

South East Winter Series

2017 / 2018

NURSERY & NOVICE TRIAL DATES*

Date (all Sundays)	Organising Society	Start	Venue
5 th November 2017	Sussex	10am	Deanland Farm, Golden Cross, East Sussex BN27 3RJ
12 th November 2017	Romney Marsh*	10am	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0RF
19 th November 2017	Surrey	10am	Deanland Farm, Golden Cross, East Sussex BN27 3RJ
26 th November 2017	Sussex	10am	
3 rd December 2017	Wessex	10am	
10 th December 2017	Romney Marsh*^	10am	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0RF
17 th December 2017	Sussex	10am	Deanland Farm, Golden Cross, East Sussex BN27 3RJ
7 th January 2018	Romney Marsh*	10am	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0RF
14 th January 2018	Surrey	10am	Shabden Park Farm, High Road, Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3SF
21 st January 2018	Wessex	10am	
28 th January 2018	Romney Marsh*	10am	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0RF
4 th February 2018	Surrey	10am	Shabden Park Farm, High Road, Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3SF
11 th February 2018	Wessex	10am	
18 th February 2018	Championship	TBA	Chadhurst Farm, Coldharbour Lane, Dorking, Surrey RH4 3JH

* 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.

Please notify of your intention of attending via a text stating your name and number of dogs – this should be received by 6pm on Friday evening prior to the trial.

Surrey – Karen Gearing 07879 867 385
Sussex – Paul Griffiths 07876 162 678
Wessex – Elaine Anstey 07778 677 955

Romney Marsh & District – Dave Thompson & Lynda Watts 01795 522 366 (no need to pre-enter)

START TIME: As above. All dogs to be booked in within an hour of the start time listed above.

ALL dog registration cards/micro-chips may be inspected prior to entry.

ENTRY FEE: £4.00 per dog at all trials *except* Romney Marsh which is £3 per dog. Entries paid on the field but intention to attend must be texted (your name and number of dogs) to organiser by 6pm Friday before.

NURSERY CLASS: Dog or Bitch under 3 years old on 1st November 2017 and not to have won anything other than in nursery competition or to have competed on an open course.

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 13 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.

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.

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

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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