

# ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT SDS TRIALS 2024

## ENTRY FORM

Entry fees: Members £6

Non-members £8

Membership £6

|                                             |                                                                                    |        |  |       |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--|-------|-------------------|
| Handler                                     |                                                                                    |        |  |       |                   |
| Address                                     |                                                                                    |        |  |       |                   |
| Tel                                         |                                                                                    | E-mail |  |       |                   |
| Membership Fee (if you wish to join)        |                                                                                    |        |  |       |                   |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June                 | <b>John and Molly Vant Memorial trial Starter Class* and Open/Novice LYNSTED</b>   |        |  | Judge | Open: Harry Plant |
|                                             | Lynsted, ME9 0RH                                                                   |        |  |       |                   |
|                                             | Number of Open dogs                                                                |        |  |       | Entry Fee encl.   |
|                                             | Number of Starter dogs                                                             |        |  |       | Entry Fee encl.   |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                 | <b>Starter Class* and Open/Novice WESTWELL</b>                                     |        |  | Judge | Open: Mark Paice  |
|                                             | Westwell, TN25 4NH                                                                 |        |  |       |                   |
|                                             | Number of Open dogs                                                                |        |  |       | Entry Fee encl.   |
|                                             | Number of Starter dogs                                                             |        |  |       | Entry Fee Encl.   |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August              | <b>The Kent Championship (Open/Novice Trial) SNARGATE</b>                          |        |  | Judge | Elaine Anstey     |
|                                             | Snargate TN26 2NH - signposted from the B2080 between Appledore Station & Brenzett |        |  |       |                   |
|                                             | Number of dogs                                                                     |        |  |       | Entry Fee encl.   |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September            | <b>Open/Novice LYDDEN</b>                                                          |        |  | Judge | Ray Edwards       |
|                                             | Postcode TBC                                                                       |        |  |       |                   |
|                                             | Number of Open dogs                                                                |        |  |       | Entry Fee encl.   |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September MORNING   | <b>Open/Novice Trial TONBRIDGE</b>                                                 |        |  | Judge | Wendy Cole        |
|                                             | Postcode TBC                                                                       |        |  |       |                   |
|                                             | Number of dogs                                                                     |        |  |       | Entry Fee encl.   |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September AFTERNOON | <b>Open/Novice Trial TONBRIDGE</b>                                                 |        |  | Judge | Rob Hawke         |
|                                             | Postcode TBC                                                                       |        |  |       |                   |
|                                             | Number of dogs                                                                     |        |  |       | Entry Fee encl.   |
| Total                                       |                                                                                    |        |  |       |                   |

**Entries limited to 4 dogs/handler unless over-subscribed. It is a condition of entry that you may be required to "let-out".**  
**Entries close 7 days before each trial. By submitting an entry you agree to the rules overleaf.**

Return this form to: The Secretary, Whitehall Cottage, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Kent. ME9 0RF  
**Cheques payable: Romney Marsh Sheepdog Society**  
**BACS: Sort code 09-01-29**  
**Account number 00395353**

**\*Starter Class:** a separate non-driving class - winning or being placed does not end a dog's novice status.

## 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.