous and/or excessive incitements to "speak" shall be heavily penalised. This test should not be incorporated with any other test.

**10. Agility.**—the descriptions below should be followed for Agility:

a. No part of the clear, long jump or scale equipment to be traversed by the dog shall be less than 914.4mm (3ft) wide nor be in any way injurious to the dog. The tests shall be followed in any sequence decided by the judge Clear Jump, Long Jump, Scale, commencing with Clear Jump. Handlers should not be prevented from pacing or stepping out the position from which to send their dogs over the clear, long or scale jump provided this does not cause unnecessary delay.
b. The Clear Jump should be so constructed that it will be obvious if the dog has exerted more than slight pressure upon it. The rigid top bar may be fixed or rest in cups and the space below may be filled in but the filling should not project above the bottom of the top bar. Appreciable pressure exerted by the dog on the clear jump shall be considered to be a failure.
c. The construction of the Long Jump shall be as follows: The front element to be a minimum of 914.4mm (3ft) wide graduating over 5 elements. (The largest of which is removed for dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder: the largest two of which are removed for dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder) to a back element of a minimum width of 1.117m (3ft 8ins). The front edge of the front element to be 101.6mm (4ins) high rising to 177.8mm (7ins) at the back edge. Each element thereafter graduating in height by 25.4mm (1 in) - the back of the last element being 279.4mm (11ins) high. The minimum width (front to back) of each element to be at least 152.4mm (6ins) and clearly visible to the dog.
d. The handler may either approach the clear and long jumps with the dog or send it forward or stand by the jumps and call the dog up to jump. At no time should the handler proceed beyond any part of the jumps before they have been traversed by the dog. Casual fouling of the Clear or Long Jump may be penalised. Once the dog has cleared the obstacle he should remain on the other side under control until joined by the handler.
e. The Scale should be a vertical wall of wooden planks which must be grooved, or chamfered along their bottom edge, to assist the dog. Slats are not permitted. The top surface of the scale may be slightly padded. The handler and dog should approach the scale at a walking pace with the dog at heel. At the handlers discretion and in his own time whilst the dog and handler are in a stationary position and the dog's front feet are within the clearly defined 2.743m (9ft) marker(s) the dog should be ordered to scale. On reaching the other side the dog should be ordered to stay in the stand, sit or down position, the handler having previously nominated the position to the Judge. The Judge should ensure that the dog will stay steady and may indicate to the handler where he should stand in relation to his dog and the scale before ordering the dog to be recalled over the scale. A dog which fails to go over the scale at the second attempt shall be excluded from the stay and recall over the scale. Failure in the recall over the scale does not disqualify from marks previously gained.
f. Failure or refusal at any of the 3 types of jump may be followed by a second attempt and any one such failure shall be penalised by half the

marks allotted to that part of the exercise in which the dog is given a second attempt.

g. Jumping heights and lengths:

(1) *Introductory Stake:*

(a) Clear Jump—
Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 381mm (1ft 3ins)
Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6ins)
Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 762mm (2ft 6ins)

(b) Long Jump—
Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 990.6mm (3ft 3ins)
Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.524m (5ft)
Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)

(c) Scale—
Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 762mm (2ft 6ins)
Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 990.6mm (3ft 3ins)
Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.524m (5ft)

(2) *C.D. and U.D. Stakes:*

(a) Clear Jump—
Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6ins)
Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 609.6mm (2ft)
Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)

(b) Long Jump—
Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft)
Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)
Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 2.743m (9ft)

(c) Scale—
Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)
Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft)
Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)

(3) *W.D., T.D. and P.D. Stakes:*

(a) Clear Jump 914.4mm (3ft)
(b) Long Jump 2.743m (9ft)
(c) Scale 1.828m (6ft)

**11. Search.**—The Introductory Stake Search shall contain 4 articles of which only 3 are to be recovered. The Companion Dog (CD) Stake Search shall contain 3 articles and all other Stakes shall contain 4. In all Stakes fresh articles must be placed for each dog which must recover a minimum of 2 to qualify. The Judge must choose Track and Search articles suitable to the nature of the ground and

Stake being judged and which are unlikely to be in any way injurious to the dog. The time allotted shall be 4 minutes in the Introductory Stake and the CD Stake and 5 minutes in all other Stakes. The articles must be well handled and placed, not dropped, or buried, by a Steward who shall foil the ground by walking in varying directions over the area. An area of ground which has had a search laid over it must not have another search laid over it until the following day.

