

THE COCKER SPANIEL CLUB Field Trial Section Covid-19 Statement for Field Trial Season 2020/21

General Information

The Cocker Spaniel Club Field Trial Section (CSC) hopes to hold four field trials in the forthcoming season.

In light of the Kennel Club's Operational Plan for the Resumption of Field Trials and the relevant Government Guidelines, the field trial section committee will implement the measures set out below at all the CSC field trials.

The Committee may at any time adapt these measures following the completion of a Field Trial Specific Risk Assessment or as necessary to meet updated KC advice and/or Government guidelines. Any such changes will be communicated in advance of the next field trial.

The Committee will be producing a Risk Assessment specific to each Field Trial, which will be displayed with the CSC public liability insurance documents.

The Trials

- Trials will be conducted with adherence to Government guidelines on social distancing and health and safety guidelines. The requirement will be on the schedule and draw documentation.
- A Covid safety officer will be appointed at each trial. A log will be kept of any untoward incidents. The Covid Safety Officer will be named on the Field Trial schedule.
- The CSC will keep a written register of all attendees at the field trials.
- All face masks as detailed in government guidance are to be provided by the individual concerned.
- Hand sanitising gel / wipes will be required by all attendees and provided by them, however the club will have some spares available if required.
- Competitors will be advised how the day will be run.
- Detail of how entries should be submitted will be provided.
- There will be no handling of entry forms, cheques, or cash on the day.
- There will be no Field Trial Cards on the day, all cards will be issued electronically in advance to all competitors.
- Vehicles will be parked with enough spacing between vehicles to ensure social distancing guidelines can be adhered to.
- Certificates will be sent electronically after the trial.
- No food will be provided to any attendees, including judges and officials.
- Judges book, stationary and current regulations will be provided by the judge concerned and only handled by them.
- Game certificates will not need to be completed
- There will be no physical contact with any competitor prior or post run.

Competitors

Information will be sent to competitors prior to each trial.

- Competitors to send entries and cheques by post. The draw will be three days after the closing date.
- Competitors will be made aware that all other communication, including the draw and Field Trial card, will be undertaken electronically.
- Competitors must provide their own face mask and hand sanitiser to use at appropriate times.
- Competitors will be required to provide their own number for identification purposes when in line.
- Competitors should make themselves aware of any specific requirements made by the Club..
- Competitors 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 event and should self isolate in line with Government advice.
- Competitors must not attend a Field Trial if they reside in an area covered by a lockdown enforced by the Government.
- Competitors will be advised that spectators are not allowed and only the handler of each dog will be permitted on to the trial ground.

Judges

- Judges books and current regulations must be provided by the judge concerned and only handled by them.
- All stationery required by the judge to be provided by themselves.
- Game certificates will not be required to be completed.
- There must be no physical contact with any competitor prior or post run.
- Face masks 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, judge's steward and game carrier and should be undertaken at a maximum distance possible. Hands must be sanitised between passing each bird. Gloves could be worn but would need to be changed and safely discarded following each individual run to ensure no cross contamination.
- Judges will be encouraged to submit online judges evaluation forms, Physical nomination forms will not be provided by the Society.

Officers and Helpers

(game carriers, judges' stewards, red flag carriers, picker-up, etc.)

- All equipment used should be the individuals own..

Guns

- Shotguns must be handled by the owner only and cartridges must not be transferred between individuals.