

DEFINITION OF STAKES, ELIGIBILITY AND EXERCISES

1. When entering for championship or open working trials, wins at members working trials will not count.

2. Any dog entered in PD or TD stakes at a championship trial shall not be eligible to enter any lower stake at the meeting.

3. 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.

4. No working trial stake shall be limited to less than 30. If a limit is imposed on entries in any stake, it shall be carried out by ballot after the date of closing of entries. Championship TD or PD stakes shall not be limited to numbers.

5. Open Working Trials.

- a. Introductory stake—For dogs which have not qualified CD Ex or UD Ex. Dogs in this stake may also enter the CD stake.
- b. Companion dog (CD) stake—For dogs which have not qualified or obtained a Certificate of Merit in WD, PD or TD stakes at open or championship working trials.
- c. Utility dog (UD) stake—For dogs which have not been awarded a Certificate of Merit in WD, PD or TD stakes.
- d. Working dogs (WD) stakes—For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in UD stakes but not in PD or TD stakes.
- e. Tracking dog (TD) stake—For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in WD stakes but excluding dogs that have qualified TD Ex.
- f. Patrol dog (PD) stake—For dogs which have qualified WD Excellent at a championship trial but excluding dogs that have qualified PD Excellent at a championship trial.

6. Championship Working Trials.

- a. Introductory stake—For dogs which have not qualified CD Ex or UD Ex. Dogs in this stake may also enter the CD stake.
- b. Companion dog (CD) stake—For dogs which have not qualified WD Ex.
- c. Utility dog (UD) stake—For dogs which have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in an Open UD stake. A dog is not eligible for entry in this stake if it has qualified WD Excellent or is entered in the WD stake at the same trial.
- d. Working dog (WD) stake—For dogs which have qualified CD Ex and UD Ex and have been awarded a Certificate of Merit in an Open WD stake or qualified WD Ex. A dog is not eligible for entry in this stake if it has qualified TD or PD Excellent or entered in the TD or PD stake at the same trial.

- e. Tracking dog (TD) stake—For dogs which have been awarded two Certificates of Merit in Open TD stakes and have qualified WD Ex at two championship trials.
- f. Patrol dog (PD) stake—For dogs which have been awarded two Certificates of Merit in Open PD stakes, and have qualified WD Ex at two championship trials.

7. Members Working Trial.

Restricted to the members of the society holding the working trial, otherwise eligibility for stakes is as for open working trials.

8. Introductory Stake.

A working trial may be run consisting only of an Introductory Stake.

9. Schedule of Exercises and Points.

a. INTRODUCTORY AND COMPANION DOG (CD) STAKE

	Maximum marks	Group total	Minimum group qualifying mark
Group I. Control			
1. Heel on leash	5		
2. Heel free	10		
3. Recall to handler	5		
4. Sending the dog away	10		
5. Sit (Introductory stake 1 minute; CD Stake 2 minutes)	10		
6. Down (Introductory stake 5 minutes; CD stake 5 minutes)	10	50	35
Group II. Agility			
7. Clear jump	5		
8. Long jump	5		
9. Scale (3) Stay (1) Position (1) Recall (5)	10	20	14
Group III. Retrieving and Nosework			
10. Retrieve a dumb-bell	10		
11. Elementary search	20	30	21
Totals	100	100	70
Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall)			80

b.

UTILITY DOG (UD) STAKE

	Maximum marks	Group total	Minimum group qualifying mark
Group I. Control			
1. Heel free	5		
2. Sending the dog away	10		
3. Retrieve a dumb-bell	5		
4. Down (10 minutes)	10		
5. Steadiness to gunshot	5	35	25
Group II. Agility			
6. Clear jump	5		
7. Long jump	5		
8. Scale (3) Stay (1) Position (1) Recall (5)	10	20	14
Group III. Nosework			
9. Search	35		
10. Track (90)			
11. Articles 10+10 (20)	110	145	102
Totals	200	200	141
Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall)			160

c.

WORKING DOG (WD) STAKE

	Maximum marks	Group total	Minimum group qualifying mark
Group I. Control			
1. Heel free	5		
2. Sending the dog away	10		
3. Retrieve a dumb-bell	5		
4. Down (10 minutes)	10		
5. Steadiness to gunshot	5	35	25
Group II. Agility			
6. Clear jump	5		
7. Long jump	5		
8. Scale (3) Stay (1) Position (1) Recall (5)	10	20	14
Group III. Nosework			
9. Search	35		
10. Track (90) Articles (10+10=20)	110	145	102
Totals	200	200	141
Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall)			160

d.

TRACKING DOG (TD) STAKE

	Maximum marks	Group total	Minimum group qualifying mark
Group I. Control			
1. Heel free	5		
2. Send away and directional control	10		
3. Speak on command	5		
4. Down (10 minutes)	10		
5. Steadiness to gunshot	5	35	25
Group II. Agility			
6. Clear jump	5		
7. Long jump	5		
8. Scale (3) Stay (1) Position (1) Recall (5)	10	20	14
Group III. Nosework			
9. Search	35		
10. Track (100) Articles (10+10+10=30)	130	165	116
Totals	220	220	155
Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall)			176

e.

