

MIDLAND GUNDOG SOCIETY

FIELD TRIAL RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. In the event of a conflict between these Rules and Conditions and the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations shall take precedence.
2. To the maximum extent permitted by law, Midland Gundog Society (the “**Society**”) accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned at or in connection with any of its Field Trials.
3. The Society’s “**Field Trial Year**” shall end on 1 February and begin on 2 February in each year.
4. Should circumstances so dictate, the Committee of the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements for a Field Trial as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club. Judges will be considered ex-officio members of the Committee for the duration of the Trial.
5. No modification may be made to the schedule after publication except by permission of the Kennel Club, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.
6. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with the Kennel Club’s Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
7. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to any of the Society’s Field Trials. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the entrant.
8. In so far as permitted by the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, the Society reserves the right to refuse any entry for any reason at any time.

9. Substitution of dogs is permitted, provided the substitute dog was included in the draw as either a second or substitute dog, Substitutions will not be allowed where the substitute was not included in the draw. Substitutions shall only be permitted up to three (3) days before the commencement of the trial.
10. Handlers running two dogs should arrange for, and nominate before the day of the trial, a person to hold their second dog.
11. If entries for a Field Trial exceed the advertised maximum number of runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot (which may be conducted electronically or by hand at the discretion of the Committee of the Society). The order of the draw of that ballot shall be the order of running.
12. Where the Society holds two or more stakes in a season of the same denomination which are not drawn on the same date, it may have discretion to give priority in any subsequent draws to members who were not successful in the previous draw/s.
13. If a member's subscription is in arrears when entries close, they will not receive preference in the Draw. (Please check you are paying the correct amount: Single Membership £10 per annum. Joint Membership £12 per annum. Overseas members who receive correspondence by email £10. Overseas postal membership: £19)
14. Members may apply for one or more entries, but no member can be allotted a second entry until all applicants have received the offer of an entry.
15. If more than one entry has been applied for, the first dog on the Entry Form will be assumed to be the choice of priority.
16. The applicable entry fee is payable SEVEN (7) DAYS before the commencement of the Field Trial.
17. Any administration fee paid in relation to a Field Trial of the Society shall not be refundable in any circumstances once paid.

18. The definitions and qualifications shall apply to the Society's Field Trials as set out in the Kennel Club's J Regulations.
19. If an entrant is unable to take up an offered run in a Field Trial, they must notify the Field Trial Secretary **immediately** by text message, email or telephone, even if they are drawn in the reserve list. This withdrawal will be confirmed by the Field Trial Secretary.
20. The Society holds all entrants responsible for contacting the Field Trial Secretary in good time before the commencement of the Field Trial if they have not received the results of the draw but were expecting to. As such, if an entrant has been drawn but does not attend the Field Trial or does not withdraw in accordance with Rule 17 because they have not received the results of the draw, the entrant will still be liable to pay the full entry fee.
21. Any persons withdrawing from a run in the Society's Field Trial within seventy-two (72) hours of the commencement of the Stake, save where the matters in Regulation J.7.f apply, shall be liable for the full entry fee, even if a reserve is found.
22. All persons attending a Field Trial must consider themselves under the control of the Chief Steward, Steward of the Beat, the host (or their representative) and the officials of the Society (whether officers, committee members or appointed ad hoc on the day of the Field Trial).
23. Any Competitor not present at the meet when the Chief Steward announces the Trial has commenced will forfeit their place to the Reserve.
24. Videography and photography will only be allowed with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host (or his/her representative).
25. Judges at a Field Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
26. Non competing dogs will not be allowed in the field unless fulfilling an official activity.

27. Bitches in season must not be brought to the ground in any circumstances.

28. Welfare of Dogs

A 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 dog's health, safety and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee of the Kennel Club for disciplinary action under 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 Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the trial.

29. Dogs in cars on hot days

Your dogs are 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. If a dog is found to be at risk in a vehicle, forcible entry to that vehicle may be necessary without liability falling to the Society or any person whatsoever for any damage caused.

30. All trophies are to be engraved at the winner's expense and returned in good condition and in good time to be presented in the following Field Trial Year. No trophy may be taken out of the United Kingdom. Any damage (apart from wear and tear which is to be reasonably expected) to the trophy or the loss or destruction or theft of a trophy whilst in the winner's possession must be remedied (if necessary, by the replacement of the trophy) at the winner's expense in good time before the trophy is required to be presented in the next Field Trial Year. The winner must contact the Field Trial Secretary without delay in the event a trophy is lost, damaged, destroyed or stolen.

31. If a competitor, or anyone in their household has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 or any other infectious disease they must not attend the event and should self-isolate in line with government advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

32. The society would appreciate that all competitors dress with the countryside code of dress in mind.