

Forth & Clyde Working Gundog Association



K.C. I.D. 120

2025 Retriever Field Trial Schedule

145th RETRIEVER TRIAL

(To be held under Kennel Club Rules and Field Trial Regulations)

STAKE 1

16 DOG A.V. RETRIEVER NOVICE STAKE

(K.C. F.T. Regs J3d(3).)

DATE: Friday 12th September 2025

VENUE: Balbirnie Estate, Fife by kind permission of CMS Sporting and The Balfour Family.

JUDGES: Mrs J Cunningham (A2995), Mrs J Gardiner (B3668),

Mr A Fairweather (NP5001) & Mr D Allan (NP3882)

STEWARD OF THE BEAT: Mr C Storie

ENTRY FEES MEMBERS - £40 NON-MEMBERS - £70

PRIZE MONEY 1st - £40 2nd - £20 3rd - £10

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Entries Close Wednesday 27th August 2025 at 5pm

Draw Conducted by Northgate Systems and will be carried out at the retriever secretaries address on Wednesday 27th August 2025 at 7pm. Anyone that wishes to attend, can they please notify the secretary.

Meet: Will be notified with results of the draw
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146th RETRIEVER TRIAL

(To be held under Kennel Club Rules and Field Trial Regulations)

STAKE 2

24 DOG A.V. RETRIEVER OPEN STAKE

(K.C. F.T. Regs J3d(1).)

DATE: Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th October 2025

VENUE: Drummond Estate, Crieff by kind permission of Drummond Estates

JUDGES: Mr G Ford (A2117), Mr K Barnes (A3419),

Mr T Bushby (A3342), & Mr S Payne MBE (B3221)

STEWARD OF THE BEAT: Mr G Ford

ENTRY FEES MEMBERS - £80 NON-MEMBERS - £120

PRIZE MONEY 1st - £80 2nd - £20 3rd - £10

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Entries Close Saturday 13th September 2025

Draw Conducted by the Northgate Systems and will be carried out at the retriever secretaries address on Sunday 14th September 2025 at 9am. Anyone that wishes to attend, can they please notify the secretary.

Meet: Will be notified with results of the draw
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147th RETRIEVER TRIAL
(To be held under Kennel Club Rules and Field Trial Regulations)
STAKE 3
16 DOG A.V. RETRIEVER ALL AGE STAKE
(K.C. F.T. Regs J3d(2).)

DATE: **Saturday 25th October 2025**

VENUE: **Balbirnie Estate, Fife by kind permission of CMS Sporting and The Balfour Family.**

JUDGES: **Mr M Rolland (A2971), Mr A Kennedy (A3168),**

Mr M Brown (NP3968), & Mr J Sim (NP)

STEWARD OF THE BEAT: **Mr C Storie**

ENTRY FEES **MEMBERS - £40 NON-MEMBERS - £70**

PRIZE MONEY **1st - £40 2nd - £20 3rd - £10**

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Entries Close **Saturday 4th October 2025**

Draw **Conducted by Northgate Systems and will be carried out at the retriever secretaries address on Sunday 5th October 2025 at 9am. Anyone that wishes to attend, can they please notify the secretary.**

Meet: **Will be notified with results of the draw**
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148th RETRIEVER TRIAL
(To be held under Kennel Club Rules and Field Trial Regulations)
STAKE 4
16 DOG A.V. RETRIEVER ALL AGE STAKE
(K.C. F.T. Regs J3d(2).)

DATE: **Tuesday 9th December 2025**

VENUE: **Tullybeagles Estate, Bankfoot by kind permission of Tullybeagles Estate**

JUDGES: **Mr W G Steel (A128), Mr I Palmer (B3734),**

Mr W Spacey (NP3511) & Mr D Milne (NP4054)

STEWARD OF THE BEAT: **Mr D Elliot**

ENTRY FEES **MEMBERS - £40 NON-MEMBERS - £70**

PRIZE MONEY **1st - £40 2nd - £20 3rd - £10**

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Entries Close **Saturday 22nd November 2025**

Draw **Conducted by Northgate Systems and will be carried out at the retriever secretaries address on Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 9am. Anyone that wishes to attend, can they please notify the secretary.**

Meet: **Will be notified with results of the draw**

A further Novice Stake may be arranged at a later date in the season and a revised schedule will then be issued.

