

Leicestershire Gundog Society

I.D. No 139

COVID -19 STATEMENT FOR FIELD TRIALS 2020/21

Each individual entering has the primary responsibility for his or her own health and wellbeing and any risk factors relating to age or health, or health of close contacts, should be considered before entering an event.

Government guidelines on social distancing, in force at the time, must be adhered to, whilst at the trial.

A Covid Safety Officer will be appointed for each trial and named on the schedule.

The committee will be producing a risk assessment specific to each trial which will be displayed with the LGS public liability insurance documents. See full details at the end of the schedule.

General

- Nobody may attend a Field Trial if they reside in an area covered by a **local lockdown** imposed by the Government. Everyone attending a Field Trial must be aware that if they, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must not attend the Field Trial and should self-isolate in line with Government advice.
- LGS will keep a register of all attendees at its Field Trials (“Attendee Register”). The Attendee Register will contain key contact information reasonably required. Spectators and other non-essential attendees **will not** be allowed to attend LGS Field Trials this season.
 - All attendees must provide their own face covering and hand sanitiser to use at appropriate times.

- There will be no physical contact between anyone attending a Field Trial. Appropriate social distancing will be required at all times, including during any announcements, in the gallery and when in line. Any individual not following Government guidelines, or who is deemed to be putting the wellbeing of others at risk by the appointed Covid Officer, will be asked to leave the Field Trial immediately.
- Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure there is enough space around parked vehicles to maintain social distancing.
- LGS will endeavour to ensure that attendees at Field Trials will be able to travel around the shoot either on foot or in their own vehicles. However, this will not be possible at some Field Trials, where it is necessary to use transport provided by the Host. In such circumstances, announcements will be made on the day as to the necessary arrangements and precautions to be taken.
- LGS will not provide any refreshments. All attendees are asked to provide their own refreshments.

Competitors

- LGS will **only accept entries online via FTMS** (Field Trial Management System www.fieldtrial.info). Payment of the entry fee and or admin fee must also be made using FTMS. No other method of entry or payment will be accepted. There is no charge to use the system this season.
- If a competitor is handling more than one dog, an individual from their own household or 'bubble' must attend to hold their additional dog. Other competitors or helpers **must not** be used for this purpose. Competitors are required to notify the Field Trial Secretary of attendees' details, in advance.
- Competitors will not be required to wear a face covering whilst handling a dog, but they should remain considerate when standing in close proximity to others.
- Competitors will be required to provide their own number for identification purposes. This does not need to be an armband but must be clearly visible to the judge when the competitor joins the line.

- Competitors should be aware that all communication, including the results of the draw and Field Trial card, will be undertaken electronically.
- Competitors will not receive a printed card on the day. The Field Trial Secretary will send an electronic copy of the card to each handler in advance of the Field Trial. A copy will be on display for you to take a photo of on the day. Updated cards will not be sent and it will be for each attendee to mark their own card with any changes announced.
- Certificates, prizes and awards will be placed in a sealed and dated plastic bag 72hrs before being posted to the winners. Trophy's will not be given out but will be engraved with the winners details by the Society.

Judges

- Judge's books and copies of the current J Regulations must be provided by the judge and only handled by them.
- Each judge must provide their own stationery (pencils etc), which should not be shared with their co-judges.
 - In accordance with the Kennel Club's Operational Plan, game certificates will not be required to be completed and it will be assumed that the conditions of the stake were such as to enable the dogs to be satisfactorily tested. If this is not the case the Kennel Club Field Trial department must be notified within 7 days of the trial.
- Face coverings should be worn during any conferring between the judges.
 - When handling game passed from a competitor, a face mask should be worn by the judge and the judge's steward and/or game carrier and should be undertaken at the maximum distance possible. Hands must be sanitised between passing each bird. Gloves may be worn but would need to be changed and safely discarded following the passing of each bird to ensure no cross contamination.
 - The Kennel Club are encouraging judges to submit online judge's evaluation forms, via the Kennel Club website. Hard copy evaluation forms will not be provided but can be posted to judges, on request, if required.

Officials and Helpers

- All equipment used (such as game bags, notebooks/ clipboard, pencils etc) must be provided by the individual. If this is not possible, gloves must be worn and equipment must be thoroughly wiped down with provided antibacterial wipes before and after use.
- Radios must be handled when wearing gloves and thoroughly cleaned using antibacterial wipes at the start and the conclusion of the Field Trial. Radios should not be swapped between users without being sanitised/ Earpieces must not be worn unless these are the individual's own.

Guns

- Shotguns must be handled by the owner only and cartridges must not be transferred between individuals.
- Guns must be mindful of the location of the gallery and the others in the line when shooting. They must follow the Steward of the Beat's safety instructions.