

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

19th & 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

SIGHTHOUND LURE COURSING COMPETITION

Stratford Racecourse, Warwickshire, CV37 9SE

Location on what3words to the entrance of the field is share.things.buyers

SATURDAY		Judges	HELI KYRONKARI (FL) SONA PRILUCIKOVA (CZ)
Dog check-in by	09:45am		
Trials	10:00am		
Competition starts	10:30am	Lure Operation	UK Sighthound Sport & Sporting Whippet Club
SUNDAY		Lure Coursing	TBC
Dog check-in by	09:00am	Directors	
Trials	09:15am		
Competition starts	09:30am		

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 20TH: Saluki and Whippet (Standard) MALES & Whippet (Sprinter) MALES
SUNDAY 21ST: Whippet (Standard) FEMALES & (Sprinter) FEMALES and all other eligible breeds

LURE OPERATION

by UK Sighthound Sport & Sporting Whippet Club, drag lure pulled around pulleys.

TERRAIN Grass field

COURSE LENGTH Approx 600m – 1000m for all breeds.

UK SIGHTHOUND SPORT

Philip Edgington - Chairman
Kate Bent - Honorary Treasurer
Sapphira Parker – Honorary Secretary

Lina Hoggren Liljeros – Registrar
Sarah Meadham - Field Secretary

ENTRIES

Early entry exclusive to members of UK Sighthound Sport from 1st August 2026.

Entries open to all from **18th August 2026**.

Enter online for the competition at www.coursing24.eu

Closing date for entries 12th September 2026.

PLEASE NOTE:

Entries will be capped at this competition at 90 in total on each day. Any entries after the cap is reached will go on a reserve list.

If there are less than four dogs of one sex per breed, both sexes of that breed will compete together.

TRIALS

A limited number of trials for eligible breeds will be available on both days of the competition. Minimum age for trials: 9 months for Whippets, Italian Greyhounds & Cirneco Dell'Etna, for all other breeds 12 months.

Paired licence runs will be dependent on the availability of a suitable partner.

Register by completing the TRIALS ENTRY FORM on www.uksighthoundsport.com

Trials Fee: £8 per dog/per day – please do not pay until your place is confirmed.

Any queries, please email: contact@uksighthoundsport.com

PAYMENT

Bank transfer sort code 30-96-26 account 31362968

IBAN: GB94LOYD30962631362968 BIC: LOYDGB21446 - please use 'National Champs' as reference.

Payments to be received by 12th September 2026.

ENTRY FEES

Members	£20 first dog, £10 each extra dog
Non-members	£25 first dog, £20 each extra dog
Not for Competition	FREE (over 4 calendar months of age)

OTHER FEES

Electronic Catalogues	Free with entry
Adverts in catalogue	£5.00 Full page; £3.50 Half page
Rosette Fund Donation	Donations gratefully received.

CAMPING

Camping is available nearby at [Stratford Touring Park](#). Please book directly.

WITHDRAWALS

It is requested that competitors inform UKSS if any dog or bitch is to be withdrawn from competition, for whatever reason. Entry fees will only be refunded for withdrawals

submitted prior to the entry closing date. To request a refund, please contact treasurer@uksighthoundsport.com. Approved refunds will be paid by BACS.

ATTENTION – LOOSE DOGS

£20 fine

Owners/Handlers of loose dogs will be fined £20 per incident!
They are not only dangerous to themselves but to other dogs as well.
Please make sure your dogs' leads and collars are strong, safe and well-fitted.
If you struggle to keep holding your dog, please ask for help.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **LICENCES:** Only dogs with a UK Sighthound Sport or FCI Licence will be permitted to enter.
- **DRAWING THE RUNS:** The pairing of the dogs and order of the runs for the first heat will be done by drawing (lottery style). The draw is final and will not be altered for any reason. For the second round, pairs are determined according to first round scores.
- **WAITING PADDOCK:** Three runs in advance; one run is in the field, one run in the waiting paddock, one run at the check in paddock. For example: If run 31 is in the field, the dogs from run 32 must be present in the waiting paddock and run 33 will be called to the check in paddock..
- **START:** The starter will be standing behind the owners, he will tap shoulders and call "GO" as the starting signal.
- **EQUIPMENT:** Each competitor must ensure their dog is correctly muzzled and wearing correct red/white jackets without numbers or other marks, prior to entering the paddock.
- **COLLARS:** Collars must be removed from dogs prior to running. Use of Slip leads is not permitted for this event.
- **PRESENTATION:** There will be a presentation when the final group have run and the scores have been tallied.
- **WCC:** This meeting will be a qualifier for the 2027 World Championships. The top scoring dog and bitch from Whippet Standard and Sprinter groups will automatically qualify. All winners from other breeds at National Championships automatically qualify. (Applicable to RKC registered dogs only)

- **No responsibility for loss, damage or injury to property, people or dogs will be accepted by the Sporting Whippet Club or UK Sighthound Sport. Participation in this event is entirely at the Owner's risk.**
- **CLEARING TRIALS:** A limited number of clearing trials will be run on both days of this event, if suitable partners are available. Please complete the TRIALS ENTRY form.

