

## **Changes to Working Trials & Bloodhound Trials Regulations for 2026**

The Royal Kennel Club has approved the following changes to the regulations for Working Trials.

The following amendment to the regulations increases the time frame between requesting a show licence to 6 months before the date of the show.

### **Amendment to regulations I6 & I9**

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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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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The below regulation ensures that the exercise remained that of search and escort instead of sendaways and redirections.

### **Amendment to Regulation I27.f**

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#### **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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