

# ENGLISH SETTER CLUB

## HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

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#### 1. Policy Statement

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The General Policy of the English Setter Club (ESC) towards Health & Safety is to ensure that those attending any Field Trial or other event organised by the ESC are aware of the potential risk areas involved and know of the measures that the ESC have put in place to manage these risks. Of equal importance, this Statement identifies the knowledge that those attending a Trial need to have and actions that they need to take to ensure their own safety and the safety of others.

The Risk Analyses carried out identified the following areas where it was deemed proper to provide a more detailed statement to achieve these objectives.

**Gun Safety.** The only gun to be carried and used at any Field Trial will be under the direct control of the Steward of the Beat. Without the specific permission of the Chief Steward only those handlers running at the time, the Judges, the Steward of the Beat and Gamekeeper(s) will attend the Point.

**Safety when Walking.** The very nature of the Ground used for Trials together with the variable weather that can occur means that those attending a Trial must satisfy themselves with their own personal fitness and the suitability of their clothing, particularly footwear, for long periods away from shelter and provisions. In addition to making their own arrangements for lunch, it could be considered prudent for individuals to take with them what they consider as adequate provision when away from their vehicle.

No one should walk onto the Trial ground unless under the guidance of the Steward of the Beat or the Chief Steward. If weather is inclement before a Trial commences then the Chief Steward will determine from the Steward of the Beat if the Trial should start. Should weather worsen during a Trial the same decision process will apply and people should be in close enough proximity to ensure that any message may be passed to everyone. Should anyone wish to leave the Trial individually then they should inform the Chief Steward. No smoking is allowed on any Trial ground.

**Off Road Driving.** No off-road driving on the Trial Ground should be undertaken without the direct permission of the Steward of the Beat. Those who do drive on the Trial ground should satisfy themselves that their vehicle has proper insurance and that their driving skills are adequate for the environmental conditions. Vehicles must be fit for purpose and all vehicles to be appropriately parked when not in use. All drivers to have a full UK driving licence. Dogs contained safely in vehicles and under control when disembarking. Secure all loads securely

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**Emergency Provision.** The Chief Steward will carry a Mobile Phone for use in an emergency, reception permitting. A First Aid Box will be provided by the ESC and be available from the Chief Steward's vehicle. Those attending with a known medical condition must satisfy themselves as to their own personal risk of attending and have the appropriate measures in place to mitigate their own risk.

**General.** Individuals attending any Trial should bring to the attention of the Chief Steward any concern that they have regarding Health & Safety. This includes any attendance or activity in the vicinity of the Trial by Anti Field Sports Lobbyists. Any incident will be investigated by the ESC. The generality of the above Statements are based on the Eggleston and Great Livermere Grounds. Relevant Schedules for individual trials should also be referred to for particular information.

**2. It is the duty of all those attending any Field Trial or other event organised by the ESC:**

- \* To take reasonable care for the health & safety of themselves and of other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions at the Field Trial or event and co-operate with us in fulfilling our statutory duties;
- \* Not to interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interest of health & safety.

**3. General:**

- \* This Health & Safety Policy will be reviewed at least annually, amended and updated as and when necessary.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ EF KIRK (Hon Secretary English Setter Club) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 01/02/2024 \_\_\_\_\_

**Copies of this document are available from the ESC Secretary.**

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## 2. General Briefing Note

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#### General briefing

All points of safety and expected local hazards will be addressed in the pre Field Trial Talk. This will include:

- All those attending must follow instructions given by the **Steward of Beat** or **Chief Steward**.
- No one should walk onto the Trial ground unless under the guidance of the **Steward of the Beat** or the **Chief Steward**.
- The surface of the ground is rough and can be very wet. Take care when covering uneven ground and it can be slippery underfoot. If you feel that the going is too arduous please let the **Steward of the Beat** or **Chief Steward** know and we will ensure that you are assisted back to your vehicle.
- The weather may change suddenly and you should ensure you have adequate protective clothing and footwear with you at all times.
- No off road driving on the Trial Ground should be undertaken without the direct permission of the **Steward of the Beat**. Those who do drive on the Trial ground should satisfy themselves that their vehicle has proper insurance and that their driving skills are adequate for the environmental conditions
- Any unsafe or inappropriate behaviour will result in instant dismissal from the Field Trial.
- The **Chief Steward** will carry a Mobile Phone for use in an emergency, reception permitting. A First Aid Box will be provided by the ESC and be available from the **Chief Steward's** vehicle.
- Those attending with a known medical condition must satisfy themselves as to their own personal risk of attending and have the appropriate measures in place to mitigate their own risk.
- No smoking on the moor