

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Field Trials must be registered on the Kennel Club Breed Register or have recorded an Authority To Compete (ATC) number as required by KC Rules & Regs.
2. All Stakes will be run in accordance with KC J Regs and the KC Codes of Conduct will be strictly adhered to. All handlers must make themselves aware of the content of both publications.
3. The Flatcoated Retriever Society reserves the right to refuse any entry, except that this shall not apply in terms of the preference in the draw regulations (J6.i). The Kennel Club will be notified in writing of all such refusals with the Society's reason.
4. Substitution of dogs is allowed.
5. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.
6. 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 reported to the Kennel Club.
7. 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.
8. Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
9. 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:
  - a. Where the applicant has qualified out of Novice Stakes (where applicable), or;
  - b. Where the dog drawn to run has qualified for the Championship after entries have closed, or;
  - c. On production of a Veterinary Certificate confirming that the dog entered for the Stake is unfit to compete, or;
  - d. On production of a medical certificate that the applicant or the applicant's nominated handler is unable to compete.
  - e. Where the dog drawn to run is withdrawn more than 7 days prior to the stake.
10. The FCRS cannot accept responsibility for injury, loss or damage to persons, dogs or property however caused.

### **11. 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.

### **12. Welfare of dogs**

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. The use of pinch collars, electric 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.

A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations