

# THE ASSOCIATION OF BLOODHOUND BREEDERS



Founded 1897

## Schedule of Bloodhound Championship Working Trials

*Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Stakes. Held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations I and I(C) and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited*

### *Stogumber , Somerset TA4 3TQ*

<i>Novice Stake</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>24th March 2024 .</i>	<i>Judge Mr Matt Price</i>
<i>Junior Stake</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>25th March 2024</i>	<i>Judge Ms Fiona Mckenzie</i>
<i>Intermediate Stake</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>26th March 2024</i>	<i>Judge Mr Grahan Cook</i>
<i>Senior Stake.</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>27th March 2024.</i>	<i>Judge Mr Dave Scrivens</i>

**Entries must be received before 24th February 2024. Entries received after the closing date will be returned**

**Entries to: Ms F Mckenzie 3 Milton Leaze, Long Load, Somerset TA10 9JJ**

Officers and Committee members of the society holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the trial safely and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation I31. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the trial and that this is a binding undertaking

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## **THE KENNEL CLUB TRIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Bloodhound Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
  2. **Trials entry fees- members £20 / Non members £25.**
  3. There is no prize money on offer
  4. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
  5. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the trial can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the competitor.
  6. A draw will be made for the order of running - Monday 26th February 2024 7pm 3 Milton Leaze, Long Load, Somerset TA10 9JJ
  7. Entries must be pre-paid in favour of The Association of Bloodhound Breeders. or By Paypal through the ABB website.
  8. **Entries must be received before 24th February 2024** Entries received after the closing date will be returned. Hounds will compete according to their status at the close of entries.  
**Please post entries to: Ms F McKenzie 3 Milton Leaze, Long Load, Somerset TA10 9JJ**
  9. This 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 General Committee of the Kennel Club prior to publication of the schedule).
  10. Hounds under 12 calendar months of age on the first day of the Trial are not eligible for entry. Hounds aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not For Competition.
  11. Spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete at the Trial.
  12. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
  13. Should circumstances 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.)
  14. Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a hound which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership in the Stake they are judging. Hounds will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the stake by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge.
15. **DOGS IN VEHICLES 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.
16. **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. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any Working Trials event licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the trial.
17. In the event that the trial is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the trial processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the trial, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the trial date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the trial date.

## CLASSIFICATION

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 from countries outside the jurisdiction of the Kennel Club must hold a restricted permit issued by their own Bloodhound Club in their own country similar in content to the U.K. permit. Awards gained in Bloodhound trials held overseas do not count towards eligibility to compete at Trials Licensed by The Kennel Club. All will begin in the Novice stake.

### **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 can take Part One of the working permit after they reach the age of six months, however hounds must be twelve months old before they can take Part Two of the permit.

### **Entries:**

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

## DEFINITION OF TRIALS

### **Novice Stake:**

The line shall be approximately one mile (1.6 km) 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 Stakes may enter.

### **Junior Stake:**

The line shall be approximately two miles (3.2 km) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a Junior Stake or gained 1st place in an Intermediate Stake or Senior Stake may enter.

### **Intermediate Stake:**

The line shall be approximately two and a half miles (4.0 km) 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 an Intermediate Stake or Senior Stake may enter.

**Senior Stake:** The line shall be approximately three miles (4.8 km) long and not less than two hours cold. For Bloodhounds that have won an Intermediate Stake at the close of entries.

Bloodhounds are ineligible to compete in a Senior Stake until successfully stock tested.

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(s) A hound will have been 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 a line. Handlers who choose to work/hunt their hounds leashed must drop their leash within a minimum of 200 yds/183m of the line up, so that a natural identification takes place that is free from any handler interference.

Judge(s) may award a Certificate of Merit in all stakes, to any hound not being placed, which has given a good performance

The Committee shall not be responsible for any claims for injury or compensation occasioned by or arising out of these trials. Owners of Bloodhounds at trials will be liable for any damage their hounds may do. Any hound chasing or injuring livestock will be refused entry, or required to hunt on a leash at any future trial. Such a condition may be imposed at the discretion of the Committee. A line may only be laid again at the sole discretion of the Judge(s)

**Management:** If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must isolate in line with Government advice The competitor must not attend the event

Societies must schedule one other stake in addition to the Kennel Club Working Trial Certificate Stake for Bloodhounds.

A Stake Manager must be appointed by the Committee of the Society for each stake who shall be responsible for ensuring that regulations are observed but not interfere with the Judge(s) 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(s) 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 enter for competition a hound which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership or resident at the same address; or handle a hound in the stake at which they are the managing.

Stake Manager and the Judge(s) should assess the weather conditions and should they consider the weather unfit for holding the trial, the commencement may be postponed until such a time as necessary for the trial to be abandoned and the entry fees returned.

When a Judge(s) is prevented from attending or finishing a meeting, which has commenced, the Stake Manager shall decide what action is to be taken. Replacement Judge(s) appointed in an emergency should have previous judging experience.

**Competing:** Only one person may handle a hound during the trial; an owner having deputed authority to another must not interfere with the handling of that hound.

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.

Punitive correction, or harsh handling of the hound is forbidden. No hound entered for competition and at the meeting may be withdrawn from competition without notice to the Stake Manager.

Competitors who are unable to attend the summing up and prize giving should make their apologies known to the Judge in person. No competitor(s) shall impugn the decision of the Judge(s)

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