The Introductory Stake and the CD Stake search area shall be 13.761m square (15 yards square), all other Stakes being 22.86m square (25 yards square) and shall be clearly defined by a marker peg at each corner. The handler may work his dog from any position outside the area, but must not enter it. In the Introductory Stake and the CD Stake a maximum 5 marks should be allotted for each article and a maximum 5 marks for style and control. In all other Stakes a maximum 7 marks should be allotted for each article and a maximum 7 marks for style and control.

**12. Track.**—The descriptions below should be followed for the Track:

a. The Track should be plotted on the ground to be used for the nosework previous to the day of commencement of the Trials. An area of ground which has had a track laid over it must not have another track laid over it until the following day. Wherever possible the ground used for a tracking stake shall be as similar as possible to the ground used at that Trial in that Stake. The Judge must choose Track and Search articles suitable to the nature of the ground and Stake being judged and which are unlikely to be in any way injurious to the dog.

b. The Track shall be a single line and may include turns. It shall be approximately 0.8046km (half a mile) long and should be laid as far as possible by a stranger to the dog. The article(s) must be well handled and be placed, not dropped or buried on the track.

c. There shall be a marker left by the track layer to indicate the start of the track which must be far enough from the search square to allow the square to be worked without interfering with the track. The track layer will indicate to the competitor the line he took to the pole. There shall be no back track. In the U.D. Stake a second marker should be left not more than 27.432m (30 yds) from the start to indicate the direction of the first leg.

d. When the Judging is in progress the track layer shall be present at the side of the Judge to indicate the exact line of the track and the position of the articles.

e. If a time limit is given for the completion of a track it must not be less than 20 minutes.

f. Unless the Judge considers the dog to have lost the track beyond recovery or has run out of time allotted for the completion of the track a handler may recast his dog at his discretion. The Judge should not at any time indicate to the handler where the dog should be recast except in exceptional circumstances.

g. Tracks for specific stakes shall be as follows:

   (1) The U.D. Stake track shall be not less than half an hour old and shall include 2 articles, one of which must be placed in the first half of the track. At least one article must be recovered to qualify.

(2) The W.D. Stake track shall be not less than one and a half hours old and shall include 2 articles one of which must be recovered to qualify.
(3) The P.D. Stake track shall be not less than 2 hours old and shall include 2 articles one of which must be recovered to qualify.
(4) The T.D. Stake track shall be not less than 3 hours old and shall include 3 articles two of which must be recovered to qualify.

h. In all Stakes the last article shall indicate the end of the track. No 2 articles should be laid together.
i. A spare track additional to requirements should be laid but the opportunity to run a new track should be given only in exceptional circumstances.
j. The area used for tracking is out of bounds to all competitors for practice tracks and exercise from the time of the first track and any competitor found contravening this instruction is liable to be disqualified by the Judge and or Trials Manager from participating in the Trial in accordance with the provision of Regulation I11.c.
k. The dog must be worked on a harness and tracking line. The line must be attached to the upper section of the harness so that when the dog is worked the line does not pass under the dog.

**13. Quartering the Ground.**—The missing person, protected consistent with safety, should remain motionless out of sight of the handler but should be accessible on investigation to the dog when 'winded'. The Judge should satisfy himself that the dog has found the person and has given warning spontaneously and emphatically without being directed by the handler. A dog that bites the hidden person must be heavily penalised.

**14. Test of Courage.**—This is a test of courage rather than of control, and the method of testing is at the Judge's discretion. Handlers must be prepared to have the dog tested when off the lead by a protected Steward.

**15. Search and Escort.**—The "protected steward" will be searched by the handler with the dog off the lead at the sit, stand or down. The Judge will assess whether the dog is well placed tactically and ready to defend if called to do so. The handler will be told to escort the "protected steward" at least 27.432m (30 yds) in a given direction, he will give at least one turn on the direction of the Judge. During the exercise the "protected steward" will turn and attempt to overpower the handler. The dog may defend spontaneously or on command and must release the "protected steward" at once, both where he stands still and when the handler calls him off.

