

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT SDS TRIALS 2017

ENTRY FORM

Entry fees: Members £5 Non-members £7

Membership £6

Handler			
Address			
Tel		E-mail	
			Membership Fee (if you wish to join)
Sunday June 11	Open Trial and Starter Class*	Judges	Bob Powell (Open) Wendy Cole (Starter)
	Torry Hill (directions will be provided with the Running Order)		
	Number of Open dogs		Entry Fee incl.
	Number of Starter Class dogs		Entry Fee incl.
Sunday July 2	The Kent Championship	Judge	Sarah Walker
	Dean Court, Westwell. TN25 4NH		
	Number of dogs		Entry Fee incl.
Sunday August 13	Open and Starter Class*	Judge	Elaine Anstey (Open) Wendy Cole (Starter)
	Snargate - signposted from the B2080 between Appledore Station & Brenzett		
	Number of Open dogs		Entry Fee incl.
	Number of Starter Class dogs		Entry Fee incl.
Sunday Sept 17	John and Molly Vant Memorial Open/Novice Trial	Judge	Tim Foster
	Stalisfield - the field will be signposted from The Plough (ME13 0HY)		
	Number of dogs		Entry Fee incl.
Sunday Oct 15	Open/Novice Trial	Judge	Wendy Cole
	Scotney Castle - TN3 8JN		
	Number of dogs		Entry Fee incl.
			Total

Return this form to: The Hon. Secretary RM&D SDS, Whitehall Cottage, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Near Sittingbourne, Kent. ME9 0RF

Cheques payable: Romney Marsh Sheepdog Society

Entries limited to 4 dogs/handler unless over-subscribed.

It is a condition of entry that you may be required to "let-out".

Entries close 8 days before each trial. By submitting an entry you agree to the rules overleaf.

***Starter Class:** a separate non-driving class - winning or being placed does not end a dog's novice status.

Rules and Conditions of entry:

1. The rules and conditions will be similar to those of the I.S.D.S. and those currently adopted by the RM&D SDS, committee and membership.
2. Any dogs that "grips" a sheep may be disqualified at the direction of the judge - taking into consideration the behaviour and welfare of the sheep.
3. Any competitor who acts in an improper way will be immediately disqualified and reported to the Society.
4. The judge shall have the power to call the handler at any time to retire from the competition and to clear the sheep off the course.
5. The committee reserve the right to refuse entry.
6. The judge will decide the time to be allowed for the competition.
7. The competitors running times are not to be used to determine placings.
8. The judges are not to be interfered with or spoken to - except through the Course Director. Any competitor who interferes or speaks to a judge directly makes him/herself liable to an immediate disqualification.
9. Bitches in season are permitted to run but the committee may make such restrictions as they think fit or alter the running so that the other competitors are not adversely affected. ANY competitor use bitches in season must notify the secretary before the start of the trial.
10. It is the responsibility of the judge to grant a 're-run'.
11. All competitors are responsible for keeping the sheep after they have completed the run.
12. Any competitor running a dog or bitch not eligible for a class will be reported to the society.
13. The committee accept no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage caused during the trial and that the public are on the grounds of the trial at their own risk.
14. Any objection against any dog or bitch in any class must be lodged with the secretary in writing and accompanied by a fee of £10 before the termination of the trial. The fee will be refunded if the objection is sustained.
15. All dogs must be under control whilst within the precincts of the trial.
16. A novice dog is considered to be one not to have one TWO novice classes OR TWO Open Novice Classes
17. All points allocated by the judge to be recorded to the completion of the course, retirement or when the allocated time is up - no professional retirements will be considered.
18. Competitors must consider the well-being of the sheep when working.
19. A fixed time will be set when commencing an open class whenever Starter or Novice and Open classes are scheduled on the same day.
20. The trials are competitions and NOT training sessions and should be treated as such.
21. When sheep are taken from the course only verbal commands to be used whenever possible.
22. Any competitor failing to run on time may forfeit their run.
23. Any handler entering trials and repeatedly not turning up will lose their automatic right to an entry form.
24. The committee reserves the right not to award any trophy if in their opinion a sufficiently high standard is not reached.
25. The committee's decision shall be final on all matters and their decision in respect of objections concerning a run will uphold that of the Judge.
26. Winning or being placed in a Starter Class does not remove the dog's Novice standing.