

Rules & Regulations - Labrador Retriever Club – 2013

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. 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.

Conditions of Entry for All Stakes

1. Members have a priority in the draw. Members may make separate entries for each Novice Stake but having been successful in one will rank below unsuccessful Members in the draw for the second Novice Stake. If entries exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.
2. All persons attending the Trials must consider themselves absolutely under the control of the Officials. All spectators must keep up with the flag.
3. Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the trial can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the competitor.
4. The Committee advise newcomers to Field Trials who are thinking of entering for the first time to:
 - (a) Read the Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations obtainable from the Kennel Club, 1 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB,
 - (b) Make sure your dog has picked up all varieties of game, dead and alive.
 - (c) Make sure your dog is under good control both at your side and when out working.
 - (d) Make sure your dog does not whine or bark under shooting conditions.
 - (e) Ensure that to the best of your knowledge, your dog has a tender mouth.
 - (f) Make sure that you have helped at a Field Trial as often as possible.
 - (g) If at all possible, take advantage of one of the Field Trial Training days which some Clubs are holding.
5. Substitution of Entries allowed up to 48 hours of Trial being run.
6. Refund of entry fees - Rule J.7 (f) applies
7. Entrants who fail to arrive at a Trial and do not promptly furnish a valid reason for absence, will be barred from running in Club Trials for one or two seasons, at the discretion of the Committee. Entrants must be present by the time the Chief Steward announces that the Trial has begun. At that moment, he/she may make a substitution if another entered dog is present. The society may reserve to itself the right to refuse any entry.
8. Competitors are reminded that for our hosts, Trials are social occasions and that Members of the Club are their guests, and should dress and conduct themselves accordingly throughout all Trials.
9. Anyone who would like to help or steward at the Trials, please ring the Hon. Field Trial Secretary.
10. All spectators MUST report to the Field Trial Secretary upon arrival at the Trial.
11. ILLEGIBLE OR INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORMS WILL BE RETURNED.
12. Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.

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.

Welfare of Dogs:

An exhibitor (or 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 General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Show Gundog Working Certificate

Labradors which have won one or more Challenge Certificates at Championship Shows may be entered and tested for their Show Gundog Working Certificate at either of the Novice Stakes. Entry Fee: £15.00. Apply to the Hon. Field Trial Secretary. Dogs must be entered on same entry form as other dogs.

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Cups & Trophies

The Cups and Trophies offered at these Trials are confined to Members of The Labrador Retriever Club whose subscriptions are paid up to date. It is the responsibility of cup winners to arrange for all cups to be returned before the trials. The Winner of the Open Stake will be awarded a free full-page colour entry in the Year Book.