Bins will **NOT** be provided, and it is the Owners' responsibility to clean up after their dog and collect their own rubbish and take it home.

BREEDS

1 Afghan Hound	12 Pharaoh Hound Bitch
2 Azawakh	13 Ibizan Hound Bitch
3 Borzoi	14 Saluki
4 Chart Polski	15 Sloughi
5 Deerhound	16 Whippet (Standard)
6 Galgo Español	17 Whippet (Sprinter)
7 Greyhound	18 Podenco Canario
8 Irish Wolfhound	19 Cirneco dell'Etna
9 Italian Greyhound (STANDARD)	
10 Italian Greyhound (SPRINTER)	Not For Competition – any breed
11 Magyar Agar	

CLASS DEFINITIONS

Minimum age: Fifteen months on the day of competition for all Whippets, Italian Greyhounds and Cirneco Dell'Etna. Eighteen months for all other breeds.

Maximum age: No dogs born before 1st January 2018

WHIPPET BITCH (STANDARD): Maximum height at the withers 48cm.

WHIPPET BITCH (SPRINTER): Maximum height at the withers 52cm.

WHIPPET DOG (STANDARD): Maximum height at the withers 51cm

WHIPPET DOG (SPRINTER): Maximum height at the withers 56cm

ITALIAN GREYHOUND BITCH OR DOG (STANDARD): Maximum height at the withers 38cm.

ITALIAN GREYHOUND BITCH OR DOG (SPRINTER): Maximum height at the withers 41cm.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

According to the proposed Regulations submitted to Kennel Club:

1. Dogs entered must be registered at the Kennel Club or else registration or transfer of registration must have been applied for.
2. All dogs resident outside the UK must be registered with a studbook recognised by the UK Kennel Club.
3. Entry: Members £20.00 first dog, £10.00 each extra dog. Non-Members £25.00 first dog, £20.00 each extra dog.
4. Rosettes to fifth place. 'National Champion 2026' sash for winners. Perpetual trophy for Best In Field
5. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
6. A Lure Coursing Champion Certificate will be awarded to top scoring dogs/bitches in each breed provided that:
 - a. There are at least two dogs per breed at the start.
 - b. If there are four or more of both sexes at the start, the Certificates will be awarded separately to dogs and bitches. If there are fewer than four of either sex all dog and bitch classes shall be amalgamated and only one set of certificates is awarded.
 - c. At least 75% of the maximum points are obtained.
7. Number of entries and number of Certificates.
 - a. If less than 2 dogs are participating at the start, then no Certificate shall be awarded in that class.
 - b. For classes with 2 – 6 participants, the Certificate shall be awarded to the top scoring dog.
 - c. For classes with 7 – 19 participants, Certificates shall be awarded to the two top scoring dogs.
 - d. For classes with 20 or more participants, a further Certificate shall be awarded for each additional 10 dogs.
 - e. If the winner is already a champion, the certificate goes to the second placed dog and so forth
 - f. Standard and Sprinter classes shall be awarded separately.
8. Only dogs of above stated minimum age can complete (fifteen months small breeds/eighteen months large breeds)
9. There will be a capping level of forty per breed and ninety total entries per day. For these purposes, 'Sprinters' are classified as separate breeds. Breed caps may be lifted seven days before closing date, should the overall cap not be reached first.
10. Not For Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over.
11. No bitch in season can compete.
12. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
13. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Competition.
14. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
15. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
16. Judges may not judge a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.

17. Removal of dogs from Competition: Following a discussion between the competition management, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Field if it is: a. A bitch which is in season. b. Suffering from any infectious diseases or contagious disease. c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent. d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal. e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing. The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition Incident Book.
18. Lure Coursing is a competitive and physically strenuous activity. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to ensure their dog is 'fit for function'. By completing the online entry form you confirm that to the best of your knowledge your dog is fit and able to take part in lure coursing on the day of the competition.
19. In the event that the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. Competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the competition, but in any event the society will refund fees within three months of the competition date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within one month of the date.
20. Should the judge deem a re-run is required, any result from the previous run must be discounted.
21. Entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees and supporting documentation.
22. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease – No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete.
23. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their allocated place in the running order.
24. No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the General Committee. However, at the discretion of the sporting society, a dog brought to the competition by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the competition, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.
25. Welfare of Dogs A competitor whose dog is entered at a lure coursing event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise.