

**Rules and Conditions of Entry to Devon & Exmoor Sheepdog Society Trials.  
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1. The judge's decision is final. No competitor shall approach the judge during the progress of a trial.
2. The judge may stop any competitor at his/her discretion.
3. The committee reserve the right to alter the course if necessary and to refuse entries.
4. No dog competing to be used on the field prior to having it's run.
5. No handler is allowed to touch the sheep whilst working.
6. If a dog injures a sheep, the owner shall pay the value thereof.
7. Whilst every care is taken, the committee does not hold itself responsible for any accident which may occur to Competitors, Spectators, Vehicles or Dogs.
8. DEFRA bio-security guidelines apply. We ask that dogs be wormed to veterinary guidelines and that you pick-up after your dogs.
9. Do not approach tethered dogs in the absence of the handler.
10. Novice qualification - a dog remains novice until it achieves either 2 novice class wins or gained any open place 1st - 6th.
11. Rules similar to ISDS apply.