



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB INC NEW ZEALAND

WATER TEST REGULATIONS

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1 GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.1 Use of these Regulations

These Regulations and previous editions of the Regulations are the property of the Newfoundland Club Inc. New Zealand. They may not be used wholly or partially by any other organisation or individual without the written consent of the Club Secretary. Applications to use the Regulations shall be made in writing to the Club Secretary, who shall obtain the approval of the Club Committee.

Any organisation or individual that is granted written permission to use these Regulations, may only do so subject to the following conditions:

- a) The Regulations are used in their entirety, and no changes, deletions or additions are made.
- b) That only the latest edition of the Regulations is used.
- c) Permission to use these rules may be withdrawn by the Newfoundland Club Inc.

Each Intending entrant and participating exhibitor is responsible for knowledge of these regulations governing a water test and the standards of performance.

1.2 Interpretation

As used in these regulations, the following words or terms have the meanings as stated:

“Approved Judges” means any person who has been approved by the Club to judge a Water Test.

“Branch” means a sub area of the Club as defined in the Club Constitution.

“Club” means the Newfoundland Club Inc (New Zealand).

“Dog” means a Newfoundland of either sex i.e. a dog or bitch whether entire, or speyed or neutered.

“NZKC” means the New Zealand Kennel Club.

“NZSS” means New Zealand Safety Standards.

“Qualified Dog” means a dog, which has qualified, for the title of Water Rescue Dog or Water Rescue Dog with Excellence.

“Regulations” means the Newfoundland Club Inc, New Zealand, Water Test Regulations.

“Water Test Controller” means the member of the Club appointed by a Branch or the Club to organise Water Tests.

“Water Test Convenor” means the member of the Club appointed by the Club Committee to ratify the results of Water Tests and to keep records of Water Tests results.

1.3 Eligibility

The Water Tests shall be open only to dogs over 6 months old by the date of the test, which are owned by financial members of the Club. Only purebred Newfoundland's are eligible for Club and Branch Awards.

The organising committee of each event shall determine whether other breeds shall be accepted to participate at that event. The committee will advise this when the said event is advertised.

No dog belonging wholly or partly to the water test judge or to any member of such a person's immediate family shall be entered in a water test at which such a person officiates.

A dog which is blind or deaf may not take part in any water test. Lame dogs, which have been taped or bandaged in any way, or have anything attached to them for medical purposes, shall be ineligible to be tested.

1.4 Disturbances

During testing, the judges of a water test may exclude from further testing:-

- Any dog which is not under full control of the handler, or
- Any dog which demonstrates aggression towards any person or dogs, or
- Any handler who wilfully interferes with another handler or their dog, or
- Any handler who abuses their dog.

The Water Test Controller or other such officers of the Club present at a test shall have the authority to investigate any other dangerous or abusive behaviour and to take appropriate action.

1.5 Handlers

Dogs shall be handled by the same handler for all exercises. Where a handler who has two or more dogs being tested has been disqualified, a substitute handler may be used provided any such handler is used for the entire test.

1.6 Bitches in Season

Bitches in season may compete at the completion of all other tests. During these tests they must be kept well away from the test area.

1.7 Risk

Any person entering a dog in a water test does so at their own risk.

1.8 Decisions

During the test, the decisions of the judge shall be final in all matters affecting the working of the dogs and their handlers, and the evaluation of their performances. The Water Test Controller shall decide on all other matters arising at the test.

1.9 Limitation of Entries

If a Water Test Controller anticipates an entry in excess of the facilities for a water test, entries may be limited. Prominent announcements of such limits must appear on the title or cover page of the schedule, with the statement that entries in specified divisions of the test will automatically close when a certain limit has been reached, even though the official closing date for entries has not arrived.

As a general guideline a limit of 30 dogs will apply as to the number of dogs to be judged in one day. A Water Test Controller may wish to specify that dogs that have not previously passed a division, either Junior or Senior have priority in acceptance of entries.

Qualified dogs may be entered for judging if entry limits have not been filled. The qualification must be stated on the form.

1.10 Promotion to the next Division

Where a dog that has been promoted to Junior or Senior Division. If the owner has already submitted an entry for a subsequent event, they must inform the Water Controller for the subsequent event to change their entry to the division which they have now qualified.