PATROL DOG (PD) STAKE

	Maximum marks	Group total	Minimum group qualifying mark
Group I. Control			
1. Heel free	5		
2. Send away and directional control	10		
3. Speak on command	5		
4. Down (10 minutes)	10		
5. Steadiness to gunshot	5	35	25
Group II. Agility			
6. Clear jump	5		
7. Long jump	5		
8. Scale (3) Stay (1) Position (1) Recall (5)	10	20	14
Group III. Nosework			
9. Search	35		
10. Track (60) Articles (10+10=20)	80	115	80
Group IV. Patrol			
11. Quartering the ground	45		
12. Test of courage	20		
13. Search and escort	25		
14a. Recall from protected steward	30		
14b. Pursuit and detention of protected steward	30	150	105
Totals	320	320	224
Minimum qualifying mark (70% in each section and 80% overall)			256

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISES AND GUIDANCE FOR JUDGES

1. Method of handling.—Although implicit obedience is necessary, dogs and handlers must operate in as free and natural a manner as possible; persistent barking, whining, etc. in any exercise other than location of person or speak on command should be penalised. The handler must not have food or a toy on their person whilst the dog is being tested.

2. Heel work.—The judge should test the ability of the dog to keep its shoulder reasonably close to the left knee of the handler who should walk smartly in a natural manner at normal, fast and slow paces through turns and among and around persons and obstacles. The halt, with the dog sitting to heel and a 'figure of eight' may be included at any stage.

Any act, signal or command or jerking of the lead which in the opinion of the Judge has given the dog unfair assistance shall be penalised. Extra commands shall be permitted in the introductory stake.

Where required the lead should be attached to a close fitting smooth collar. Retractable leads or head collars are not to be used.

3. Sit (Introductory stake 1 minute. CD stake 2 minutes).—Dogs may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The judge or stewards will give the order 'last command' and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to the dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the judge or steward until ordered to return to them. In the Introductory stake, these positions should be in sight, but in the CD stake, where possible, such positions should be out of sight of the dogs but bearing in mind the short duration of the exercise this may not be practical. Dogs must remain in the sit position throughout the test until the judge or steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. The judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause the dog to move.

4. Down (Introductory and CD stake 5 minutes. Other stakes 10 minutes).—Handlers must be out of sight of the dogs who may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The judge or steward will give the command 'last command' and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to their dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the judge or steward until ordered to return to them. Dogs must remain in the 'down' position throughout the test until the judge or steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. No dog will be awarded any marks that sits, stands or crawls more than its approximate body length in any direction. The judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause the dog to move. The judge may test the dogs by using distractions but may not call them by name.

5. Recall to handler.—The dog should be recalled from the 'down' or 'sit' position. The handler being a reasonable distance from the dog at the discretion of the judge. The dog should return at a smart pace and sit in front of the handler, afterwards going smartly to heel on command or signal. Handler to await command of the judge or steward. Extra commands shall be permitted in the introductory stake.

6. Retrieve a dumb-bell.—The dog should not move forward to retrieve nor deliver to hand on return until ordered by the handler on the judge or stewards' instructions. The retrieve should be executed at a smart pace without mouthing or playing with the dumb-bell and the dog should sit in front of the handler. After delivery the handler will send the dog to heel on the instruction of the Judge or Steward. Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory stake.

7. Send away and directional control.—The minimum distance that the judge shall set for the send away shall be 18.288m (20 yds) for the Introductory stake and the CD stake and 45.72m (50 yds) for all other stakes. In the Introductory stake the maximum distance that the judge shall set for the send away shall be 45.72m (50 yds). The TD and PD stakes shall also include change of direction or directions of a minimum of 45.72m (50 yds). When the dog has reached the designated point or the judge is satisfied that after a reasonable time the handler cannot improve the position of the dog by any further commands the dog should be stopped in either the stand, sit or down position at the discretion of the handler. At this point in the TD or PD stakes the judge or steward will instruct the handler to redirect the dog. In all stakes, whilst the judge should take into account the number of commands used during the exercise, importance should be placed upon the handler's ability to direct the dog to the place indicated.

8. Steadiness to gunshot.—No gun test will be held in buildings, or other confined areas, nor will shotguns be used at working trials. Guns used must be constructed to fire blanks only. Prior warning must be given to the handler, who will be instructed to work the dog 'heel free', or leave the dog within a controlling distance and where the handler has sight of their dog. The dog must not be provoked by excessive display of the gun, nor should the gun be pointed at the dog or handler except in Group IV Patrol. Any sign of fear, aggression or barking must be penalised. This test must not be incorporated into any other test.

9. 'Speak on command'.—The judge will control the position of the handler in relation to the dog and may require the handler to work the dog walking at heel. If the dog is not required to walk at heel, the handler may place the dog in the stand, sit or down. The dog will be ordered to 'speak' and cease 'speaking' on the instruction of the judge or steward who may then instruct the handler to make the dog 'speak' again. 'Speaking' should be sustained by the dog whilst required with the minimum of commands and/or signals. Continuous and/or excessive incitements to 'speak' must be heavily penalised. This test must not be incorporated with any other test.

