

Northumberland and Durham LRC Risk Assessment Form

Activity : Field Trial/Working Test

Description of Activity: Working tests and field trials are a meeting for the purpose of holding a competition to assess the work of gundogs

Retrievers: There are either three or four judges who assess the dogs work. The dogs are required to walk steadily to heel, to be steady to shot and retrieve dead or wounded game/objects gently to hand from land or water.

| Hazards: | 1) Likelihood (L.M.H.) 2) Severity (L.M.H.) 3) Risk Rating (L.M.H.) | What Controls are in place to minimise risk? | Persons responsible |
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| 1. Gun Safety (for Field Trials) a. Gun taking a low shot b. Taking a loaded gun out of gun slip c. Closing a loaded gun with the barrels pointing upwards d. Climbing over a wall or fence with loaded gun | 1) Low 2) High 3) Low | Experienced guns Competitors/spectators supervision | Guns, Chief Steward |
| 2. Slip/Trip a. Harm/injury to competitor or spectator | 1) Med. 2) Med. 3) Med. | Suitable footwear First Aid Emergency services phone no. | Every Individual Chief Steward/Test Secretary Chief Steward/Test Secretary |
| 3. Getting Lost a. Competitors/Spectators/Guns | 1) Low 2) Med. 3) Low | Schedule directions Pre-event briefing Supervision Discipline | Chief Steward/Steward of the Beat/Test Secretary |
| 4. Bites to humans/dogs a. Adders b. Ticks c. Dogs | 1) Low 2) Med. 3) Med. | Emergency Procedure First Aid Pre-event briefing Appropriate footwear and clothing Discipline/Supervision of dogs | Chief Steward/Steward of the Beat/Test Secretary Dog Owners Spectators/competitors |
| 5. Injury to Dogs a. Topography b. Fences/walls/obstacles c. Other dogs/persons | 1) Low 2) Med. 3) Med. | Dog is fully fit for the event Supervision Discipline | Handler/Owner is solely responsible for assessing the tasks asked of their dogs during the event and making appropriate decisions on whether their dog undertakes the tasks asked. |
| 5. Road Traffic Accidents/other accidents a. Dogs b. Humans | 1) Low 2) Med. 3) Med. | Pre event briefing Supervision Discipline First Aid Veterinary Assistance | Chief Steward/Steward of the Beat/Test Secretary Dog Owners Spectators/competitors The Secretary will have emergency telephone numbers and in the event of no mobile signal will elect persons to leave the venue to seek assistance. |

Please note that by participating in any event organised by Northumberland and Durham LRC., you are deemed to have read, understood and are prepared to abide by the club's Health and Safety Regulations.