

South East Winter Series

2019 / 2020

NURSERY & NOVICE TRIAL DATES*

Date (all Sundays)	Organising Society	Venue – all venues have a 10am start	Event
3 November 2019	Sussex	Deanland Farm, Golden Cross, East Sussex BN27 3RJ	①
10 November 2019	Romney Marsh*	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 oRF	②
17 November 2019	Surrey	Great Brockhamhurst Cottage Field at Great Brockhamhurst Farm, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7AR	② ③
24 November 2019	Sussex	Deanland Farm, Golden Cross, East Sussex BN27 3RJ	② ③
1 December 2019	Wessex	Glynde, BN8 6TB	② ③
8 December 2019	Romney Marsh*^	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 oRF	② ③
15 December 2019	Surrey	Glynde, BN8 6TB	①
5 January 2020	Romney Marsh*	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 oRF	②
12 January 2020	Wessex	Glynde, BN8 6TB	①
19 January 2020	Sussex	Glynde, BN8 6TB	②
26 January 2020	Romney Marsh*	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 oRF	②
2 February 2020	Surrey	Great Brockhamhurst Cottage Field at Great Brockhamhurst Farm, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7AR	②
9 February 2020	Wessex	Glynde, BN8 6TB	②
16 February 2020	Championship	Great Brockhamhurst Farm, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7AP	④

Event key:

- ① Fun/Training day. Opportunity to run a dog on a trial field (un-judged). Course and round pen will be set up.
- ② Nursery and novice trial* (see class classifications on next page)
- ③ Qualifier for the English National Nursery Final (further details on next page)
- ④ Championship Trial – open to qualified nursery and novice dogs only

All events
start at 10am

* Romney Marsh & District organised trials will also include **Cradle** and **Novice Handler classes** as well as Nursery and Novice. There will be refreshments at RM&D trials.

^ AGM follows trials.

For queries about individual trials please contact the relevant organising Society as below.

Surrey & Wessex – Elaine Anstey 07778 677 955
Sussex – Karen Gearing 07879 867 385

Romney Marsh & District – Dave Thompson
& Lynda Watts 01795 522 366

PLEASE READ THE RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY ON THE NEXT PAGE.
BY ENTERING YOUR DOG YOU ARE AGREEING TO ALL OF THE RULES.

START TIME: 10am. All dogs to be booked in by 11am and only one dog in each class can be run after the sheep have gone back.

ENTRY FEE: £5.00 per dog at all trials/training days *except* Romney Marsh which is £3 per dog. Entries paid on the field.

NURSERY CLASS: Dog or Bitch under 3 years old on 1st November 2019 and not to have won anything other than in nursery competition.

NOVICE CLASS: A Novice dog is one that has not been awarded two novice wins or a place in an open trial.

Once the series has commenced the dogs will maintain the status they started with throughout the winter.

A Novice handler (someone that has not previously been on the trial field on a regular basis) may run a dog of any status in the Novice class for one season.

PRIZES: There will be an aggregate award at the end of the series for those dogs gaining the most points in nursery and novice. Winning the novice aggregate counts as a novice win. There will be a prize for the best Novice handler. All 10 trial results (1st–6th) will count for the aggregate awards. Romney Marsh will have a separate aggregate award for Cradle and Novice Handler classes at their trials. As our judges will be running dogs in the series, a judge may have the first run of the day hors concours.

Entries will be limited to two dogs per handler per class and only one dog in each class can be run after the sheep have gone back.

There will be a nursery and novice championship trial at the end of the series where **only** those dogs who have been placed in the first three in nursery or novice class will be eligible to compete. Entry will be free of charge.

ENGLISH NATIONAL NURSERY FINAL QUALIFICATION (Final takes place 23rd February 2020)

- From the 4 qualifier trials you may use any 3 of the best places gained
- You will reside in the South East – Surrey; Sussex; Romney Marsh, Kent; Wessex – Dorset; Wilts; Hants; Isle of Wight

Check eligibility of your dog to run in the final – rules below taken from English National Nursery rules:

- Each dog is to be under 3 years old on the 1st January of the year of the final
- The dog must be a Nursery dog within its own society for the current season
- Dogs can only run in one Nursery Final

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR WINTER TRIALS

1. The rules and conditions will be similar to those of the International Sheep Dog Society.
2. Any dogs injuring a sheep will be disqualified and the handler shall pay the damage.
3. Any objections shall be lodged with the Secretary in writing on the day of the trial together with a deposit of £5. The deposit will be returned if the objection is found to be justified.
4. The organisers will not be responsible for any loss, damage or accident on the trial ground including injury to spectators, competitors, their cars, dogs or property.
5. No competitor shall approach the Judge during the progress of a trial.
6. The committee reserves the right to refuse entries without giving reason.
7. The committee reserves the right not to award any trophy if in their opinion a sufficiently high standard is not attained.
8. The Judge and Course Director are empowered to direct any competitor showing insufficient merit to retire, bearing in mind the necessity to safeguard the welfare of the sheep, and dogs.
9. 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.

The organisers will not be responsible for any loss or accident on the ground, including injury to spectators, their dogs or property. Cars are parked at their owners' risk; no liability will be accepted in respect of loss of, or damage to cars or contents.

PLEASE NOTE: It takes time and effort to put on these trials and help will very much be appreciated. If the trials are not up to expectations and you feel the need to complain, please don't – **just leave the field smiling!**

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