

Southern Newfoundland Club



Draught Test Addendum – 2023

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Administration of Tests

Number Of Tests Which Can Be Entered On One Day

Normally entrants may only enter a dog for one test at any Level for which it is eligible per day on their entry form. However a dog may be entered for a second, lower Level if

1. Handled by a junior handler.
2. Failed a higher level prior to the Maneuvering Exercise provided there are no constraints, such as time or weather, which would make the entry undesirable and on receipt of the additional second entry fee.

Distance of Hauls

The distance of the Haul for the SNC tests will always be at the lower level given. At the judge's discretion, where conditions dictate, this may be further reduced, providing all obstacles have been competed.

Complaints Procedure

Complaints should be made where possible on the day to the Test Manager.

Alternatively complaints can be sent in writing within 14 days of the test to the working section secretary wsc-secretary@southernnewfoundlandclub.co.uk

Responsibilities of Judges

When invited to judge a test, a written response is required to the Secretary of the Working Section Committee. If after acceptance, a Judge is unable to meet the commitment for any reason then they must inform the secretary by phone as soon as practicable, followed in writing.

Judges can only enter their dog(s) on the same day as their judging appointment if they are entering a different Level than the one they have been appointed to Judge, with the exception of Beginners Level.

Physically Disabled or Veteran Dogs

Those dogs that are over 7 years of age on the first day of the test, on a successful pass will be awarded a Veteran Certificate. All veteran dogs will automatically accumulate points towards the Top Veteran Draught Trophy

Dogs that have any visual or audible impairment may still be entered into all levels of the tests The dog however must still complete each exercise of the test as per the regulations

Anyone who wishes to enter a deaf or blind dog, must write to wssc to sanction any adaption needed to the test equipment

Non-Newfoundlands

Members of a recognized working group who own a non-Newfoundland and/or a Newfoundland cross breed may enter their dog in the tests only if there is sufficient time and with the agreement of the Test Manager, Judges and Stewards. The suitability of the dog to carry out the level entered will be agreed by the judges before the commencement of the test.

Junior Handlers

- Age qualification for Junior handler is from their 9th to their 16th Birthday
- A Junior Handler and dog must work as a team and work logically through the sections. i.e. they must pass Beginners Level together, before they can proceed to Level 1, & so on.
- A dog can be entered for two different Levels, but one Level **must** be with a Junior Handler.
- A dog may **not** be entered for the same section by two or more Junior Handlers.
- Junior Handlers may not enter the same section judged by their parents, with the exception of Beginners Level, providing a replacement judge has been officially appointed prior to the test day
- A parent or guardian must accompany the Junior Handler on the haul, to act solely as chaperone

Club Trophies

All trophies are presented annually at the Annual General Meeting to the top working dogs within the Southern Newfoundland Club. Please see web site for calculation of points awarded.

Those dogs accumulating points with junior handlers cannot include them for top draught/working trophy if the dog is also worked by adults.