**16. Recall from Protected Stewards.**—The "protected steward" protected consistent with safety, will be introduced to the handler whose dog will be free at heel. After an unheated conversation the "protected steward" will run away. At a reasonable distance the handler will be ordered to send his dog. When the dog is approximately half way between handler and the "protected steward" he will be ordered to be recalled. The recall may be by whistle or voice. The "protected steward" should continue running until the dog returns or closes. If the dog

continues to run alongside the "protected steward", the "protected steward" should run a further ten or dozen paces to indicate this.

**17. Pursuit and Detention of Protected Stewards.**—The "protected steward" (a different one for choice) and handler should be introduced as above, and the dog sent forward under similar conditions. The "protected steward" must continue to attempt to escape and, if possible, should do so through an exit or into a vehicle once the dog has had a chance to catch up with him. The dog must be regarded as having succeeded if it clearly prevents the "protected steward" from continuing to flee by holding him by the protected arm. If the dog fails to make a convincing attempt to detain the "protected steward", it shall lose any marks that it may have obtained for the Recall from Protected Stewards exercise or alternatively, it shall not be tested on the Recall that follows the Pursuit and Detention of Protected Stewards exercise.

(The use of the singular throughout this Annex may, where appropriate, also apply to the plural.)

# I(D)

## SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR BLOODHOUND TRIALS

These Regulations to be read in conjunction with Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations I.

**1. Bloodhound Working Trial Certificates.**

A Kennel Club Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate may be awarded to a Bloodhound winning a Senior Stake without assistance at a Championship Bloodhound Trial if it has clearly identified the runner to the satisfaction of the Judge or Judges. A hound will be considered to have made a satisfactory identification if it is seen to approach and clearly select the runner from a group of three people at the end of the line. Judges may award a Certificate of Merit in all stakes to any hound not being placed which has given a good performance.

**2. Schedules.**

a. The Society holding a Bloodhound Trial must issue a schedule which shall form the basis of a contract between the Society and those entering hounds. No modifications may be made to the schedule before the date of the Trial, except by permission of the Kennel Club and such modifications must be advertised.

b. A copy of the Schedule issued for each trial must be retained by the organisations for at least one year from the date of the trial and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if requested, together with any other documents.

c. The Schedule must contain:

(1) The date and place of the Bloodhound Trial.
(2) The latest date for applying for entry at the Trial.
(3) The amount of entry fees and any prize money.
(4) A statement that a draw will be made for the order of running.
(5) The conditions and qualifications for making entries and for intimating acceptance or refusal of entries.
(6) A statement if applicable on details of how entries can be made via the internet.
(7) An announcement that the Bloodhound Trial is held under Kennel Club Regulations for Bloodhound Trials with such exceptions as the Committee of the Society may decide. Such exceptions and conditions must have received the approval of the Board of the Kennel Club prior to publication of the schedule.
(8) The definition of each Stake, together with the qualification and limitations for entry in that Stake.
(9) The names of the judges.
(10) A statement that spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete.
(11) An announcement that hounds under the age of 12 months on the first day of the Trial are not eligible for entry. Dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not For Competition.
(12) A Regulation which prohibits Judges entering a hound which is

recorded in their ownership or part ownership in the Stake they are judging.

(13) A separate official entry form which must include the declaration to be signed by the entrant as on the specimen entry form issued by the Kennel Club.

(14) A statement that should circumstance 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 Kennel Club.

**3. Entry Forms.**

Such forms must be in accordance with the approved form issued by the Secretary of the Bloodhound Trial. All entries must be made on the official entry form and each competitor must use a separate form.

**4. Catalogue.**—The Society must publish a Catalogue for the Trial containing:

a. The name of the Society holding the Trial.
b. The date and place of the Trial.
c. The names and addresses of competitors.
d. The registered name of each hound entered, the Stake in which it is entered together with its full particulars as recorded on the entry form.
e. The name of the Judge for each Stake.

*Championship* – Within 14 days of the close of the trial, a copy of the official Catalogue for the trial, containing a full and correct list of all the entries, with all the Senior Stake awards correctly marked, must be submitted to the Kennel Club.

**5. Veterinary Support.**

The Secretary of a licensed Bloodhound Trial is required to arrange Veterinary support compatible with the arrangements for the Trial and anticipated entries. The name, address and telephone number of the Veterinary Surgeon, Practitioner or Practice supporting the Trial is to be available.

