



THE SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

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SCHEDULE OF OPEN WORKING TRIAL

(held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations 'P' and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited/The Scottish Kennel Club)

Blainslie Village Hall, Blainslie. TD1 2PR.

Monday 27th April -Wednesday 29th April 2026

Please note PD open will run Thurs 30th April-Saturday 2nd May 2026

ENTRY FEES

PD £28

TD, WD, UD £27.00

Fully paid up members may deduct £2 from entry fee

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

JUDGES

PD Stake	Dave Clark
TD Stake	Jacquie Hall
WD	Jacquie Hall
UD	Richard Dowsland

All work to be completed in one day.

The officers and committee members of the society holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the trial safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Kennel Club and agree 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. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the trial and that this is a binding undertaking.

TRIALS MANAGER

Jackie Hilton
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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY: - Tuesday 31st March 2026

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

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 with the exception of Special Stake.
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.

SPECIAL PD STAKE

For dogs that have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in WD Stakes or qualified UD Ex but excluding those that have qualified PDEX. Dogs must not be entered into any other stake at the trial. This will involve a control round, excluding jumps and stays, and a patrol round. There will be no nosework.

Special Nosework Stake

This will include a 30 min old track, UD champ type, followed by a search square. Dogs must be **12 months** of age on closing date of entries and is open to all dogs NOT entered in any other stake at the trial. Dogs must NOT have competed in any qualifying stake in the previous 6 months

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

