

2010 Water Trial Manual Update Summary

Manual changes:

- 1) We have added a paragraph addressing sportsmanship.

The PWDCA requires that all attendees, handlers and spectators at any water trial conduct themselves in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

It is expected that each exhibitor always consider as paramount the welfare of his or her dog. As such, a handler is permitted to talk, cheer and encourage his dog within the guidelines of the Water Trial Manual. There is no restriction to the number of commands or directions given to the dog by the handler, except that any actions or language not appearing to be in the spirit of good sportsmanship will not be permitted. This includes but is not limited to harsh commands, whether verbal or physical in nature nor handling a dog in an abusive manner. Any action viewed by the judge during the course of the trial, not to be in the spirit of good sportsmanship shall result in elimination and immediate dismissal from the trial.

- 2) A dog is not allowed to enter Junior at a National Specialty if they have already passed a higher level. Page 41

***Correction – the committee accidentally deleted the earlier sentence from the 2008 manual that reads as follows from 2008 page 35: “A dog who has earned certification as Junior Water Dog is no longer eligible to compete at this level in future trials.” This will be followed by the above sentence to read:

A dog who has earned certification as Junior Water Dog is no longer eligible to compete at this level in future trials. A dog is not allowed to enter Junior at a National Specialty if they have already passed a higher level.

- 3) Use of a substitute steward has been clarified and given more discretion to the judges if they feel that it will slow down the trial. Page

There were some minor grammatical corrections as well.

For the judges:

We are now requiring the judges to have their dogs listed in the Health and Litter Database.

- 1) Add the wording from the PWDCA Volunteer form to the Judges Application:

By my signature below, I hereby confirm:

- a. That all data (date of birth, litter size, registration numbers and names) on litters bred or co-bred by dogs and/or bitches I currently own or have co-owned within the past five (5) years and in future years, have been and will be filed with the PWDCA Health and Litter Database.

b. That all current health data on dogs and/or bitches I currently own or have co-owned within the past five (5) years and in future years, have been and will be filed with the PWDCA Health and Litter Database.

2) Require compliance from each individual on the roster of current PWDCA Water Judges in the same manner that all PWDCA volunteers are asked to do on a yearly basis.