A dog competing at Beginner level that receives its second merit award or a win with merit (as per Section 4.1), may submit another entry for the competition at Junior level. This is subject to any limitations on the total number of entries.

1.11 Change of Judge, Water Test Officials or Site

A Water Test Controller, who has been informed that an advertised judge cannot fulfil their assignment to judge, shall find a substitute judge.

In the event that the site must be changed, every effort must be made to secure a suitable site near the original site. In the event that time does not allow for the required prior approval, the Water Test Controller shall make the necessary changes in assignments to assure successful completion of the test.

1.12 Stewards

Stewards to assist the judge and the competitors shall be provided. Stewards may act only on the judges' instructions. Stewards shall not give information and instruction to handlers except as specifically instructed by a judge, and then only as in such a manner that it is clear that the instructions are those of the judge.

Care must be exercised to ensure stewards are not overly familiar with the dog being tested. In no case should a member of the owner or handler's own immediate family act as steward for their own dog or for one which they are overly familiar.

1.13 Test Site Conditions

The area designated for water testing shall be clearly and effectively marked off. The useable waterfront must be, where practicable, a minimum of 25 metres long. The water should extend 70 metres from shore and gradually increase in depth. Water should be free of hazardous object and deep enough for dogs to swim. There must be an area suitable for the underwater retrieve.

The area of water designed for the water test should be rectangular and measure 25 metres by 30 metres.

There should be a clearly marked area provided away from the water test area, for dogs waiting testing to be restrained. This area as well as the spectator area shall be considered part of the official test site and off limits to dogs not entered in the water test.

1.14 Spectators

There may be an area designated for spectators and press next to or behind the test area. Spectators are encouraged to applaud and cheer for a performance, unless in the opinion of the judge such action interferes with the exercise.

1.15 Personal Flotation Devices

Any person entering a water test or embarking on a watercraft must wear a NZSS approved flotation device or a wetsuit. In the case of non swimmers a NZSS approved flotation device must be worn at all times when they enter the water. There will be no exceptions.

The Club is responsible for equipping the stewards and personnel with these devices. The Water Test Controller is responsible for ensuring the compliance with the above regulation.

The judge shall mark any competitor who refuses to comply with these regulations as “excused from further testing”.

The wearing of shoes is recommended.

1.16 Emergency Provisions

All reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure the safety of all involved. A watercraft equipped with a motor or manned by a skilled rower and ready for instant use should be available in waters adjacent to the test site in order to rescue any dog or person if necessary. A first aid kit is recommended.

The Water Test Controller must have knowledge of which nearby veterinarian is “on call” during the water test.

2 REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING

2.1 Standardised Judging

There shall be one judge for each water test. If necessary, another Judge may be appointed to judge an entire class.

Judges are not permitted their own variations to exercises. It is recognised however that water test performance is intended to be judged under natural conditions, therefore some variation in exercises may be required to fit the circumstances. In no case however should a judge add or delete from the requirements of the water tests.

2.2 Qualification of Judges

Judges approved to judge a water test should be chosen for their ability to judge dogs working in the water. Judges should possess a thorough knowledge of the water test rules, a sense of fair play and consideration for the efforts of dogs and handlers. Among the qualifications which should be considered are:

- (i.) Approved by the NZKC to judge obedience, tracking or field trials.
- (ii.) A judge may be chosen by having trained and qualified a Water Test Dog to the next level i.e. Beginner to Junior, Junior to Senior. This ensures continuation of judging succession. Preference may be given to a judge at Senior level.
- (iii.) A person who had been approved to judge Water Tests by the Club President.

2.3 Passing Performance

A passing performance in any exercise is 75% of possible points. In any exercise, the dog must demonstrate an understanding of what is required, and perform the key elements of the exercise.

2.4 Re-judging

If a dog has failed in a particular exercise, it shall not ordinarily be re-judged. However, if in the judge's opinion, the dog's performance was prejudiced by unusual or peculiar circumstances, the judge may at his/her own discretion, re-judge the dog over the entire exercise.

2.5 Dog or Person in Distress

If at any time during a water test it becomes apparent to either the handler or the judge that a dog or person is in distress, the exercise shall be immediately terminated.

If the Judge determines the cause of the distress is due to unusual circumstances, he/she may permit the dog or person a reasonable time to recover before resuming testing. If the dog or person has not recovered sufficiently to continue testing in such time as will not delay the completion of judging, the judge shall mark the dog as failed.

