ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT SDS TRIALS 2026
ENTRY FORM

Entry fees: Members £8 Non-members £10 Membership £6

Handler			
Address			
Tel		Email	
Membership Fee (if you wish to join)			

Sunday 14th June	**John and Molly Vant Memorial trial** **Starter Class* and Open/Novice** **LYNSTED**	**Judge** TBC
	Lynsted, ME9 0RH	
	Number of Open/Novice dogs	
	Number of Starter dogs	
Sunday 12th July	**Starter Class* and Open/Novice** **KINGSNORTH**	**Judge** **TBC**
	KINGSNORTH, TN26 1HF	
	Number of Open/Novice dogs	
	Number of Starter dogs	
Sunday 2nd August	**The Kent Championship (Open/Novice Trial)** **SNARGATE**	**Judge** **TBC**
	Snargate TN26 2NH	
	Number of dogs	
Saturday 22nd August	**Open/Novice/Starter class** **LYDDEN**	**Judge** TBC
	Postcode CT15 7JP	
	Number of Open/Novice dogs	
	Number of Starter dogs	
Sunday 23rd August	**Open/Novice/Starter class** **LYDDEN**	**Judge** TBC
	Postcode CT15 7JP	
	Number of Open/Novice dogs	
	Number of Starter dogs	
	TOTAL	

Return this form to: The Secretary, Whitehall Cottage, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Kent. ME9 0RF

Cheques payable: Romney Marsh and District Sheepdog Society

BACS: Sort code 09-01-29

Account number 00395353

Rules and Conditions of entry:

1. The rules and conditions will be similar to those of the I.S.D.S. and those currently adopted by the RM&D SDS, committee and membership.
2. Any dogs that "grips" a sheep may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge - taking into consideration the behaviour and welfare of the sheep.
3. Any competitor who acts in an improper way will be immediately disqualified and reported to the Society.
4. The judge shall have the power to call the handler at any time to retire from the competition and to clear the sheep off the course.
5. The committee reserve the right to refuse entry without explanation..
6. The judge will decide the time to be allowed for the competition.
7. The competitors running times are not to be used to determine placings.
8. The judges are not to be interfered with or spoken to - except through the Course Director. Any competitor who interferes or speaks to a judge directly makes him/herself liable to an immediate disqualification.
9. Bitches in season are permitted to run but the committee may make such restrictions as they think fit or alter the running so that the other competitors are not adversely affected. ANY competitor whose bitch is in season must notify the secretary on arrival at the trial.
10. It is the responsibility of the judge to grant a 're-run'.
11. All competitors are responsible for keeping the sheep after they have completed the run.
12. Any competitor running a dog or bitch not eligible for a class will be reported to the society.
13. The committee accept no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage caused during the trial and that the public are on the grounds of the trial at their own risk.
14. Any objection against any dog or bitch in any class must be lodged with the secretary in writing and accompanied by a fee of £10 before the termination of the trial. The fee will be refunded if the objection is sustained.
15. All dogs must be under control whilst within the precincts of the trial.
16. A novice dog is considered to be one not to have won TWO novice classes or a PLACE in an open trial
17. All points allocated by the judge to be recorded to the completion of the course, retirement or when the allocated time is up.
18. Competitors must consider the well-being of the sheep when working.
19. A fixed time will be set when commencing an open class whenever Starter or Novice and Open classes are scheduled on the same day.
20. The trials are competitions and NOT training sessions and should be treated as such.
21. When sheep are taken from the course only verbal commands to be used whenever possible.
22. Any competitor failing to run on time may forfeit their run.
23. Any handler entering trials and repeatedly not turning up will lose their automatic right to an entry form.
24. The committee reserves the right not to award any trophy if in their opinion a sufficiently high standard is not reached.
25. 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.
26. Winning or being placed in a Starter Class does not remove the dog's Novice standing.

Entries limited to 4 dogs/handler unless over-subscribed. It is a condition of entry that you may be required to "letout".

Entries close 7 days before each trial. By submitting an entry you agree to the rules.