10. Agility.—the descriptions below should be followed for agility:

- a. No part of the clear, long jump or scale equipment to be traversed by the dog shall be less than 914.4mm (3ft) wide nor be in any way injurious to the dog. The test must commence with the clear jump and then be followed in any sequence of the long jump and scale. Handlers should not be prevented from pacing or stepping out the position from which to send their dogs over the clear, long or scale jump provided this does not cause unnecessary delay.
- b. The Clear Jump should be so constructed that it will be obvious if the dog has exerted more than slight pressure upon it. The rigid top bar may be fixed or rest in cups and the space below may be filled in but the filling should not project above the bottom of the top bar. Appreciable pressure exerted by the dog on the clear jump shall be considered to be a failure.
- c. The construction of the Long Jump shall be as follows: The front element to be a minimum of 914.4mm (3ft) wide graduating over 5 elements. (The largest of which is removed for dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder: the largest two of which are removed for dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder) to a back element of a minimum width of 1.117m (3ft 8ins). The front edge of the front element to be 101.6mm (4ins) high rising to 177.8mm (7ins) at the back edge. Each element thereafter graduating in height by 25.4mm (1 in) - the back of the last element being 279.4mm (11ins) high. The minimum width (front to back) of each element to be at least 152.4mm (6ins) and clearly visible to the dog.
- d. The handler may either approach the clear and long jumps with the dog or send it forward or stand by the jumps and call the dog up to jump. At no time should the handler proceed beyond any part of the jumps before they have been traversed by the dog. Casual fouling of the Clear or Long Jump may be penalised. Once the dog has cleared the obstacle he should remain on the other side under control until joined by the handler.
- e. The scale should be a vertical wall of wooden planks which must be grooved, or chamfered along their bottom edge, to assist the dog. Slats are not permitted. The top surface of the scale may be slightly padded. The handler and dog must approach the face of the scale at a walking pace with the dog at heel. At the handlers discretion and in his own time whilst the dog and handler are in a stationary position and the dog's front feet are within the clearly defined 2.743m (9ft) marker(s) the dog should be ordered to scale. On reaching the other side the dog should be ordered to stay in the stand, sit or down position, the handler having previously nominated the position to the judge. The judge should ensure that the dog will stay steady and may indicate to the handler where he should stand in relation to his dog and the scale before ordering the dog to be recalled over the scale. A dog which fails to go over the scale at the second attempt shall be excluded from the stay and recall over the scale. Failure in the recall over the scale does not disqualify from marks previously gained.

- f. Failure or refusal at any of the 3 types of jump may be followed by a second attempt and any one such failure shall be penalised by half the marks allotted to that part of the exercise in which the dog is given a second attempt.
- g. Jumping heights and lengths:
- (1) *Introductory stake:*
 - (a) Clear Jump—
 - Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 381mm (1ft 3ins)
 - Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6ins)
 - Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 762mm (2ft 6ins)
 - (b) Long Jump—
 - Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 990.6mm (3ft 3ins)
 - Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.524m (5ft)
 - Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)
 - (c) Scale—
 - Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 762mm (2ft 6ins)
 - Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 990.6mm (3ft 3ins)
 - Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.524m (5ft)
 - (2) *CD and UD stakes:*
 - (a) Clear Jump—
 - Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 457.2mm (1ft 6ins)
 - Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 609.6mm (2ft)
 - Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)
 - (b) Long Jump—
 - Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft)
 - Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)
 - Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 2.743m (9ft)
 - (c) Scale—
 - Dogs not exceeding 254mm (10in) at shoulder 914.4mm (3ft)
 - Dogs not exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.219m (4ft)
 - Dogs exceeding 381mm (15in) at shoulder 1.828m (6ft)
 - (3) *WD, TD and PD stakes:*
 - (a) Clear Jump 914.4mm (3ft)
 - (b) Long Jump 2.743m (9ft)
 - (c) Scale 1.828m (6ft)

11. Search.—The Introductory Stake Search shall contain 4 articles of which only 3 are to be recovered. The Companion Dog (CD) Stake Search shall contain 3 articles and all other stakes shall contain 4. In all stakes fresh articles must be placed for each dog which must recover a minimum of 2 to qualify. The judge must choose track and search articles suitable to the nature of the ground and stake being judged and which are unlikely to be in any way injurious to the dog. The time allotted shall be 4 minutes in the Introductory stake and the CD stake and 5 minutes in all other stakes. The articles must be well handled and placed, not dropped, or buried, by a steward who shall foil the ground by walking in

varying directions over the area. An area of ground which has had a search laid over it must not have another search laid over it until the following day.

The Introductory Stake and the CD stake search area shall be 13.761m square (15 yards square), all other stakes being 22.86m square (25 yards square) and shall be clearly defined by a marker peg at each corner. The handler may work his dog from any position outside the area, but must not enter it. In the Introductory Stake and the CD stake a maximum 5 marks should be allotted for each article and a maximum 5 marks for style and control. In all other stakes a maximum 7 marks should be allotted for each article and a maximum 7 marks for style and control.

