

PWDCA Water Trial Manual Changes for 2011

Description and Illustration of Regulation Equipment

Retrieving Dummy

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Old Wording

A one-piece commercial retrieving dummy made of canvas, neoprene or plastic material that is a minimum of 2" x 8" and a maximum of 4" x 15". A line no longer than 18" may be attached to facilitate throwing.

New Wording Changes in Bold

A one-piece commercial retrieving dummy made of canvas, neoprene or plastic material that is **cylindrical and uniform in shape throughout its length, with a diameter of 2" to 4" and a length of 8" to 15"**. A line no longer than 18" may be attached to facilitate throwing.

Test Procedures

Page 5 #5 Old Wording

Unless specifically permitted by an exercise description or these Rules and Regulations, the handler may not physically touch, guide or restrain the dog after an exercise has begun. An exercise is deemed to begin when the judge says (or signals) "You may begin". At the Junior and Apprentice levels, the handler may gently guide the dog by the collar or harness between exercises. At the Working and Courier levels, the handler must control the dog without physical guidance of any kind both during and between exercises. However, the handler may physically assist a dog in boarding a boat from water of swimming depth and may, in the interest of safety, momentarily steady a dog on a boat platform while it turns, shakes its coat or is in danger of falling. Upon completion of an exercise the handler may pet and praise the dog.

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Guaranteed Entries for Trial Workers

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Old Wording

1. The club may guarantee entry spots for trial workers who have agreed to work at the trial.

2. The maximum number of dog entries which may receive guaranteed entry spots are as follows:
 - 5 dog entries for the water trial site
 - 5 additional dog entries for each additional water trial site if the sites are run concurrently
3. These guaranteed entries shall count in the total allowed trial entry.

New Wording Changes in Bold Regional Clubs may provide up to five ‘Guaranteed Entries’ for water trial workers. PWD Water Trial entry and closing dates must be open simultaneously to members and non-members.

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Conducting the Random Draw

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Procedures for Trials

Old wording

4. One drawing shall be held for consecutive trials. The Trial Secretary or a group of Trial Secretaries shall conduct the draw.

New Wording in Bold

4. One drawing may be held for **each** trail. The Trial Secretary or a group of Trial Secretaries shall conduct the draw.

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Old Wording

2. The applicant submits a written request to provisionally judge a trial to the trial’s host committee at least weeks prior to the water trial date.

New Wording in Bold

How to Become an Associate PWDCA Water Trial Judge

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