**6. Management.**

a. Societies must schedule one other stake in addition to the Kennel Club Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate Stake.
b. A Stake Manager must be appointed by the Committee of the Society for each Stake who shall be responsible for ensuring that the Regulations are observed but may not interfere with the judges' decisions which shall be final. The Stake Manager shall decide upon any matter not related to judging and not provided for in the Rules and Regulations and may call upon the Judge or Judges to assist in the decision which will be final. The Stake Manager should be present throughout the stake and must not enter or work a hound in that Stake.
c. The Stake Manager and the Judges should assess the weather conditions and should they consider the weather unfit for holding the Trial the commencement may be postponed until such time as it is considered necessary for the Trial to be abandoned and the entry fees returned.
d. When a Judge is prevented from attending or finishing a meeting which has commenced, the Stake Manager shall decide what action is to be taken.

e. The order for running lines shall be determined by a draw and competitors notified accordingly by post of their reporting time prior to the date of the Trial.
f. The Committee may reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entries.
g. Replacement judges appointed in an emergency must have had previous judging experience.

**7. Approval of Judges.**

a. Societies must apply to the Board for approval of all judges at Championship Bloodhound Trials at least six months before the date of the Trials. All first time Senior Stake judges must be applied for a minimum of eighteen months before the date of the Trial on the form provided.
b. On a person's first appointment to award a Kennel Club Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate, the nominee must meet the following minimum conditions;

Criteria

On application a person must:-

c. At the time of judging a first Championship appointment the Judge must have attended a Kennel Club Bloodhound Regulations and Judging Procedure and Planning and Managing Seminar, and passed the examination.
d. Additionally judges appointed to officiate for first time must have attended a Kennel Club Bloodhound Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and Planning and Managing Seminar, and passed the examination.
e. A person may be approved to judge one Senior Stake in each calendar year commencing 1st January.

**8. Judging.**

a. Judges at Kennel Club licensed Bloodhound Trials must judge in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
b. Judges at Bloodhound Trials may not enter a hound which is recorded in their ownership of part ownership in the Stake which they are judging.
c. An award or prize may be withheld if in the opinion of the Judge there is a lack of sufficient merit.
d. The Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the appointment of any Judge.

**9. Competing.**

a. Only one person may handle a hound during a Trial; an owner having deputed authority to another must not interfere with the handling of that hound.
b. If an entered hound is absent one hour before the published start time for its line, the hound shall be liable to be disqualified by the Judge.
c. Punitive correction or harsh handling of the hound is forbidden.
d. No hound entered for competition and at the meeting may be withdrawn from competition without notice to the Stake Manager.
e. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.

**10. Classification.**

a. **Working Permits.**
To compete at Kennel Club Licensed Trials a hound, resident in the UK, must hold an Association of Bloodhound Breeders or Bloodhound Club Working Permit. Hounds resident in countries outside the jurisdiction of the Kennel Club must hold a Restricted Working Permit issued by a Bloodhound Club in their own country similar in content to that issued in the UK. Awards Gained at Bloodhound Trials held overseas do not count towards eligibility to compete at Trials licensed by the Kennel Club.

b. **Stock Test**
Bloodhounds entered on a restricted permit must be hunted on a leash, they may only be hunted free if they hold part two of a Working Permit issued by the Association of Bloodhound Breeders or the Bloodhound Club to certify they are steady with farm stock. Hounds are required to have passed a stock test in the UK before being hunted off leash and are ineligible to compete in a Senior Stake until successfully stock tested.

c. **Entries**
Bloodhounds must be entered in the lowest stake for which they are eligible at the closing date for entries.

**11. Definition of Stakes**

a. **Novice Stake**
The line shall be approximately 1.6km (one mile) long and not less than half an hour cold. For Bloodhounds holding a Working Permit at the close of entries. No hound that has gained 1st or 2nd place in the Novice Stake or gained 1st or 2nd place in a Junior Stake, or gained 1st place in an Intermediate Stake or Senior Stake may enter.

b. **Junior Stake**
The line shall be approximately 3.2km (2 miles) long and not less than one hour cold. For Bloodhounds that have gained 1st or 2nd place in the Novice Stake at the close of entries. No hound that has gained 1st or 2nd place in a Junior Stake, or gained 1st place in an Intermediate Stake or Senior Stake may enter.

c. **Intermediate Stake**
The line shall be approximately 4.0km (two and a half miles) long and not less than one and a half hours cold. For Bloodhounds that have gained 1st or 2nd place in the Junior Stake at the close of entries. No hound that has gained 1st place in Intermediate Stake or Senior Stake may enter.

d. **Senior Stake**
The line shall be approximately 4.8km (3 miles) long and not less than two hours cold. For Bloodhounds that have won an Intermediate Stake at close of entries. Bloodhounds are ineligible to compete in a Senior Stake until successfully stock tested.

