



THE WYE VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB

JUDGE TRAINING DAY INFORMATION

This event offers a valuable opportunity for those who have recently taken the J-Regulations exam, as well as for anyone considering doing so in the future.

On the day, during the Walked Up Working Test, trainee judges will have the opportunity to ask questions relating to trial procedure and the practical application of the J-Regulations. Dave Field and Sean McGrath, both very experienced A panel judges, will adopt a coaching-style approach to support learning and development throughout. There promises to be lively debate between them!

Trainee judges are encouraged to ask questions to support their own development, as well as to provide feedback and, where appropriate, explore the judge's viewpoint or rationale.

The session is not intended to "spoon-feed" trainees or promote a "one way only" approach. Instead, it is designed to coach trainee judges in application of the J Regs, trial management and to develop their understanding of how and why a judge has evaluated a dog's work at that time.

All activity will be conducted with full respect for the judges and competitors at all times. Any discussions must remain strictly within the trainee judges' group and must not be shared externally.

Trainee judges are asked to bring a notebook and pen and a copy of the J-Regulations with them. This can be downloaded and printed from the RKC link below or purchased from the RKC online shop.

Prior to the event trainee judges are encouraged to read the following information:

- J Regs 2026
- Seminar script for Retrievers
- Guide for Field Trial Judges
- Last six (6) editions of the Field Trial Newsletter

All the above can be found by on this link:

[Field trials and working gundogs | The Royal Kennel Club](#)

The J-Regs are available in the section "Already competing in field trials?", either by clicking the link referring to the Field Trial J Regulations in the second paragraph in that section or looking under the Additional Resources heading.

If you would like to book a place on this informative day, please contact the Working Test Secretary, Mrs Anna Crampton, at anna@cleirwy.co.uk. You will be sent a payment link to pay the £10 to confirm your place on the day. Light refreshments will be provided.

Closing date for applications is Friday 14th August 2026.