12. Track.—The descriptions below should be followed for the track:

- a. The track should be plotted on the ground to be used for the nosework previous to the day of commencement of the trials. An area of ground which has had a track laid over it must not have another track laid over it until the following day. Wherever possible the ground used for a tracking stake shall be as similar as possible to the ground used at that trial in that stake. The judge must choose track and search articles suitable to the nature of the ground and stake being judged and which are unlikely to be in any way injurious to the dog.
- b. The track shall be a single line and may include turns. It shall be approximately 0.8046km (half a mile) long and should be laid as far as possible by a stranger to the dog. The article(s) must be well handled and be placed, not dropped or buried on the track.
- c. There shall be a marker left by the track layer to indicate the start of the track which must be far enough from the search square to allow the square to be worked without interfering with the track. The track layer will indicate to the competitor the line he took to the pole. There shall be no back track. In the U.D. stake a second marker should be left not more than 27.432m (30 yds) from the start to indicate the direction of the first leg.
- d. When the judging is in progress the track layer shall be present at the side of the judge to indicate the exact line of the track and the position of the articles.
- e. If a time limit is given for the completion of a track it must not be less than 20 minutes.
- f. Unless the judge considers the dog to have lost the track beyond recovery or has run out of time allotted for the completion of the track a handler may recast his dog at his discretion. The judge should not at any time indicate to the handler where the dog should be recast except in exceptional circumstances.
- g. Tracks for specific stakes shall be as follows:
 - (1) The UD stake track shall be not less than half an hour old and shall include 2 articles, one of which must be placed in the first half of the track. At least one article must be recovered to qualify.
 - (2) The WD stake track shall be not less than one and a half hours old and shall include 2 articles one of which must be recovered to qualify.
 - (3) The PD stake track shall be not less than 2 hours old and shall include 2 articles one of which must be recovered to qualify.

- (4) The TD stake track shall be not less than 3 hours old and shall include 3 articles two of which must be recovered to qualify.
- h. In all stakes the last article shall indicate the end of the track. No 2 articles should be laid together.
 - i. A spare track additional to requirements should be laid but the opportunity to run a new track should be given only in exceptional circumstances.
 - j. The area used for tracking is out of bounds to all competitors for practice tracks and exercise from the time of the first track and any competitor found contravening this instruction is liable to be disqualified by the judge and or trials manager from participating in the trial in accordance with the provision of Regulation I10.c.
 - k. The dog must be worked on a harness and tracking line. The line must be attached to the upper section of the harness so that when the dog is worked the line does not pass under the dog.

13. Quartering the ground.—The missing person, protected consistent with safety, must remain motionless in a seated or standing position out of sight of the handler but must be accessible on investigation to the dog when 'winded'. The protected steward must not be lying down. The judge should satisfy himself that the dog has found the person and has given warning spontaneously and emphatically without being directed by the handler. A dog that bites the hidden person must be heavily penalised.

14. Test of courage.—This is a test of courage rather than of control, and the method of testing is at the judge's discretion. Handlers must be prepared to have the dog tested when off the lead by a protected steward. The protected arm must be accessible. The dog must be judged on its courage and attitude.

15. Search and Escort.—The 'protected steward' will be searched by the handler with the dog off the lead at the sit, stand or down. The judge will assess whether the dog is well placed tactically and ready to defend if called to do so. The handler will be told to escort the 'protected steward' at least 27.432m (30 yds) in a given direction, he will give at least one turn on the direction of the judge. During the exercise the 'protected steward' will turn and attempt to overpower the handler. The dog may defend spontaneously or on command and must release the 'protected steward' at once when the handler calls him off.

16. Recall from protected stewards.—The dog will be off lead beside the handler. The position of the dog and the command given to send the dog must be the same as that for the Pursuit exercise. The 'protected steward' will be challenged and will reply in order to gain the dog's attention before running away as directed by the judge. The handler will be told when to send his dog. When the dog is approximately half way between the handler and the 'protected steward' the judge will signal to recall the dog. The 'protected steward' should continue running until the dog returns to the handler or bites the sleeve. The recall may be by whistle or voice.

17. Pursuit and detention of protected stewards.—The dog will be off lead beside the handler. The position of the dog and the command given to send the dog must be the same as that for the Recall exercise. The 'protected steward' will be challenged and will reply in order to gain the dog's attention before running away as directed by the judge. The handler will be told when to send his dog. A run-out point may be set by the judge. The dog must detain the 'protected steward' by holding him by the protected arm until commanded by the handler to release. If the dog fails to detain the 'protected steward', it shall lose any marks that it may have obtained for the Recall exercise, or it shall not be tested on the Recall.

18. Health and Safety, Bite Exercises.—In any exercise where the dog is required to bite a protected steward (protected consistent with safety), it must be on the right arm. Any indiscriminate biting will result in the dog being excluded from the remainder of the test. At no time in any exercise should the sleeve be presented to the dog in an obvious and exaggerated manner, but equally it must not be obscured in such a way as to make it inaccessible to the dog. A protected steward shall, for both their safety and that of the dog, take the energy impact of the bite, landing all of the dog's feet as soon as possible, and without any such movement that causes the dog to be swung or lifted up in a circular motion.

a. **Patrol Dog - Equipment and Protective Clothing**

The judge must either provide the equipment or check its suitability. Sleeves must have a tapered edge, and a jute cover, and must be suitable for all dogs entered. The cover must not be brand new, nor frayed. There must be a hand grip inside the sleeve. Close weave covers must not be used. There must not be external buckles, or a joint in the sleeve which leaves a gap. The sleeve must not be obscured by clothing or anything else. Puppy sleeves may not be used. 'Scratch pants' which protect the helper from dogs' nails may be worn. The sleeve must be accessible should the dog bite.

