

Southern Newfoundland Club



Water Test Addendum – June 2016

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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 Section for which it is eligible per day on their entry form. However a dog may be entered for a second, lower section if handled by a junior handler.

If a dog which is entered for its first ever A passes that test, then it may be entered for Section B on the day 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.

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.

In general Judges can only enter their dog(s) on the same day as their judging appointment if they are entering a different Section than the one they have been appointed to Judge. However, with prior agreement of the SNCWSC and the test manager, an extra judge may be appointed to judge the test for them.

Responsibilities of Handlers

If a handler is also judging at the same event, they should check the running order of the Sections and let the Test Manager know as soon as possible if there is a conflict between their Judging responsibilities and their Handling responsibilities, however Judging responsibilities will take priority.

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 Water Trophy

Dogs that have any visual or audible impairment may still be entered into all levels of the tests and the handler with the judge's permission may use additional visual or audible aids. The dog however must still complete each exercise of the test as per the regulations

Non-Newfoundlands

Members of the Southern Newfoundland Club, Northern Newfoundland Club & Newfoundland Club 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. While these dogs will receive a certificate on passing the test, they will not be eligible to be included in the top working awards.

Junior Handlers

- Junior handlers must be 11 years of age on the closing date for entry of the test, and must be a competent swimmer.
- A junior handler and dog must work as a team and work logically through the sections. i.e. they must pass section A together, before they can proceed to section B, & so on.
- A dog can be entered for two different sections, but one section **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 enter the same section judged by their parents providing a replacement judge has been officially appointed prior to the test day.

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 water/working trophy if the dog is also worked by adults.