Established 1923

Club I.D. 4022

Northumberland and Durham Labrador Retriever Club

FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULE FOR 2026

All trials will be held under Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations 'J' and subsequent amendments.

We do not have nomination forms/fees or administration charges.

Entries online via the Total Club Management system https://tcms.ndlabclub.co.uk/

POSTAL ENTRIES and all enquiries to Field Trial Secretary: Mr Lee Hartis, 41 St Michaels, Chilton Moor, Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5NS. Tel: 07506 239989

Directions to venues will be emailed to all those entered in the draw, or SAE if provided.

24 DOG A.V. RETRIEVER OPEN TWO DAY TRIAL, BOLTON ABBEY, Thursday and Friday – 13th and 14th August 2026	
By kind permission of:	*Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire*
Judges	Mr Declan Boyle (A), Mrs Sam Boyle (A), Mr David Logan (A) and Mr R. Drysdale (B)
Meet	8.45 am Trial Starts: 9.00 am
Entry Fees and Awards	Members: £95 Non-Members: £120 Prizes: 1st: £50
Entries Close/Draw Date	**Entries Close 12.00 noon Wednesday 29th July 2026** **Draw approx. 7pm same day**
14 DOG A.V. NOVICE RETRIEVER, RAY ESTATE, WEST WOODBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND Saturday 3rd October 2026	
By kind permission of:	*Westmacott Sporting Gundogs*
Judges	Mr Steve McDermott (3558A), Mrs Sarah Winter (3880B), Mr. Adam Mair (3414NP), Mr Jimmy Fisher (NP)
Meet	8.45 am Trial Starts: 9.00 am
Entry Fees and Awards	Members: £70 Non-Members: £90 Prizes: 1st: £35
Entries Close/Draw Date	**Entries close 12.00 noon Thursday 17th September 2026** **Draw approx. 7pm same day**
14 DOG A.V. RETRIEVER NOVICE STAKE, RAY ESTATE, WEST WOODBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND Saturday 17th OCTOBER 2026	
By kind permission of:	*Westmacott Sporting Gundogs*
Judges	Mr Lee Hartis (A), Mr Jason Barnes (NP), Mr Daryl Boarder (4152NP) ++ 1 B Panel TBC
Meet	8.45 am Trial Starts: 9.00 am
Entry Fees and Awards	Members: £70 Non-Members: £90 Prizes: 1st: £35
Entries Close/Draw Date	**Entries close 12.00 noon Thursday 1st October 2026** **Draw approx. 7pm same day**

The Chief Steward will be: Mr Lee Hartis (telephone 0750 623 9989) unless advised.

Draws will take place at approx. 7pm on the close date by TCMS electronic system at the home of the Club Secretary: Irene Davison, 21 Smith Street South, Sunderland, SR2 0LP.

Runners must pay their entry fee via the Club website 7 days prior to the trial using the payment buttons on our website page here
https://www.ndlabclub.co.uk/2026-field-trials.html
or pay by cheque which must be received 7 days before the trial.

Open: A stake in which dogs have opportunity to gain qualification towards the title of F.T. Champion (K Regs) and towards entry in the Championship/Champion Stake for its breed; where entry is open to all dogs of a specified breed. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners (J4 refers), in which case this shall be decided by draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J6i ((1) and J6) so that preference is given to previous performance. Preference will be given to member's dogs with a 1st, 2nd, 3rdor 4th, in 24 dog open stakes, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, in a One-day Open Stake, 1st in All Aged or Novice Stakes (J8).

Novice: A Stake confined to dogs that have not gained a place or places, which would qualify them for first preference in a draw for Open Stakes.

All Aged: J3.d(2) J(2)k & l. A Stake which is open to all 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 **Board of the Kennel Club**. **Preference will be given to member's dogs who have won a Field Trial award in Open and Novice stakes (1st to 4th). In all cases members' dogs meeting the conditions of entry will take preference in the draw.**

The Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations are vital reading. No competitor should enter a field trial unless they are fully conversant with the current **Kennel Club Field Trial J Regulations and amendments relevant to Retrievers.**

The Kennel Club has produced a code of best practice for Retriever field trial competitors which can be found on the website here: **Code of best practice for retriever field trial competitors**

Entries MUST be by the WEBSITE or POST only.