- b. For Quartering the ground, Search and Escort, Recall from protected stewards, and Pursuit and Detention of protected stewards, protected stewards must wear a sleeve as described in the Equipment and Protective Clothing regulation on the right arm.
- c. For the Test of courage, protected stewards must wear a sleeve on the right arm as described in the Equipment and Protective Clothing regulation, or a 'bite jacket' with a light-coloured jute area on the right arm. Items used in the Test of courage must be designed to be non-injurious to the dogs, with no sharp points or hard objects inside any sacks used.

(The use of the singular throughout this Annex may, where appropriate, also apply to the plural.)

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR BLOODHOUND TRIALS

These Regulations to be read in conjunction with Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations [I].

1. Bloodhound Working Trial Certificates.

A Kennel Club Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate may be awarded to a Bloodhound winning a senior stake without assistance at a Championship Bloodhound Trial if it has clearly identified the runner to the satisfaction of the judge or judges. A hound will be considered to have made a satisfactory identification if it is seen to approach and clearly select the runner from a group of three people at the end of the line. Handlers who choose to work/hunt their hounds leashed must drop their leash within a minimum of 200yds/183m of the line up, so that a natural identification takes place that is free from any handler interference. Judges may award a Certificate of Merit in all stakes to any hound not being placed which has given a good performance.

2. Schedules.

- a. The society holding a Bloodhound Trial must issue a schedule which shall form the basis of a contract between the society and those entering hounds. No modifications may be made to the schedule before the date of the trial, except by permission of the Kennel Club and such modifications must be advertised.
- b. A copy of the schedule issued for each trial must be retained by the organisations for at least one year from the date of the trial and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if requested, together with any other documents.
- c. The schedule must contain:
 - (1) The date and place of the Bloodhound Trial.
 - (2) The latest date for applying for entry at the trial.
 - (3) The amount of entry fees and any prize money.
 - (4) A statement that a draw will be made for the order of running.
 - (5) The conditions and qualifications for making entries and for intimating acceptance or refusal of entries.
 - (6) A statement if applicable on details of how entries can be made via the internet.
 - (7) An announcement that the Bloodhound Trial is held under Kennel Club Regulations for Bloodhound Trials with such exceptions as the committee of the society may decide. Such exceptions and conditions must have received the approval of the Board of the Kennel Club prior to publication of the schedule.
 - (8) The definition of each stake, together with the qualification and limitations for entry in that stake.
 - (9) The names of the judges.
 - (10) A statement that spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete.
 - (11) An announcement that hounds under the age of 12 months on the first day of the Trial are not eligible for entry. Dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not for Competition.

- (12) A Regulation which prohibits judges entering a hound which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership in the stake they are judging.
- (13) If accepting postal entries; A separate official entry form which must include the declaration to be signed by the entrant as on the specimen entry form issued by the Kennel Club.
- (14) A statement that should circumstance so 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.

3. Entry forms.

Such forms must be in accordance with the approved form issued by the secretary of the Bloodhound Trial. All entries must be made on the official entry form and each competitor must use a separate form.

4. Catalogue.—The society must publish a catalogue for the trial containing:

- a. The name of the society holding the trial.
- b. The date and place of the trial.
- c. The names and addresses of competitors.
- d. The registered name of each hound entered, the stake in which it is entered together with its full particulars as recorded on the entry form.
- e. The name of the judge for each stake.

Championship – Within 14 days of the close of the trial, a copy of the official catalogue for the trial, containing a full and correct list of all the entries, with all the senior stake awards correctly marked, must be submitted to the Kennel Club.

5. Veterinary support.

The secretary of a licensed Bloodhound trial is required to arrange veterinary support compatible with the arrangements for the trial and anticipated entries. The name, address and telephone number of the veterinary surgeon, practitioner or practice supporting the trial is to be available.

6. Management.

- a. Societies must schedule one other stake in addition to the Kennel Club Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate stake.
- b. A stake manager must be appointed by the committee of the society for each stake who shall be responsible for ensuring that the Regulations are observed but may not interfere with the judges' decisions which shall be final. The stake manager shall decide upon any matter not related to judging and not provided for in the Rules and Regulations and may call upon the judge or judges to assist in the decision which will be final. The stake manager should be present throughout the stake and must not enter or work a hound in that stake.
- c. The stake manager and the judges should assess the weather conditions and should they consider the weather unfit for holding the trial the commencement may be postponed until such time as it is considered necessary for the trial to be abandoned and the entry fees returned.
- d. When a judge is prevented from attending or finishing a meeting which has commenced, the stake manager shall decide what action is to be taken.
- e. The order for running lines shall be determined by a draw and competitors notified accordingly by post of their reporting time prior to the date of the trial.

- f. The committee may reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entries.
- g. Replacement judges appointed in an emergency must have had previous judging experience.

