



UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AT A FIELD TRIAL - WHAT TO DO IF A JUDGE FALLS ILL DURING A TRIAL

For All Subgroups:

The first principle is to endeavor to complete the Trial.

Should a judge become incapacitated during the course of a trial and is no longer able to continue, the Chief Steward should try to find a replacement judge from the appropriate judging panel, who is present at the trial and willing to take over from the incapacitated judge.

If the replacement judge has entered the Stake, he/she must be willing to withdraw from further competition.

The Replacement judge must take over the incapacitated judge's book and cannot retrospectively alter previous judge's marks. The replacement judge must be aware of confidentiality. Due to the circumstances, it is acceptable if the replacement judge is related to or lives at the same address as a competing owner or handler.

If the Chief Steward is in any doubt as to how to proceed, he or she should try to contact the Field Trials Department at Clarges Street by email gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk or telephone 02075 181059. If it is a weekend and the office is shut, then contact may be made with the emergency contacts as listed on the website - <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/events-and-activities/field-trials-and-working-gundogs/field-trial-secretary-information/>

Following the conclusion of the trial, societies must report the unforeseen circumstance to the Kennel Club and record it in the incident book.

2 Judge system (Spaniels, HPRs & Pointer & Setters)

In the event of it not being possible to replace the incapacitated judge, then the trial will have to be declared null and void.

Pointer & Setter Champion Stake

The Champion Stake is judged by 3 Judges. In the event of a judge becoming incapacitated at the Champion Stake, then 2 Judges can complete the trial.



Spaniel trials – minimum requirements

2/4 Judge System	Type of Trial	Required Judges	Can the trial continue without required replacement judge if none are available?	Comments
2 Judges	Novice/All-Aged	At least one A	No, trial must be declared null and void	If required panel judge is not available, trial cannot continue. There must be two judges.
4 Judges	Novice/All-Aged	At least two panel judges, one of whom must be A. One Panel Judge on each side <i>(see exception in next column)</i>	In the advanced stage of the trial only, as priority is to complete, it is acceptable to continue with 3 Judges as long as there is at least one A. There would be two judges on one side and one on the other.	The advanced stage of the trial would be after the first round has been completed.
2 Judges	Open	Both panel judges one of whom must be A	No, trial must be declared null and void	If required panel judge is not available, trial cannot continue. There must be two judges.
4 Judges	Open	All panel judges, two of whom must be A. One A on each side <i>(see exception in next column)</i>	In the advanced stage of the trial only, as priority is to complete, it is acceptable to continue with one A panel and two B panel. There would be two judges on one side and one on the other.	The advanced stage of the trial would be after the first round has been completed.

Retriever trials – minimum requirements

Judge System	Type of Trial	Required Judges	Can the trial continue without required replacement judge if none are available?	Comments
4 Judges	Novice/All-Aged	At least two panel judges, one of whom must be A	Only in the advanced stage of the trial and a) judge together or b) maintain both sides of the line with a panel judge. There would be two judges on one side and one on the other.	The advanced stage of the trial would be after the third round has been completed.
4 Judges	Open	All panel judges with at least two A	Only in the advanced stage of the trial and a) judge together or b) maintain both sides of the line with an A panel judge. There would be two judges on one side and one on the other.	The advanced stage of the trial would be after the third round has been completed
3 Judges	Novice/All-Aged	At least two panel judges, one of whom must be A	Only in the advanced stage of the trial and preferably judge together. There must be two panel judges, one of whom is A	The advanced stage of the trial would be after the third round has been completed
3 Judges	Open	All panel judges with at least two A	Only in the advanced stage of the trial and preferably judge together. Must be two A Panel	The advanced stage of the trial would be after the third round has been completed