



# The German Shorthaired Pointer Club

K.C.I.D. No. 1276

## FIELD TRIAL STANDING INSTRUCTIONS

All meetings will be held under Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Field trial Regulations, copies of which can be obtained from the Kennel Club Ltd, 1-5 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB.

**RUNNERS:** All stakes will be restricted to a maximum of 12 runners in one-day stakes and 18 runners in two-day stakes, unless otherwise specified.

**ENTRY FEES:** For all stakes – Members £25.00; Non-Members - £40.00

**Please use one cheque for each entry.** Cheques/postal orders etc to be made payable to the G.S.P.C

**Entry Forms: must include current Club Membership Number and the dog's Kennel Club Registration number.** Entry forms can be obtained from the website [www.gsp.org.uk](http://www.gsp.org.uk) or the Field Trial Secretary as detailed below, either by applying by email or enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope.

**CLOSING DATES:** Entries together with fees must be received **on or before** the closing dates specified against each meeting to:

**Field Trial Secretary:** Janice Hawkes  
Joist Farm, Long Drove, Waterbeach Cambridge. CB25 9LR  
01223 440557 - Home  
07761 337200 - Mobile  
[cabermoor@aol.com](mailto:cabermoor@aol.com) - email

**Draws:** The draws will take place at approximately 7.00pm at the address of the Field Trial Secretary on the dates listed. Competitors are invited to be present. In the event of excessive entries a ballot will be held. Anyone wishing to be informed of the result of the draw may telephone the Field Trial Secretary during the evening of the draw between **7.30pm and 10.00pm**. Results will be sent out by e-mail, **otherwise**, please enclose your entry form and a stamped self addressed envelope so that notification can be sent to you as soon as possible following the draw.

**PLEASE NOTE – SUBSTITUTION OF DOGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**STAKES** (Kennel Club Definitions)

**Open** A stake in which dogs have the opportunity of gaining a qualification towards the title of Field Trial Champion (K regulations refer) and towards entry in the Championship for its breed; in which entry is open to all dogs of a specific breed or breeds. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners (J3 refers), in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J7.i so that preference is given to previous performance.

**All-Aged** A Stake which is open to dogs of a specified breed or breeds without restriction as to their age, but which may be restricted by any other conditions which may be determined by the Society subject to the approval of the General Committee of the Kennel club.

**Novice** A Stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place which would qualify them for preference in the draw for Open Stakes

**In accordance with Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations the G.S.P. Club reserves the right to accept entries as follows:**

**MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** Members & Associate Members are those whose subscriptions are fully paid-up on the closing date for entries. Those applying for membership and lapsed members re-applying, whose applications are awaiting Management Committee approval, will be considered to be non-members.

**Novice:** Preference in the ballot will be given to Members and Associate Members.

**All-Aged:** Preference in the ballot will be given to dogs which have gained a field trial award, in the following order:

- (1) Members entering G.S.P's.
- (2) Members & Associate Members entering other breeds.
- (3) Non-members entering GSP's
- (4) Non-members entering other breeds.

**Open Stakes:** Preference in the ballot will be given in the following order.

- (1) Members' and Associate Members' dogs which have gained a first, second or third award in an Open Stake or a first or second in an All-Aged or a first in a Novice Stake.
- (2) Non-members' dogs which have gained a first, second or third in an Open Stake or a first or second in an All-aged or a first in a Novice Stake
- (3) Members' and Associate Members' dogs which have gained other awards
- (4) Non-Members' dogs that have gained other awards
- (5) Other dogs

**Please Note:**

**The GSP Club will not allow the use of electronic collars, dummy electronic collars or other electronic devices on its field trial grounds.**

In Novice Stakes the GSP Club will accept only one dog per single owner for entry in each trial in the first instance and you should indicate your first choice on your entry form. Second dogs belonging to **single** owners will be accepted for entry only if there are fewer than the prescribed number of runners for the trial or to complete the list of reserves. However, in cases of **joint-ownership** of more than one dog, each of the owners may handle **one** of the dogs that are jointly owned, and each dog must be entered on a separate entry form and will be treated as a single entry in the event of a ballot.

If a partnership enters a dog only one of the partners shall be permitted to make a separate entry for a dog registered in his/her sole ownership.

K.C.Reg.J. (8) (b) (6) Except in the Championship, no handler may handle more than 2 dogs in a stake.

**Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in every stake.

**Trophies:** As listed against the stakes. In the event of a 1<sup>st</sup> prize not being awarded, the trophy awarded at a Field Trial will be presented to the highest placed dog (excluding Certificate of Merit winners). The trophy is NOT to be engraved with the name of the dog or handler UNLESS a first place is awarded.

The **WITHERM TROPHY** will be awarded to the best handler of the year, who gains awards in not less than two G.S.P. Club stakes.

