

Conditions of Entry for Working Tests

Wye Valley Retriever Club



Definitions

Junior Handler:	Handler to be 16 years of age or under on the day of the test. Only one dog per handler may be entered.
Junior Puppy:	Dog or bitch aged 6 to 12 months of age on the day of the test.
Puppy:	Dog or bitch under 18 months of age on the day of the test.
Novice Dog Novice Handler:	Dog or Handler never having gained an award in a Field Trial or placed first in a Novice, Puppy or Junior Handler Working Test or gained any award in an open Working Test.
Novice:	Confined to dogs or bitches which have not gained a place or certificate of merit at a Field Trial, been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open working test or first in a Novice working test held in accordance with KC Rules and Field Trial Regulations.
Intermediate:	Any dog or bitch not having won a 1st in an Open, Intermediate or All-Aged working test, or any Field Trial award including CoM.
Veteran:	Dog or bitch aged eight years or older on the day of the test.
Open:	Open to all dogs although preference may be given to dogs which have gained a place or certificate of merit at a Field Trial or been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open working test or won a Novice working test.

Conditions

1. All dogs to be registered as a recognized Retriever breed at the Kennel Club. Other dogs may run “not for competition” at the discretion of the Working Test Secretary.
2. All Working Tests will be conducted in accordance with the Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations (section J) together with these Conditions and the Rules of the Wye Valley Retriever Club. Dogs must be registered at the Kennel Club in the name of the owners, or joint owners, prior to the closing date for entries. Owners who have applied for change of registration (name or ownership) prior to entry can also apply for a run.
3. All persons attending the Working Test must consider themselves under the control of the Judges and Working Test Secretary. They must be dressed appropriately and conduct themselves according to shooting field practices and traditions.
4. Only the handler whose name appears on the official entry form may handle the dog on the day.
5. Any dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease must not be brought to the test ground (as required by entry declaration). Wye Valley Retriever Club recommends that competing dogs are fully vaccinated.
6. Bitches in season must not be brought to the test ground.
7. Completed entry forms must be received by the Hon. Working Secretary by the closing date. An incorrect fee or illegible entry will not be accepted. The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry. If an entry appears to have been lost in the post, the dog will be allowed to run in the test but only on a “not for competition” basis. The relevant entry fee must be paid on the day of the test. If the entry is subsequently received in the post, that cheque will be destroyed by the Working Test Secretary.
8. After the closing date for the test, no refunds of entry fees will be given unless a medical or veterinary certificate is provided to certify that the handler/dog is unfit to take part.
9. All trophies are held for around one year and it is the recipient’s responsibility to ensure the safe return to the Club in good time for the following year’s test or the Club’s AGM in the year following the test, whichever is sooner. The recipient is responsible for any engraving required and must return the trophy in the condition it was received. Persons who are not members of Wye Valley Retriever Club are not permitted to hold trophies.
10. Failure to return arm bands will incur a fine of £20.00.
11. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned.