## DESS Victor Ludorum Rules (as amended Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

1. All Victor Ludorum trophies are open to all ORDINARY MEMBERS of the Society (i.e. members living in Devon or the Exmoor National Park) with dogs competing in any classes in Trials taking place in Devon or the Exmoor National Park and listed in the Trials Schedule published by the D.E.S.S.

2. Points are awarded on a basis of 6-5-4-3-2-1 for 1st to 6<sup>th</sup> places. When there is a tie on points for any of these places, and the winning order is determined by the number of points lost on the outrun, lift and fetch, these placings will apply for the allocation of the Victor Ludorum points.

**3**. A Novice dog is a dog who, at the start of the season, has never won a first in a novice class or any prize in Open Maltese X or Driving Classes.

4. A dog starting the season as a Novice remains a Novice for the whole of the season as far as the Victor Ludorum is concerned. All points gained in any Class will be added together at the end of the season for the Novice Trophy. Also, all points gained in any other Classes viz., Maltese X and Driving, shall count to the dog's credit within those Classes.

Qualification points for the Champion of Champions are as per Victor Ludorum rules above (Novice trial points do not count).