2.6 The Judges Record

The judge shall mark the scores of each dog on the judge's score sheets immediately upon the conclusion of the test. Such score sheets shall be made available to handlers by the Water Test Controller on completion of the test.

2.7 Schedule Order

Schedule order will be determined by the Water Test Controller. A handler with more than one dog may request that the dogs not be judged consecutively.

2.8 Use of Leash

All dogs at a water test shall be held on a leash or securely confined unless being tested or participating in any pre-test swim.

2.9 Equipment

All equipment to be used by handlers at a water test shall be thoroughly tested by the judge for suitability prior to the judging of each division.

The handlers at a water test shall provide a leash and collar. Slip collars of an appropriate length of leather, fabric; with or without snaps are acceptable, as are simple buckle collars. Fancy collars, Halties and collars that are too tight, too large or too loose will not be permitted. There shall not be anything hanging from the collar excluding a registration tag or name tag.

With the approval of the judge on inspection, Beginners may provide their own retrieve article. All other articles are to be provided by the club as per the Water Test Regulations under each Exercise.

The Club is to provide all equipment listed below in addition to the Exercise equipment.

NZSS approved flotation devices for all water stewards.

A rowboat with a non slip platform securely mounted to permit the dog to safely exit the boat without contacting the gunwale. The boat should be safe for at least three people.

Under water height pole with 30cm and 46 cm markings on it.

Distance markers. These should be placed at approximately 10 metre intervals, i.e. 10m, 20m and 30M.

Shore markers. Two markers placed 20 metres apart

Clipboard and score sheets for judge.

Stopwatch.

First Aid Kit.

2.10 Commands and Signals

Handler's commands to their dogs may be given by voice, whistle and hand/arm signals. The use of multiple commands and signals is permitted.

2.11 Praise

Praise and petting of the dogs is allowed between and after each exercise. A handler shall not carry or offer food during the exercises or toys of any variation.

2.12 Handling between Exercises

All dogs may be guided gently by the collar between exercises and to place them into the proper position for an exercise. No other physical guidance is permitted.

2.13 Pre-test Swim and Training on the Grounds

All dogs may participate in a brief pre-test swim prior to the commencement of judging outside of the test area.

Any physical abuse of the dog while on test grounds shall be considered harsh discipline and will result in exclusion of the dog and handler from the test.

During judging, the judge may permit a reasonable opportunity for a handler to assist a dog in completing an exercise that has already been failed.

No handler upon entering the test area is permitted to conduct pre-test training.

2.14 Interference and Double Handling

A judge who is aware of any assistance, interference or attempts to control a dog from outside the test area must act promptly to stop any double handling or interference. If, in the judge's opinion, the circumstances warrant it, the dog shall be marked failed for the exercise which the aid was received.

2.15 Time Limits

Time limits for exercises have been calculated. Time limits longer than those specified may be imposed by the judge, but under no circumstances shall time limits less than those specified be imposed by any judge.

Judges must clearly state the time limits in use for each exercise, in each division, during the instructions to exhibitors prior to the start of judging of each division. Time limits must be the same, and enforced equally and impartially for each exhibitor.

Time limits specified may be waived if, in the judges' opinion, site and/or weather conditions would render it impossible to impose the same time limits equally for each exhibitor in their respective divisions. The judge shall mark down any dog that requires additional time beyond the stated limits to complete an exercise. The judge may subtract 1 point for every 10 seconds over time.

When conditions require that specified or longer time limits be waived, the judge shall retain the discretion to mark down any dog that does not demonstrate an understanding of an exercise.

3 WATER RESCUE DOG (WRD) AND WATER RESCUE DOG WITH EXCELLENCE (WRDX) QUALIFICATIONS

3.1 Criteria

3.1.1 Water Rescue Dog

To obtain the title of Water Rescue Dog (WRD) a dog must obtain a 75% pass, in three Water Test senior division water tests.

Of the three tests, one must be in salt water and one must be in fresh water. The third is at the option of the handler.

3.1.2 Water Rescue Dog with Excellence

To obtain the title of Water Rescue Dog with Excellence (WRDX), a dog must first have obtained the title of Water Rescue Dog. A further senior test is to be completed in which the dog must score a 90% pass. Thus a minimum of four senior division tests must be completed.