7. Approval of judges.

- a. Societies must apply to the Board for approval of all judges at championship Bloodhound trials at least six months before the date of the trials. All first time senior stake judges must be applied for a minimum of eighteen months before the date of the trial on the form provided. Individuals may apply to the Board for approval to award Championship Bloodhound Working Trial Certificates for the first time, provided that the judge has fulfilled the minimum criteria in accordance with Regulations I(C)7.b., I(C)7.c. and I(C)7.d. Subject to approval judges would be included on the list of Approved Championship Bloodhound Working Trial Judges.
- b. On application for a person's first appointment to award a Kennel Club Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate, the nominee must meet the minimum conditions which apply are:
A person must:-
 - (1) have judged at least three stakes, not at the same trial, at Kennel Club licensed Bloodhound Trials.
 - (2) have completed and passed a Kennel Club Bloodhound Regulations and Judging Procedure examination on the Kennel Club Academy and have attended a Kennel Club Planning and Managing of Bloodhound Trials Seminar and passed the assessment.
- c. Prior to being granted Board approval judges must have been assessed by a Kennel Club approved assessor.
- d. A person may be approved to judge one Senior stake in each calendar year commencing 1st January.

8. Judging.

- a. Judges at Kennel Club licensed Bloodhound Trials must judge in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
- b. All judges must have completed and passed a Kennel Club Bloodhound Regulations and Judging Procedure examination on the Kennel Club Academy every five years since passing the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination. This Regulation is effective from 1 January 2022.
- c. Judges at Bloodhound Trials may not enter a hound which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership in the stake which they are judging.
- d. An award or prize may be withheld if in the opinion of the judge there is a lack of sufficient merit.
- e. The committee shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the appointment of any judge.

9. Competing.

- a. Only one person may handle a hound during a trial; an owner having deputed authority to another must not interfere with the handling of that hound.
- b. If an entered hound is absent one hour before the published start time for its line, the hound shall be liable to be disqualified by the judge.
- c. Punitive correction or harsh handling of the hound is forbidden.

- d. No hound entered for competition and at the meeting may be withdrawn from competition without notice to the stake manager.
- e. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.

10. Classification.

a. **Working permits.**

To compete at Kennel Club licensed trials a hound, resident in the UK, must hold an Association of Bloodhound Breeders or Bloodhound Club working permit. Hounds resident in countries outside the jurisdiction of the Kennel Club must hold a restricted working permit issued by a Bloodhound club in their own country similar in content to that issued in the UK. Awards gained at Bloodhound trials held overseas do not count towards eligibility to compete at Trials licensed by the Kennel Club.

b. **Stock test**

Bloodhounds entered on a restricted permit must be hunted on a leash, they may only be hunted free if they hold part two of a working permit issued by the Association of Bloodhound Breeders or the Bloodhound Club to certify they are steady with farm stock. Hounds are required to have passed a stock test in the UK before being hunted off leash and are ineligible to compete in a Senior stake until successfully stock tested. Hounds aged 6 months or over may take part one of the working permit, however hounds must be at least 12 months of age before undertaking part two of the working permit.

c. **Entries**

Bloodhounds must be entered in the lowest stake for which they are eligible at the closing date for entries.

11. Definition of stakes

a. **Novice stake**

The line shall be approximately 1.6km (one mile) long and not less than half an hour cold. For Bloodhounds holding a working permit at the close of entries.

No hound that has gained 1st or 2nd place in the Novice stake or gained 1st or 2nd place in a Junior stake, or gained 1st place in an Intermediate stake or Senior stake may enter.

b. **Junior stake**

The line shall be approximately 3.2km (2 miles) long and not less than one hour cold. For Bloodhounds that have gained 1st or 2nd place in the Novice stake at the close of entries. No hound that has gained 1st or 2nd place in a Junior stake, or gained 1st place in an Intermediate stake or Senior stake may enter.

c. **Intermediate stake**

The line shall be approximately 4.0km (two and a half miles) long and not less than one and a half hours cold. For Bloodhounds that have gained 1st or 2nd place in the Junior stake at the close of entries. No hound that has gained 1st place in Intermediate stake or Senior stake may enter.

d. **Senior stake**

The line shall be approximately 4.8km (3 miles) long and not less than two hours cold. For Bloodhounds that have won an Intermediate stake at close of entries. Bloodhounds are ineligible to compete in a Senior stake until successfully stock tested.

REGULATIONS FOR ENTRIES IN THE STUD BOOK, CHAMPIONS AND WARRANTS

As at 1st January 2021

1. Stud Book Qualifications.

- a. An entry in the Stud Book shall consist of the registered name of the dog, its sex, colour, date of birth, owner, breeder and an extension of its pedigree limited to three generations, or a Stud Book reference within that limit.
- b. All dogs must be entered in the Stud Book in the name of the registered owner at the time of qualification.
- c. A Kennel Club Stud Book number will be assigned to each dog accepted for entry.
- d. A neutered dog, which has qualified for an entry in the Stud Book will be listed therein with the letters 'NEUT' appearing after its name.
- e. The following dogs are entitled to entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book subject to regulations a, b, c, and d above.
 - (4) Winners of Qualifying Certificates in TD or PD Stakes at championship working trials held under Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations.
 - (5) Dogs awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the Senior stake for Bloodhounds at Championship Working Trials held under Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations.