The **GEOFFREY STERNE MEMORIAL TROPHY** will be awarded annually to a dog which has been awarded a minimum of two places at GSPC field trials during the current season and which has also, at any time, won a 1<sup>st</sup> prize at a G.S.P. Club Championship Show or G.S.P. Club Open Show. Only Club members and German Shorthaired Pointers qualify for this award.

The **AUBREY GREVILLE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL TROPHY** will be awarded annually to a dog that has gained a GSPC Pointing Test award during its lifetime and gained an award in a GSPC Novice Field Trial in the current season. Only Club members and German Shorthaired Pointers qualify for this award.

**Meeting and Starting Times:** Competitors should report to the Chief Steward not later than 15 minutes prior to the published starting time, but for the purpose of substitution of reserves, the trial will be deemed to have commenced when the Chief Steward calls competitors and Judges together and makes his/her introductions.

**Logistics:** All persons attending any trial do so at their own risk and must consider themselves absolutely under the control of the judges and officials. At all times, except when in the line, everybody should remain close to the steward carrying the red flag to minimise the risk of accidents, and noise levels should be kept to a minimum. Anyone continually disobeying this instruction will be asked to vacate the ground. All dogs must be kept on a lead except when in the line. Nobody should bring a dog to a trial unless it is competing. Competitors may exercise their dogs prior to the trial by permission of the Steward of the Beat, but only when and where indicated. Any bitch found to be in season must be removed from the ground immediately.

**Basic Requirements of Dogs Entered:** K.C.F.T. Regulations J (E) (1.) Dogs shall be required to quarter ground systematically in search of quarry (hereafter game), to point game, to flush on command, to be steady to flush, shot and fall, and to retrieve tenderly to hand on command from land or water.

**Competing:** K.C. F.T. regulations J (E) (4)

Dogs shall be run singly in order of draw under two Judges, judging as a pair. A dog must have been tried twice in the line, excluding the water test before receiving an award.

**Field Trial Committee for the Day:** Should circumstances so dictate the G.S.P. Club, in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them must be reported to the Kennel Club at the earliest opportunity. A Field Trial Committee For The Day will be appointed to act on behalf of the G.S.P. Club, from any Field Trial Committee Members present and/or fully paid up members of the G.S.P. Club who are familiar with field trial regulations and procedure.

#### **Return of Entry Fees:**

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, if the run is not taken up the applicant will 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)
2. Where the dog drawn to run has qualified for the Championship after entries have closed
3. On production of a Veterinary Certificate confirming that the dog entered for the Stake is unfit to compete
4. On production of a medical certificate that the applicant or the applicant's nominated handler is unable to compete

**Guns/Quarry:** Some types of quarry may not be killed with lead shot. It therefore depends on what type of ammunition the guns have loaded at the time an opportunity presents itself as to whether duck; geese, moorhen or coot are killed.

**Accommodation:** The Field Trial Secretary would be very pleased to hear from any members living in the vicinity of the field trial grounds who would be prepared to accommodate judges for the night before the trial.

**Liability:** Neither the G.S.P. Club nor the hosts of any meeting will accept liability for any accident, damage, illness nor injury to dogs, owners, handlers, spectators or any other person or property whatsoever. The G.S.P. Club reserves the right to (a) withhold any prize or award or cancel any stake, (b) refuse any entry without stating the reason. The making of an entry constitutes acceptance of the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations for Field Trials and the forgoing G.S.P. Club Standing Instructions.

**Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.**

**Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.**

**The Kennel Club's Codes of Conduct specify the sort of behaviour expected of those who take part in competitive gundog work. Participants should be aware of their contents and, in particular, should never publicly impugn decisions of the Judge or Judges. Neither should they criticise the host, ground or guns.**

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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.

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**Special Water Test Certificate:**

The Special Water Test Certificate is issued on the rare occasion that a Water Test is not possible at a HPR Stake due to weather conditions, it is not a mandatory requirement as it takes place once the Trial is over, and is taken at the dog owner's own risk. If an owner is not comfortable with the arrangements for taking the Special Water Test (i.e. if the Landowner's permission has not been sought, or there is a perceived risk of injury) then the individual can refuse to take part and can re-arrange to take the test at another, more suitable location such as another Field Trial which would be covered by a Club's insurance.

The choice of venue for a Special Water Test is at the discretion of the dog owner, therefore, it is their responsibility to find out if the activity will be covered by 3<sup>rd</sup> Party insurance, for example: The Landowner's permission has been sought and they accept the risk, or the organisers of a Kennel Club Licensed Field Trial allow a dog to undertake this activity during the course of the Trial and therefore accept responsibility for that dog and handler.

"The Kennel Club gives this advice without prejudice, if an incident occurs it would be a matter for the insurance company concerned to interpret and it is always best practice to contact your insurer if in any doubt."

**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.

**Welfare of dogs**

A 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 General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

No modification will be made to these Standing Instructions except by permission of the Kennel Club Ltd, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals, if time permits before the closing of entries.