All Stakes will be mainly walked up, apart from Stake 1 which will be driven.

All entries should be entered online via www.forthandclydewga.com the club's website or submitted via post:

Mr. D Logan, 10 Lomond House, Glenlomond, Kinross, KY13 9HF
M: 07590 493965

Payment **MUST** be received by bank transfer, following the draw, and at least 7 days prior to the trial (Online bank transfer or similar). Unless a cheque has been sent with the hard copy entry form.

Bank Details for payment of entry fees following the draw are:

Account Name: **Forth & Clyde WGA**

Account No: **00153685**

Sort Code: **83 20 32**

Open

A stake in which dogs have the opportunity of gaining a qualification towards the title of Field Trial Champion (K Regulations refer) and towards entry in the Championship or Champion stake for its breed; in which entry is open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds except that such Stakes may not be confined to Any Variety Spaniel [except Spaniel (Cocker) and Spaniel (English Springer)]. It will be limited to a prescribed number of runners, in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J6.i. and J6.j. so that preference is given to previous performance.

All Aged

A stake which is open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds without restriction as to their age, but which may be restricted by any other conditions which may be determined by the society subject to the approval of the Board of the Kennel Club. **Preference will be given to member's dogs who have won a Field Trial award in Open and Novice stakes (1st to 4th). In all cases members' dogs meeting the conditions of entry will take preference in the draw.**

Novice

Retrievers, Spaniels and breeds which hunt, point and retrieve: A stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place, or places, which would qualify them for first preference in the draw for Open stakes

KC Rule J6h Will be implemented for Novice Stakes.

J6h

A society where stakes of the same denomination in a season which are drawn on the same date may ask a member, who has been successful in the draw for more than one stake, which of the stakes he/she wishes to run in. Similarly, where a 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. (J6.h). The order of running will be the order resulting from the draw.

Please note that the following targets are voluntary and self-administered, and something novice handlers can strive to achieve before entering a field trial.

The purpose of these targets is to get novice handlers to read the J Regulations to gain a basic understanding of the rules of the competition they propose to enter. This will also encourage handlers to take a dog out on a proper shooting day instead of just relying on a few training days, which may give a false impression of their dog's ability and suitability for field trials.

The handler:

- Attends a Kennel Club seminar on J Regulations
- Helps at a Kennel Club licensed field trial on three separate occasions.
- Helps on an organised shoot as a picker up for a minimum of one season.

The dog:

- Has worked on an organised shoot as a picking up dog for a minimum of one season before being entered in a field trial (training days do **not** qualify)
- Has no recurring eliminating faults and has had sufficient experience on live game before being entered into a field trial.

The Kennel Club recommends that these targets are achieved before entering a licensed field trial.

GENERAL INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. 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
2. The club has the right to refuse an entry on grounds the committee see fit.
3. Cheques payable to Forth & Clyde Working Gundog Association
4. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.
5. All dogs' resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to a trial can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the competitor.
6. For results of draw and trial meet information, a stamped addressed envelope is required or email address.

7. Competitors and reserves are to inform the Field Trial Secretary immediately on receipt of draw if they do not wish to take up the offer of a run in a trial.
8. Any competitor accepting a run and not taking up the offer may forfeit the whole entry fee.
9. Exceptions to No. (8) Novice stake competitors who have qualified out of Novice Stakes after entries close and Open Stake winners who have qualified for the Championship.
10. Should circumstances dictate, the Society in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club at the earliest opportunity. No modifications will be made to the Schedule except by permission of the Kennel Club, followed by advertisement in the appropriate Journals, if time permits, before the closing of the entries.
11. Substitutes shall not be allowed whilst reserves stand.
12. All competitors and spectators must refrain from assisting handlers when they are running their dogs. This includes the use of binoculars and radios as well as hand signals.
13. Joint ownership. If a dog is jointly owned all owners must be a member of the Club.
14. When completing trial entry form, where applicable, please use stud book number.
15. 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.
16. Trophies are held for one year and it is the responsibility of the winners to ensure that they are returned to the secretary in time for the trial, in a presentable condition.
17. It is not acceptable for an owner/handler to compete in one trial whilst still holding an accepted run in a second, overlapping trial. The Club reserves the right, in such cases to reject entries to future events.
18. Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
19. Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.

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

Competitors whose dogs are entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the needs of their dogs 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 Ltd 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.

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