As a note to those new to trialling, we include the following guidance for novice handlers to consider before entering a trial:

- I have helped at a Field Trial
- My dog is steady, off the lead, when another dog is sent for a retrieve
- I have had my dog out on shooting days
- My dog has picked dead and wounded game
- My dog is steady to shot off the lead
- I have read and understand the most recent copy of the J Regulations governing Field Trials
- As far as I am aware, my dog has no recurring eliminating faults as identified in the J Regulations.

If you (or your dog) do not meet these criteria please refrain from entering a Field Trial until you are able to do so. If you are uncertain about what is required, please contact a Kennel Club Panel Judge, a Field Trial Secretary or discuss this with a trainer who has experience of Field Trials.