2. Championship Qualifications.

- f. *Title of Working Trial Champion (WT Ch)* The following dogs shall be entitled to be described as Working Trial Champion. All wins are confined to TD or PD stakes or Senior stake for Bloodhounds at Championship Working Trials:
 - (1) *TD or PD stake*
Any dog awarded two Working Trial Certificates under two different judges provided that it has obtained 70% or more marks as indicated in the schedule of points in the appropriate columns for each group of exercises separately shown in that schedule and has also been awarded the qualification 'Excellent' by obtaining at least 80% of the possible total of marks for the stake.
 - (2) Any dog which has won a Kennel Club Working Trial Championship qualifying 'Excellent'.
 - (3) *Senior stake*
Any Bloodhound awarded two Kennel Club Bloodhound Working Trial Certificates under two different judges which has won a Senior stake without assistance at a Championship Working Trial for Bloodhounds and it has clearly identified the runner to the satisfaction of the judges. A hound will be considered to have made a satisfactory identification if it is seen to approach and clearly select the runner from a group of three people at the end of the line.

KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

As at 1st January 2022

20. Dogs for competitions.—Dogs entered for any form of Kennel Club competition i.e. show classes, field trials, gundog working tests, obedience, working trials, agility, heelwork to music, and rally must be registered in the name of the person(s) making the entry. If, at the closing date for entries, the owner(s) have applied for but have not received the Kennel Club registration certificate, the dog shall be entered in the name shown as the first choice on the application form for registration and the name should be followed by the letters 'N.A.F.' (name applied for). In the case of applications for transfer of ownership and change of name, the dog should be entered 'T.A.F.' (transfer applied for) 'C.N.A.F.' (change of name applied for) where application has been made but not received. Dogs are exempt from registration in the following cases:-

- a. Dogs either exhibited exclusively in classes specially exempted by the Kennel Club Board or in special classes sanctioned by the Board.
- b. Hounds belonging to recognised packs.

**KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR
THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE
OF TITLE OF SOCIETIES, BRANCHES AND
BREED COUNCILS AND THE AFFILIATION
OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES AND
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES**

As at 1st January 2022

5. General

- c. A Kennel Club licence is issued to the designated society only and it is non transferable under any circumstances.

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WORKING TRIALS & BLOODHOUND TRIAL REGULATION CHANGES

Regulation I5.b.

TO:

- b. Any cancellation or abandonment of a trial without prior permission of the Board must be reported in writing to the Kennel Club without delay, **and must be carried out in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club published event cancellation policy.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I21.c.(14)

TO:

If accepting postal entries; A separate official entry form which must include the 'declaration' to be signed by the entrant as on the specimen entry form issued by the Kennel Club.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I24.a Management

TO:

Societies must schedule one other tracking stake in addition to the working trial certificate stake. **Societies may schedule a single Championship CD, UD or WD stake, provided there is no Championship TD or PD stake on the same dates.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I26.f.

TO:

- f. ~~Where a person is working more than one dog in the PD Stake, the judge must not prevent any competitors from watching the Patrol Round. Lockouts are not permitted for any of the Patrol exercises. There must be a run through of the complete Patrol test in the presence of the competitors before judging of the Patrol exercises commences.~~

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)1. Method of handling

TO:

Although implicit obedience is necessary, dogs and handlers must operate in as free and natural a manner as possible; persistent barking, whining, etc. in any exercise other than location of person or speak on command should be penalised. The handler must not have food or a toy on their person whilst being tested. ~~In any exercise where the dog is required to bite a protected steward (protected consistent with safety), it must be on the right arm. Any indiscriminate biting must be severely penalised.~~

(Deletion struck through)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)6.

TO:

6. Retrieve a dumb-bell.—The dog should not move forward to retrieve nor deliver to hand on return until ordered by the handler on the judge or stewards' instructions. The retrieve should be executed at a smart pace without mouthing or playing with the dumb-bell **and the dog should sit in front of the handler**. After delivery the handler will send the dog to heel on the instruction of the Judge or Steward. Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory stake.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)7.

TO:

7. Send away and directional control.—The minimum distance that the judge shall set for the send away shall be 18.288m (20 yds) for the Introductory stake and the CD stake and 45.72m (50 yds) for all other stakes. In the Introductory stake the maximum distance that the judge shall set for the send away shall be 45.72m (50 yds). The TD and PD stakes shall also include change of direction or directions of a minimum of 45.72m (50 yds). When the dog has reached the designated point or the judge is satisfied that after a reasonable time the handler cannot improve the position of the dog by any further commands the dog should be stopped in either the stand, sit or down position at the discretion of the handler. At this point in the TD or PD stakes the judge or steward ~~shall~~ **will** instruct the handler to redirect the dog. In all stakes, whilst the judge should take into account the number of commands used during the exercise, importance should be placed upon the handler's ability to direct the dog to the place indicated.

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold).

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)9.

TO:

9. 'Speak on command'.—The judge will control the position of the handler in relation to the dog and may require the handler to work the dog walking at heel. If the dog is not required to walk at heel, the handler may place the dog in the stand, sit or down. The dog will be ordered to 'speak' and cease 'speaking' on ~~command~~ **the instruction** of the judge or steward who may then instruct the handler to make the dog 'speak' again. 'Speaking' should be sustained by the dog whilst required with the minimum of commands and/or signals. Continuous and/or excessive incitements to 'speak' ~~shall~~ **must** be heavily penalised. This test ~~should~~ **must** not be incorporated with any other test.

