



THE SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

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SCHEDULE OF OPEN WORKING TRIAL

(held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations 'T' and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited/The Scottish Kennel Club)

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Fenwick Bowling Club, Fenwick, Kilmarnock KA3 6AL

25th-26th January 2025

ENTRY FEES

Tracking Stakes £24.00 (Non Members) £22.00 (Members)

In the event of unforeseen circumstances arising, the SWTS reserve the right to make any other arrangement that may be deemed necessary.

JUDGES

C&A Fay Rae

TD, WD, UD Nosework Jackie Hilton

Working Trial Manager:

Alan Durie
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Entries must be received by Tuesday 7th January 2025

ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO :- Trials Secretary Jackie Hilton, Feorline, 79A Dean Rd, Bo'ness, EH51 9BA or via Email to jackie.hilton@gmail.com

Postal entries only: CHQ payable to SWTS, S.A.E to Trials Secretary

For email entries payment via BACS Sort code 83-18-20 Account no 00148297 **Please state your name and stake entered**

If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must isolate in line with Scottish Government advice (<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/insert link to NHS Inform webpages>)

The competitor must not attend the event

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. 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.

2. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.

3. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show / event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor / competitor.

4. The order of running shall be determined by a draw and the competitors notified accordingly by post of their reporting time prior to the day of the trial.

5. Postal entries: Please use the entry form found via Kennel Club or on Files section of SWTS Facebook Group or contact Trials secretary for a form.

6. The order of running shall be determined by a draw and the competitors notified accordingly by post of their reporting time prior to the day of the trial.

7. Dogs under 18 calendar months of age on the closing date of the Trial are ineligible for entry.

8. A dog must not compete in the same stake more than once, including special stakes

9. Spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete at the Trial.

10. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden

11 One close fitting smooth collar must be worn, providing the only attachment is a form of identification. Dogs must not wear any type of slip or half-slip collar when under test.

12. No dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the trial may compete. Competitors infringing this regulation will be liable to be fined and / or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A11.

13. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club.

14. Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the stake by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge.

15. If entries in the Companion Dog (CD) stake exceed 20, a second judge may be appointed to judge the Group III exercises and the competitors will be notified accordingly.

16. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 4 calendar months and over. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.

17. DOGS IN CARS ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and **AT RISK** if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

18. 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 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.

The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars is not permitted at any Working Trials event licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the trial.

19. In the event that the trial is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the trial processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the trial, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the trial date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the trial date.

20. Owners must accept full liability to persons or damage to property caused by their dogs. Entries are accepted on the understanding that the owners indemnify the S.W.T.S. and its officers against all claims.

21. Any matter arising not provided for in the Regulations will be decided by the Committee.

Entrants are respectfully requested not to train or practice on the tracking grounds or adjacent land without prior permission of the landowners; otherwise our permission to hold these trials in this locality could be withdrawn.

All dogs **MUST** be kept under strict control at all times.

Handlers in sight of the tracking area being worked are liable to disqualification unless they have already worked their dogs.

Competitors will be notified of times to report for Track and Search and also for Control and Agility, any competitor not reporting on time will be liable to disqualification.

CLASSIFICATION & DEFINITION OF STAKES

1. When entering for Championship or Open Working Trials, wins at Members Working Trials will not count.
2. 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.
3. No Working Trial Stake shall be limited to less than 30. If a limit is imposed on entries in a Stake, it shall be carried out by ballot after the date of closing of entries.

Companion Dog (CD)

For dogs which have not qualified or obtained a Certificate of Merit in WD, PD or TD Stakes at Open or Championship Working Trials.

Utility Dog (UD)

For dogs which have not been awarded a Certificate of Merit in WD, PD or TD Stakes.

Working Dog (WD)

For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in UD Stakes but not in PD or TD Stakes.

Tracking Dog Stake (TD)

For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in WD Stakes but excluding those that have qualified TD Ex.

SWTS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Membership forms are available from

The Society Secretary Joyce Watson

Benefits include:

Reduced entry at Trials

Annual Awards

Eligible for SWTS Trials Trophies