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# REGULATIONS FOR ENTRIES IN THE STUD BOOK, CHAMPIONS AND WARRANTS

*As at 1st January 2017*

**1. Stud Book Qualifications.**

a. An entry in the Stud Book shall consist of the registered name of the dog, its sex, colour, date of birth, owner, breeder and an extension of its pedigree limited to three generations, or a Stud Book Reference within that limit.

b. All dogs must be entered in the Stud Book in the name of the registered owner at the time of qualification.

c. A Kennel Club Stud Book number will be assigned to each dog accepted for entry.

d. A neutered dog, which has qualified for an entry in the Stud Book will be listed therein with the letters 'NEUT' appearing after its name.

e. The following dogs are entitled to entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book subject to regulations a, b, c, and d above.

(4) Winners of Qualifying Certificates in TD or PD Stakes at Championship Working Trials held under Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations.

(5) Winners of Qualifying Certificates in the Senior Stake for Bloodhounds at Championship Working Trials held under Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations.

**2. Championship Qualifications.**

f. *Title of Working Trial Champion (WT Ch)* The following dogs shall be entitled to be described as Working Trial Champion. All wins are confined to TD or PD Stakes or Senior Stake for Bloodhounds at Championship Working Trials:

(1) *TD or PD Stake*
Any dog awarded two Working Trial Certificates under two different Judges provided that it has obtained 70% or more marks as indicated in the Schedule of Points in the appropriate columns for each group of exercises separately shown in that Schedule and has also been awarded the qualification "Excellent" by obtaining at least 80% of the possible total of marks for the stake.

(2) Any dog which has won a Kennel Club Working Trial Championship qualifying "Excellent".

(3) *Senior Stake*
Any Bloodhound awarded two Kennel Club Bloodhound Working Trial Certificates under two different Judges which has won a Senior Stake without assistance at a Championship Working Trial for Bloodhounds and it has clearly identified the runner to the

satisfaction of the Judges. A hound will be considered to have made a satisfactory identification if it is seen to approach and clearly select the runner from a group of three people at the end of the line.

# B

# KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

*As at 1st January 2017*

**20. Dogs for Competitions.**—Dogs entered for any form of Kennel Club competition i.e. show classes, field trials, gundog working tests, obedience, working trials, agility, flyball, heelwork to music competitions, rally and canicross races must be registered in the name of the person(s) making the entry. If, at the closing date for entries, the owner(s) have applied for but have not received the Kennel Club registration certificate, the dog shall be entered in the name shown as the first choice on the application form for registration and the name should be followed by the letters "N.A.F" (Name Applied For). In the case of applications for transfer of ownership and change of name, the dog should be entered "T.A.F." (Transfer Applied For) "C.N.A.F." (Change of Name Applied For) where application has been made but not received. Dogs are exempt from registration in the following cases:-

a. Dogs either exhibited exclusively in classes specially exempted by the Board or in special classes sanctioned by the Board.
b. Hounds belonging to recognised packs.

# C

# KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TITLE OF SOCIETIES, BRANCHES AND BREED COUNCILS AND THE AFFILIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

*As at 1st January 2017*

**5. General**

c. A Kennel Club licence is issued to the designated club only and it is non transferable under any circumstances.

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## AMENDMENTS TO I REGS

Regulation I(C)17
**TO:**
The "protected steward" (a different one for choice) and handler should be introduced as above, and the dog sent forward under similar conditions. The "protected steward" must continue to attempt to escape and, if possible, should do so through an exit or into a vehicle once the dog has had a chance to catch up with him. The dog must be regarded as having succeeded if it clearly prevents the "protected steward" from continuing to flee by holding him by the protected arm. If the dog fails to make a convincing attempt to detain the "protected steward" it shall lose any marks it may have obtained for ~~exercise 14(a)~~ **the Recall from Protected Stewards exercise** or alternatively, it shall not be tested on ~~exercise 14(a)~~ **the recall** if that follows ~~exercise 14(b)~~ **the Pursuit and Detention of Protected Stewards exercise**.

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