3.2 General

WRD and WRDX titles can only be obtained by a dog that has obtained Senior Division and has been judged in this class for that award.

4 ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Promotion

At all levels a merit pass is awarded to all dog/handler teams achieving at least 75% of available points in each section of the test. Receipt of 2 merit passes constitutes an automatic promotion of the team to the next level.

A win in either Junior or Beginners division with a score of 75 % or more in all exercises automatically promotes the dog to the next division.

4.2 Organisation and Control of Water Tests

A Water Test Controller shall be appointed for each Water Test. It shall be the responsibility of the Water Test Controller to undertake all duties as specified in these rules in respect to the Water Test which He/She has been appointed.

4.3 Schedule

Each Water Test Controller is to prepare and distribute a schedule for the Water Test containing the following details:

- a. Date of test
- b. Location
- c. Judges Name
- d. Order of exercises
- e. Fee payable
- f. Closing date for entries.
- g. Limitations, if any.

4.4 Entries to Water Tests

Entry application to any Water Test must be made on the Official Newfoundland Club entry form.

4.5 Water Test Results

The Water Test Controller is to send to the Club Water Convenor a marked schedule and a copy of the marked judging sheets.

4.6 Violation of Rules and Regulations

The Water Test Controller shall report any violations of these rules and regulations as soon as possible to the Club. The Club shall examine the reported violation and take such action as a result of that examination as appropriate.

5 WATER TEST EXERCISES

5.1 Judges Notes

The aim of these exercises is to demonstrate the dog's ability to perform specific tasks that display the Newfoundland dogs' talent for Water Rescue work.

The exercises are divided into three sections of increasing difficulty. As the level of difficulty increases, so too do the standards of performance expected. Thus dogs performing at Beginners level should be regarded in terms of their finish and precision than dogs performing at senior level, but should still demonstrate the ability to perform the specific exercise.

Judges will often be required to exercise their discretion in the judging of the exercises, as there are variables that cannot be controlled or given hard and fast rules.

Prevailing conditions at the test site must be taken into consideration by judges. What may be a safe action in flat calm may not be safe in a three-foot swell. For example, where a dog must travel alongside the boat, in rough conditions the dog would be expected to be a greater distance from the boat than in calm conditions when the dog may be quite close. Or, where the oars are used on a boat, the dog should not swim in such a position as to endanger or be endangered by the oars.

Consideration should be given to the unpredictability of the sea or lake edges. For Example, handlers are penalised for entering the water. While there is a duty of care on the handler to position themselves so that they are not caught by waves washing up, the event of a freak wave that travels further up the beach than may reasonably have been predicted may require leniency.

Handlers may move along the shore within the test area only. Where an article drifts out of the test area, the dog is expected to return to the handler in the test area. Dogs should not head for the closest point of land (the closest point of land may be an unsafe site).

Lack of Control: Without limiting the actions this covers, it may include such things as; excessive barking, extreme difficulty in having the dog ready to start an exercise, leaving the on-shore test area, or any action which indicates that the handler does not have the dog under control.

Physical correction: Where the handler comes into physical contact with the dog on order to direct, re-direct, restrain or otherwise control a dog, note the accidental contact between dog and handler owing to prevailing conditions does not constitute physical correction, but there is a duty of care on the handler to take reasonable steps to ensure this does not happen i.e. the distance between dog and handler may need to be increased in turbulent conditions.

5.2 Beginners

5.2.1 Single Retrieve

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs' ability to respond to the handlers' commands and to return to the handler an article thrown into the water.

Desired Performance: The dog will remain on shore with the owner until directed by the Judge to begin. In full view of the dog, the handler will throw the retrieve article at least 5 metres into the water within the test area. The dog will be sent to retrieve the article from the water and return it to the hand of the handler on the shore. The judge will indicate when the exercise is completed.

Time Limit: 1 minute from the direction to "Send your dog" (refer to section 2.15)

Scoring: 5 points are available for entry to the water
5 points for swimming to the article
5 points for taking the article in the mouth
5 points for returning to the shore with the article
5 points for delivering the article directly to hand

Total points: 25

Penalties will be applied for:

- Lack of control
- Failure to respond to a command
- Anticipation
- Hesitation in entering the water

Entering the water before being directed to do so
The dog being physically corrected
Not swimming directly to the article
Not retrieving the article
Not returning directly to the handler on shore
Dropping the article before getting back to the shore
Not delivering the article to hand
Not releasing the article when instructed
Handler entering the water
Handler entering the water to assist the dog, 50% of the points gained for the exercise will be deducted.
Exceeding the time limit. Providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time. If the dog stops working the judge will call “time up”.

