FLATCOATED RETRIEVER SOCIETY

(affiliated to the Kennel Club, Countryside Alliance, The National Gamekeepers' Organisation and The BASC)

KENNEL CLUB AND SOCIETY RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING FIELD TRIALS

All trials will be held in accordance with the Kennel Club Field Trial Rules and Regulations and those of the Society (please see below). The KC Rules and Regulations governing Field Trials and GWTs were revised in 2006 and Regulation amendments published in the Spring (April 2012). The relevant booklet, which is updated every year, can be obtained direct from the Kennel Club (0207 518 1059). Competitors should be aware that by signing the entry form, they are stating they have read and will comply with all the rules listed in Section J, J(A) and J(B) of that booklet. New amendments given below:-

Regulation J7.f

From: After an applicant has been successful in the draw for places in a Stake, or as a reserve has accepted an offer of a run, the applicant, if the entry has not been taken up, may be liable for the full entry fee, except where a competitor has qualified out of Novice Stakes or qualified for a Championship after the entries have closed, or on production of a veterinary certificate.

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

- 1. Where the applicant has qualified out of Novice Stakes (where applicable), or;
- 2. Where the dog drawn to run has qualified for the Championship after entries have closed, or;
- 3. On production of a Veterinary Certificate confirming that the dog entered for the Stake is unfit to compete, or;
- 4. On production of a medical certificate that the applicant or the applicant's nominated handler is unable to compete.

ENTRIES

Entry forms must be clearly printed as illegible entries may not be accepted If additional forms are required, please photocopy as necessary

Please use separate entry forms and cheques for each dog entered in the stake and if entering more than one, nominate which dog should have priority in the draw

Please ensure you have enclosed the correct entry fee

No late, telephone or email entries can be accepted

Please include either an email address or sae for the result of the draw and directions Substitution of entries will be allowed

Members' dogs will be given priority in the first ballot

The Society reserve the right to refuse any entry for a trial

Dogs need to have had experience of retrieving game in the shooting field and those that are known to whine, damage game or be unsteady should <u>not</u> be entered

THE DRAW

Please let the Hon Field Trial Secretary know if you wish to attend so you can be advised of the venue and time. Should you need to withdraw from either the card or reserve list, please phone (not email) the Field Trial Secretary **as soon as possible**. Directions will be sent out with the result of the draws.

GENERAL

The Society cannot accept liability for any claim arising from or relating to the running of the Trials. Handlers are advised that they enter the Society's trials at their own risk.

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 notified to the Kennel Club at the earliest opportunity. No modification will be made to the schedules except by permission of the Kennel Club followed by advertisement in appropriate journals (if time permits) before the closing date of entry.

No person attending a field trial may allow a bitch in season to be on the Field Trial ground or foul any ground to be used by the competing dogs. If, after consultation with the Judges, the Chief Steward considers a dog unfit to compete, by reason of contagious disease or physical condition, such a dog shall be required to be removed immediately from the ground and from the Trial.