



THE LARGE MUNSTERLANDER CLUB

Patron: The Hon. Mrs. J. Farncombe

The Large Munsterlander Club (ID No. 1279)

FIELD TRIAL STANDING INSTRUCTIONS 2024/25

ALL TRIALS WILL BE RUN UNDER KENNEL CLUB FIELD TRIAL REGULATIONS

COMPETITORS SHOULD READ AND MAKE THEMSELVES FULLY AWARE OF KC RULES

J REGS 2024 (Dark Blue Book)

1. RUNNERS

All field trials are for breeds which hunt, point and retrieve, and are restricted to up to 16 runners. Novice or All Aged stakes may run with 2 places for the SGWC.

The LMC reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating the reason.

2. DRAW

The draw for each stake will take place at the address of the FT Secretary, unless otherwise stated, at approx. 6pm on the date listed. Competitors are invited to be present. In the event of excessive entries a ballot will be held. Anyone wishing to be informed of their number in the draw may telephone the FT Secretary during the evening of the draw, between 8pm and 9pm. Notification will be by email within 24 hours of the draw, trial details will be sent by e-mail.

ALL COMMUNICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DRAW, AND UPDATES WILL BE VIA EMAIL.

3. ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES

3.1 Entries will only be accepted on correct forms, please write/type/clearly Please send a separate BACS for each dog. There will be a 50% refund if a trial should be cancelled because of bad weather. Unless otherwise stated on the schedule, completed entry forms must be sent by email prior/on the closing date. BACS payment must be made within 24 hours of the draw or the place may be offered to a reserve. Entries must be received before the closing date and sent to Hon. FT Sec, Helen Evans, River Cottage, Sawston Road, Stapleford, Cambridge, CB22 5DY, or by email to helenevans0710@gmail.com. Entries must be received by the FT Secretary on or before the closing date of the trial, except in unavoidable circumstances.

3.2 Entry Fees: Members £55.00, Non-Members £65.00.

4. DEFINITIONS

MEMBERS

Members are those that are fully paid up on the closing date for entries. Non-members include those applying for membership or whose membership has lapsed and have not yet been before the Committee for consideration.

5. MORE THAN ONE DOG

Owners entering more than one dog in a stake - please indicate your first choice on your entry form and please send a separate BACS per dog.

Except in the Championship, no handler may handle more than 2 dogs in a stake. Where a handler is designated to handle more than two dogs which have been drawn to run, the owners must notify the FT Secretary within 48 hours of the draw of an alternative handler, or withdraw the dog. In the absence of such notification and at the discretion of the FT Secretary, the lowest drawn dog will forfeit their place in the draw.

6. PRIZES

Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and Certificates of Merit (COM)

7. MEETING AND STARTING TIMES

Competitors should report to the Chief Steward not later than 15 minutes before the published starting time, but for the purposes of substitution of reserves, the trial will be deemed to have begun when the Chief Steward calls competitors and Judges together and makes the introductions. All competing dogs and handlers must be present at the start of the trial and be available when required by the Judges. Dogs that are not present when required, save in exceptional circumstances, will be discarded.

8. EXERCISE OF DOGS

All dogs must be kept on a lead except when in the line. Competitors may exercise their dogs prior to the trial with the permission of the Chief Steward and only where indicated by him/her. Persons in breach of this rule will be liable to have their entry disqualified, their fees forfeited and to be asked to vacate the ground. The LMC will not permit the use of citrus collars or other such devices on the Trial ground. Any bitch found to be in season must be removed from the ground immediately.

9. RED FLAG

Instructions from the dedicated red flag MUST be adhered to at all times, please keep close to the red flag and quiet to avoid disturbing the trial and to enable the guns to shoot without hinderance. The Red Flag is there for your safety.

10. SPECTATORS

Spectators may attend LMC FTs but prior approval by the Field Trial Secretary is required. Spectators must at all times obey the direction of the stewards and Red Flag.

11. LUNCHES

Competitors and spectators should make their own lunch arrangements at all stakes.

12. RETURN OF ENTRY FEES

If an applicant has been successful in the draw for a place in a Stake, or if a reserve has accepted an offer of a run, the applicant may become liable for the full entry fee if his or her place is not taken up by another competitor except for any of the following instances:

1. Where the applicant has qualified out of Novice Stakes [where applicable].
2. Where the dog drawn to run has qualified for the Championship after entries have closed.
3. On production of a Veterinary Certificate confirming that the dog entered for the Stake is unfit to compete.
4. On production of a medical certificate that the applicant or the applicant's nominated handler is unable to compete.
5. Where the dog drawn to run is withdrawn more than 7 days prior to the stake. There will be a 50% refund of fees if a trial is cancelled due to bad weather.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT at FTs

The Kennel Club's Codes of Conduct specify the sort of behaviour expected of those who take part in competitive gundog work. All participants should be aware of the Codes of Conduct and must abide by them, and by Kennel Club Regulations, and, in particular, should never publicly impugn decisions of the judge or judges. Neither should they criticise the host, ground or guns.

14. LIABILITY

All persons attending these trials do so at their own risk. Neither the LMC nor the hosts of any meeting will accept liability for any accident, illness, loss or injury to dog owners, handlers, spectators or any other person

or property whatsoever. The LMC reserves the right to [a] withhold any prize or award; [b] to cancel any stake; [c] to refuse entry without stating the reason. In the case of cancellation whether due to insufficiency of runners required for the stake, inclement weather or other reasons, the LMC shall not be liable for the costs or losses of any participant occasioned thereby, unless agreed within prior contractual arrangements. The making of any entry constitutes acceptance of these conditions and rules of the Kennel Club and of the LMC. The attendance of any spectators also implies such acceptance. All entrants/competitors/spectators will accept and adhere to all health and safety or other hygiene protocols attached to the trial including the LMC's risk assessments and in particular those which are Covid-19 or Avian Influenza related; as stipulated by the government, DEFRA, as advised by the Kennel Club and applied by the LMC.

15. SHOW GUNDOG WORKING CERTIFICATE

Entries for the Show Gundog Working Certificate will be accepted at those Stakes which indicate that such an arrangement is in place on the schedule. A maximum of two SGWC entries will be accepted at the appointed Stake. A dog which has won one or more CCs at shows may be entered for a Working Certificate at a Field Trial meeting. To gain a Qualifying Certificate, a dog must hunt, point and retrieve tenderly, enter water and swim. Steadiness is not essential. Closing dates are as per the given Stake and the standard entry form must be used. Where the number of entries exceeds two, preference will be given to Show Champions.

Entry fees for the Gundog Working Certificate are £55 for members and £65 for non-members.

All LMC working events are sponsored by Skinners