Permitted actions: Articles may be supplied by handlers and must be approved by the Judge prior to the test commencing.

Additional commands and encouragement from the handler only are permitted.

Judge/Steward: Directions to be “Are you ready?” “Throw the article”, “Send your dog”, “Exercise finished”.

Should the throw be insufficient, the Judge shall direct that the article be rethrown before the dog is sent.

Articles for retrieving should be of a suitable size for the dog, neither too large nor too small, safe for the dog to carry, buoyant, and may be of a bright colour to aid visibility. Articles may include but are not limited to: a floating dumbbell, a suitable ball, a boat bumper, any retrieve article used in Junior or Senior tests.

5.2.2 Swim with Handler

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs’ ability to swim safely with its handler without endangering itself or the handler, and to demonstrate the dogs’ ability to safely tow the handler to shore.

Desired Performance: On the Judges’ direction, the dog will voluntarily* accompany the handler into the water and move to swimming depth for the dog. The dog will then swim alongside the (swimming) handler and parallel to the shore, for a distance of 10 metres. The dog should be close enough to the handler to be touched but not so close as to interfere with the handlers’ progress through the water. On the Judge signalling that the required distance has been travelled, the Handler will command the dog to return to shore towing the handler. The exercise is completed when the dog and handler have left the water to the Judges’ satisfaction.

Time Limit: 2 minutes from the direction to begin (refer to section 2.15)

Scoring: 5 points for entry to the water
10 points for swimming alongside the owner in a safe manner
5 points for turning safely and without guidance
10 points for the tow directly back to shore.

Total points: 30

Penalties will be applied for:

Lack of control
Anticipation
Hesitation in entering the water
Physical correction
Swimming in such a manner as to endanger the handler eg. Too close to the handler
Attempting to climb onto the handler
Not turning when instructed
Not towing the handler
Not swimming directly back to shore
Not leaving the water when instructed
Handler assisting the dog
Exceeding the time limit. Providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time. If the dog stops working the judge will call “time up”.

Permitted actions: The handler may wear a buoyancy aid. Any style of swimming may be used by the handler. The Handler may hold the dog directly or use a suitable harness on the dog for the tow to shore.

The dog may be encouraged by way of voice or patting, but must not be forced or physically controlled in any way.

For the tow back to shore, the handler should be free floating behind the dog. The handler is allowed some motion in order to maintain balance but must not assist the dog by kicking. The handler should stand once the water reaches knee depth.

Judge/Steward: Directions to be “Are you ready?” “You may begin”, “Return to shore”, “Exercise finished”.

* The dog should not be held or on a leash or physically controlled or guided.

5.2.3 Swim With Boat

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs ability to respond to is handlers’ commands by swimming to the handler in a boat and to demonstrate its’ ability to swim safely in close proximity to a boat.

Desired Performance: The dog will remain on shore with a Steward while the handler is taken out by a Steward in a boat a minimum swimming distance for the dog of 10 metres. On the Judges’ direction the handler will call the dog to the boat. On reaching the boat the dog will swim 5 metres with the boat as it travels parallel to the shore. The dog should remain close to the boat in a manner that does not endanger either the dog, boat or occupants. On reaching the shore the dog should await the handlers return to the shore. The exercise is completed when the dog returns to the handler on the shore.

Time Limit: 2 minutes (refer to section 2.15)

Scoring: 5 points for entry to the water
10 points for swimming directly to the boat
10 points for swimming with the boat, parallel to the shore
5 points for turning towards the shore safely
10 points for returning to the shore with the boat
5 points for exiting the water

Total points: 45

Penalties will be applied for:

- Lack of control
- Anticipation
- Hesitation in entering the water
- Physical correction
- Not swimming directly to the boat
- Attempting to enter the boat
- Attempting to grab the boat / oar
- Swimming in a manner that endangers the dog, boat or the occupants
- Swimming too far from the boat
- Not turning when instructed
- Not swimming with boat to shore
- Not leaving the water when instructed
- Exceeding the time limit. Providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time. If the dog stops working the judge will call “time up”.

