

Southern Newfoundland Club



Water Test Addendum – September 2023

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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 section if handled by a junior handler.

If a dog which is entered for its first ever Section 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 SNC WSSC and the test manager, an extra judge may be appointed to stand in & judge their dog

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 with a successful pass at all levels will be awarded a Veteran Certificate. All veteran dogs will automatically accumulate points towards the Bosun Trophy on the successful completion of all sections of the water tests. 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.

Multi-pass Awards

At least one test must be passed during an SNCwater event before a Certificate of Merit/Diploma will be awarded by the SNC.

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 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.
- A dog may not be entered into the same section with adult/junior handler.
- Junior handlers may enter the same section judged by their parents providing a replacement judge has been officially appointed prior to the test day.

Helmsman

In addition to holding RYA 2 qualifications, the helmsman must be over 17 years of age, the majority of the other RYA 2 certificate holders in that young person's working club must agree that person is capable of safely and competently fulfilling the role at a Test & comply to the host working group's insurance.

Failure of test

A dog that has taken a test and failed cannot retake that test during the same event; however, at the discretion and agreement of both judges, it may be allowed to continue with the rest of the test as a training exercise within the times permitted for each of the remaining elements

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.