All successful WEBSITE entries will be confirmed by email. If you receive no email, then your entry has not been accepted. Entries can be checked on the events page you have just used to enter. Check the 'Entries' tab

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FIELD TRIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Trials are held under KCL Code of Conduct & Rules & Regulations 'J,' including amendments**.** Dogs entered at Kennel Club Ltd (KCL) Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the KCL in accordance with KCL Regulations for Classification and Reg.B. & any subsequent amendments thereto. **Kennel Club Field Trial J Regulations and amendments relevant to Retrievers.**
2. N. & D. LRC may reserve to itself, the right to refuse any entry.
3. **Substitution of dogs is allowed before a trial**, with another dog owned by the member drawn. The dog must be eligible (J.6g) BEFORE the draw takes place.
4. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a KCL Authority to Compete number before entry can be made.
5. **Payment should be made on our website payment button or by cheque 7 DAYS BEFORE THE TRIAL.**
6. **Only fully paid up & fully ratified members shall receive preference in the draw and in respect of their first dog only.** A society where stakes of the same denomination in a season which are drawn on the same date may ask a member, who has been successful in the draw for more than one stake, which of the stakes he/she wishes to run in. Similarly, where a society holds two or more stakes in a season of the same denomination which are not drawn on the same date, it may have discretion to give priority in any subsequent draws to members who were not successful in the previous draw/s. (J6.h). The order of running will be the order resulting from the draw.
7. Draw results will be emailed to competitors with a valid email address, published on the club website; and posted only to those who provide a SAE. Directions and local accommodation will only be provided with draw details.
8. **Withdrawals must be notified to the FT Sec. by telephone immediately** or you may be liable to forfeit your entry fee. If the run is not taken up you may be liable for the full entry fee if the place is not taken by another competitor. (See J6f)
9. The Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the KCL. If a stake is cancelled the entry fee will be refunded less expenses.
10. The Club and landowners accept no liability for claims arising from or relating to, the running of the trials and cannot accept liability for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned.
11. By entering a stake, you confirm you have read, understood, and agreed the Clubs Rules & Regulations/Health & Safety Policy.
12. Persons attending the trial must consider themselves under control of the Officials and make their own arrangements for accommodation and lunch.
13. All dogs must be on lead except when under judge's orders.
14. Bitches in season are not allowed at the trial.
15. When the Chief Steward announces the start of a trial, competitors not present may forfeit their place to a reserve. (J8b)(1)
16. KCL Codes of Conduct specify behaviour expected of those taking part in competitive Gundog work. Participants should be aware of their contents and never publicly impugn the decisions of the Judge nor criticise the host, ground, or guns.
17. The system of judging will be entirely at the discretion of the judges.
18. Members are responsible for cleaning, engraving and timely return prior to the stake the following year. Anyone not returning trophies/returning damaged trophies, may be liable for any repair costs or banned from club events the following year.
19. No modification may be made to the schedule after publication except by permission of the KCL; followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.
20. No dog shall have been handled at a trial, boarded/prepared for competition by one of the scheduled judges in the last 12 months prior to the trial; or by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family or is resident at the same address as the scheduled judge within the previous twelve months prior to the trial, except when a judge is appointed in an emergency or at any Field Trial Championship or Champion Stake.. (J12(a)(6)
21. Videography and photography will only be permitted at a Field Trial with the permission of the Chief Steward and host. You must exercise sensitivity regarding publication of photographs. You are specifically asked not to publicise results until AFTER award presentations.
22. **DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS:** Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures; even on days considered as slightly warm. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused. A competitor whose dog is entered at a KC 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 Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any field trial licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precinct of the trial. (J2).
23. After an applicant has been successful in the draw for a place in a Stake, or as a reserve, has accepted an offer of a run; if the run is not taken up, the applicant may become liable for the full entry fee.