(Deletions struck through. Insertions in bold).

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)10.

TO:

10. Agility.—the descriptions below should be followed for agility:

- a. No part of the clear, long jump or scale equipment to be traversed by the dog shall be less than 914.4mm (3ft) wide nor be in any way injurious to the dog. ~~The tests shall be followed in any sequence decided by the judge Clear Jump, Long Jump, Scale, commencing with Clear Jump.~~ **The test must commence with the clear jump and then be followed in any sequence of the long jump and scale.**
- e. The scale should be a vertical wall of wooden planks which must be grooved, or chamfered along their bottom edge, to assist the dog. Slats are not permitted. The top surface of the scale may be slightly padded. The handler and dog ~~should~~ **must** approach the **face of the scale** at a walking pace with the dog at heel.

(Deletion struck through. Insertions in bold.)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)14. Test of Courage

TO:

This is a test of courage rather than of control, and the method of testing is at the Judge's discretion. Handlers must be prepared to have the dog tested when off the lead by a protected steward. **The protected arm must be accessible. The dog must be judged on its courage and attitude.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)16. Recall from protected stewards

TO:

~~The 'protected steward' protected consistent with safety, will be introduced to the handler whose dog will be free at heel. After an unheated conversation the 'protected steward' will run away. At a reasonable distance the handler will be ordered to send his dog. When the dog is approximately half way between handler and the 'protected steward' he will be ordered to be recalled. The recall may be by whistle or voice. The 'protected steward' should continue running until the dog returns or closes. If the dog continues to run alongside the 'protected steward', the 'protected steward' should run a further ten or dozen paces to indicate this.~~

The dog will be off lead beside the handler. The position of the dog and the command given to send the dog must be the same as that for the Pursuit exercise. The 'protected steward' will be challenged and will reply in order to gain the dog's attention before running away as directed by the judge. The handler will be told when to send his dog. When the dog is approximately half way between the handler and the 'protected steward' the judge will signal to recall the dog. The 'protected steward' should continue running until the dog returns to the handler or bites the sleeve. The recall may be by whistle or voice.

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold.)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B) 17. Pursuit and detention of protected stewards.

TO:

The 'protected steward' (a different one for choice) and handler should be introduced as above, and the dog sent forward under similar conditions. The 'protected steward' must continue to attempt to escape and, if possible, should do so through an exit or into a vehicle once the dog has had a chance to catch up with him. The dog must be regarded as having succeeded if it clearly prevents the 'protected steward' from continuing to flee by holding him by the protected arm. If the dog fails to make a convincing attempt to detain the 'protected steward', it shall lose any marks that it may have obtained for the recall from 'protected stewards' exercise or alternatively, it shall not be tested on the recall that follows the pursuit and detention of protected stewards exercise.

The dog will be off lead beside the handler. The position of the dog and the command given to send the dog must be the same as that for the Recall exercise. The 'protected steward' will be challenged and will reply in order to gain the dog's attention before running away as directed by the judge. The handler will be told when to send his dog.

A run-out point may be set by the judge.

The dog must detain the protected steward by holding him by the protected arm until commanded by the handler to release.

If the dog fails to detain the 'protected steward', it shall lose any marks that it may have obtained for the Recall exercise, or it shall not be tested on the Recall.

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold.)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

New Regulation I(B)18. Health and Safety, Bite Exercises

TO:

In any exercise where the dog is required to bite a protected steward (protected consistent with safety), it must be on the right arm. Any indiscriminate biting will result in the dog being excluded from the remainder of the test. At no time in any exercise should the sleeve be presented to the dog in an obvious and exaggerated manner, but equally it must not be obscured in such a way as to make it inaccessible to the dog. A protected steward shall, for both their safety and that of the dog, take the energy impact of the bite, landing all of the dog's feet as soon as possible, and without any such movement that causes the dog to be swung or lifted up in a circular motion.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)18.a.

TO:

Patrol Dog - Equipment and Protective Clothing

a. The judge must either provide the equipment or check its suitability.

Sleeves must have a tapered edge, and a jute cover, and must be suitable for all dogs entered. The cover must not be brand new, nor frayed. There must be a hand grip inside the sleeve. Close weave covers must not be used.

There must not be external buckles, or a joint in the sleeve which leaves a gap. The sleeve must not be obscured by clothing or anything else. Puppy sleeves may not be used. 'Scratch pants' which protect the helper from dogs' nails may be worn. The sleeve must be accessible should the dog bite.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)18.b.

TO:

b. For Quartering the ground, Search and Escort, Recall from protected stewards, and Pursuit and Detention of protected stewards, protected stewards must wear a sleeve as described in the Equipment and Protective Clothing regulation on the right arm.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(B)18.c.

TO:

c. For the Test of courage, protected stewards must wear a sleeve on the right arm as described in the Equipment and Protective Clothing regulation, or a 'bite jacket' with a light-coloured jute area on the right arm. Items used in the Test of courage must be designed to be non-injurious to the dogs, with no sharp points or hard objects inside any sacks used.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

Regulation I(C)2.c. (13)

TO:

If accepting postal entries; A separate official entry form which must include the declaration to be signed by the entrant as on the specimen entry form issued by the Kennel Club.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)