

## **THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB COVID 19 STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO FIELD TRIALS 2021/22**

All trials will be held in line with current Kennel Club and Government guidelines in place at the time of each event.

The designated Covid Safety Officer is Mrs. Lucy Jenkins, RN.

If a competitor or anyone in their household has Covid 19 related symptoms or has tested positive, they must not attend the trial.

Entries will be accepted by email to avoid handling paper entries. If anyone has difficulties with this, please contact the Field Trial Secretary for help.

Due to current travel regulations and Kennel Club guidance, at this time overseas entries sadly will not be accepted. However, as time passes, this will be kept under review, and any update or amendment will be posted on the GRC website.

On the days of these events, vehicles must be parked with enough spacing to ensure social distancing. Competitors must bring masks and hand sanitiser. Competitors and trial helpers must bring their own refreshments. Judges' refreshments will be served from a Covid compliant vendor.

Judges' books and current J regulation booklets must be provided by the judges themselves, and only handled by them. Additional stationery must also be provided by the judges.

Game certificates for trials will not be required to be completed. It will be assumed that the conditions of each stake were such as to enable the dogs to be satisfactorily tested. If this is not the case, the KC field trial department must be notified within seven days.

There must be no physical contact with any competitor prior or post run.

Face masks should be worn during conferring of the judges.

When handling game passed from a competitor, a face mask should be worn by the judge, judge's steward and game carrier, and should be undertaken at a maximum distance practicable. Hands should be sanitised between passing each bird.

Shotguns must be handled by the owner only, and cartridges must not be passed between individuals. Guns obviously will only shoot forward at walked up trials to safeguard the gallery, which must be socially distanced.

The Kennel Club advise that spectators should not be allowed and that only the handler of each dog be permitted on the trial ground. If a competitor has more than one dog running, an appointed individual, ideally from their own household, must be willing to hold the additional dog. Other competitors should not be used for this purpose.

Armbands will not be provided, competitors must bring their own. A sanitised number will be provided on the day.

Winners will be announced, but certificates, prize cards and rosettes could be posted out after the event. It is hoped that trophies and prize money will be sanitised, bagged and kept aside for a minimum of 72 hours prior to the day and presented accordingly.

IF THE CURRENT GUIDELINES ARE CHANGED DUE TO GOVERNMENT POLICY THIS AUTUMN, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE ON THE GRC WEBSITE, AND THE CLUB RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND PROCEEDINGS.

On entering the trials, you are agreeing to abide by the above conditions, and do so at your own risk.