Permitted actions: Verbal encouragement and additional commands

Judge/Steward: Directions to be “Are you ready?” “You may begin”, “Return to shore”, “Exercise finished”.

The Steward may hold the dog on the shore but the dog should wait without needing to be restrained.

Should the dog travel on the seaward side of the boat and be obscured from the Judges’ view, the boat Steward shall observe the dog and make a brief verbal report to the Judge on returning to land if requested by the Judge.

Once the dog has reached the boat, the Steward should move the boat 5 metres parallel to the shore. The Judge should signal the 5 metres. The Steward should then turn the boat and make for the shore.

Depending on conditions, the Steward may walk the boat the required distance rather than row.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB INC BEGINNERS WATER TRIAL

Total Score	
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VENUE:		JUDGE:	
TRIAL DATE:		DOGS DOB:	
REGISTERED NAME:		PET NAME:	
OWNER(S):		PHONE No:	
ADDRESS:			
HANDLER:			
CAN YOU SWIM:	YES / NO (If no, you must make this known to the steward and wear a life jacket).		
SIGNED: 	<p>I confirm that the above named dog is registered in accordance with local authority by-laws, and has not been exposed to any contagious disease in the 6 weeks prior to this competition.</p> <p>I agree to abide by the rules of the Newfoundland Club Inc. The dog is owned and normally resides with a member of the Newfoundland Club.</p>		

SINGLE RETRIEVE (1 minute from >5 metres)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Entering the water			5
Swims to the article			5
Takes article in mouth			5
Returns to shore with article			5
Delivers the article to hand			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		-	
SUB TOTAL	Merit 18.75		25
Time Taken			

SWIM WITH HANDLER (2 minutes)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Enters the water			5
Swims alongside owner safely			10
Turns safely without guidance			5
Tows handler directly back to shore			10
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		–	
Sub Total	Merit 22.5		30
Time Taken			

SWIM WITH BOAT (2 minutes)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Enters the water			5
Swims directly to boat			10
Swims with boat parallel to shore			10
Turns towards shore			5
Returns to shore with boat			10
Exits the water			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		–	
Sub Total	Merit 33.75		45
Time Taken			

TOTAL SCORE			100
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5.3 Junior

5.3.1 Drop Retrieve

Purpose: To demonstrate the dog's ability to be directed to retrieve an unfamiliar article from the water and return it to its handler.

Desired Performance: The dog and handler remain quietly on shore with the dog's view of the course obstructed. The retrieve article should be placed quietly in the water by the Steward, without drawing attention to the article, at a distance which will require the dog to swim a minimum of 10 metres. The Steward will quietly leave the area. On the Judges' direction, the handler will send the dog to retrieve the article and return it to the handler. The article should be returned to hand. The Judge will indicate completion of the exercise.

Time Limit: 1 minute from the direction "Send your dog" (refer to section 2.15). This time limit refers to a 10 meter swim.

Scoring: 5 points for entering to the water
5 points for swimming directly to the article
10 points for retrieving the article
10 points for returning to the shore with the article
5 points for delivering the article directly to hand

Total points: 35

Penalties will be applied for:

- Lack of control
- Anticipation
- Restraining the dog after the direction "are you ready?"
- Hesitation in entering the water
- Physical correction of the dog
- Not swimming directly to the article
- Not retrieving the article
- Not returning directly to the handler
- Dropping the article on shore or in the water
- Not delivering the article to hand
- Not releasing the article when instructed
- Not leaving the water when instructed
- Handler entering the water
- Handler entering the water to assist the dog, 50% of the points gained for the exercise will be deducted
- Exceeding the time limit. Providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time. If the dog stops working the judge will call "time up".

Judge/Steward: Directions to be "Are you ready?" "Send your dog", "Exercise finished"

The retrieve article should be selected by the Judge on the day (from the equipment provided by the Club) from a life ring / buoy, Life jacket / buoyancy aid or a boat bumper / cushion having regard to the conditions in the test area. The same type of article is to be used for each dog.

In placing the article in the water, the potential for drift should be taken into account. Judge and Steward should confer.

Where drift or other factors occur, the Judge shall exercise discretion in assessing performance, especially in relation to time limits.

5.3.2 Swim to Handler in Boat and Tow Boat to Shore

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs' ability to respond to the handlers' commands and to demonstrate the dogs' ability to tow a boat to shore without endangering itself, the boat or its occupants.

Desired Performance: The dog will remain quietly on shore with a Steward, while the handler is rowed out far enough to require the dog to swim a minimum of 10 metres. On the Judges direction, the handler will call the dog to the boat. When the dog reaches the boat the handler will give the mouthpiece to the dog, which will then tow the boat directly back to shore. The dog will tow the boat close enough to shore that the Handler can step out safely in less than knee deep water. The dog will exit the water holding the mouthpiece and allow a Steward to take hold of the rope. The handler will command the dog to release the rope. The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is complete when the handler and the dog are safely back on shore together.

Time Limit: 2 minutes from the direction "Call your dog" (refer to section 2.15). The time limit refers to a 10 meter swim.

Scoring: 5 points for entering to the water
5 points for swimming directly to the boat
10 points for taking the mouthpiece
15 points for towing the boat safely to the shore using the mouthpiece
5 points for exiting the water holding the mouthpiece

Total points: 40

Penalties will be applied for:

Lack of control
Anticipation
Hesitation in entering the water when commanded to do so
Not swimming directly to the boat
Not taking the mouthpiece in the mouth
Attempting to enter the boat
Attempting to grab the boat
Dropping the mouthpiece on water or on land
Not towing the boat directly to shore
Not towing the boat close enough to shore for the handler to leave the boat safely
Physical correction
Not leaving the water when instructed
Exceeding the time limit. Providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time. If the dog stops working the judge will call “time up”.

Failure: The dog not towing the boat solely by holding the mouthpiece in its mouth. i.e. having the rope attached to collar or harness or a yoke dropped over the dogs’ head is not permitted.

Permitted actions: Handlers may attract the dogs’ attention to the mouthpiece.

The dog may take the mouthpiece either from the handler, or the handler may drop the mouthpiece in the water for the dog to take in its mouth.

The rope may be attached to the boat or held firmly by the handler.

Judge/Steward: Directions to be “Are you ready?” “Call your dog”, “Exercise finished”

The dog should not need to be restrained whilst awaiting the call from the handler. The Steward should not have to enter the water to take the rope from the dog. The towrope should float. The mouthpiece can be but is not limited to, such as used by water-skiers, a knotted, or a back spliced rope. The same type of mouthpiece should be available to all handlers, and is to be selected from the equipment provided by the Club. The dog may choose to hold the rope rather than the mouthpiece, but must hold the rope in such a place as to not endanger itself, the boat or the occupants.

5.3.3 Rescue Handler

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs’ ability to respond to swim to a known person in distress and tow them safely to shore.

Desired Performance: The dog remains quietly on shore with the Steward, while the handler swims offshore a distance that requires the dog to swim a minimum of 10 metres. The Judge will indicate when the distance has been reached and instruct the handler to begin the exercise. On the Judges’ direction to begin, the handler will attract the dogs’ attention by splashing and calling the dog other than by name. The dog swims to the handler, circles around the handler, allowing the handler to take hold of the dog who then tows the handler back to shore. The Judge will indicate that the exercise is complete when the dog and the handler have exited the water and are together on the shore.

Time Limit: 2 minutes from the direction “Call your dog” (refer to section 2.15)

Scoring: 5 points for entering to the water
10 points for swimming to the handler
5 points for circling
5 points for allowing the handler to hold onto the dog
10 points for towing the handler to shore
5 points for exiting the water

Total points: 40

Penalties will be applied for:

- Lack of control
- Anticipation
- Calling the dog by name
- Physical correction
- Hesitation in entering the water
- Not swimming directly to the handler
- Not turning safely
- Not effecting a safe tow
- Not swimming directly to shore
- Not towing the handler to shallow water
- Not allowing the handler to exit the water safely
- Not leaving the water when instructed
- Exceeding the time limit. Providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time. If the dog stops working the judge will call “time up”.

Disqualification: Deliberate forcible contact that endangers the handler eg. climbing, raking or holding onto the handler.

Permitted actions: The handler may call the dog other than by its’ name, may splash, shout and otherwise indicate distress, use extra commands and encouragement.

The handler may hold onto the dog in anyway providing it does not cause stress to or endanger the dog or handler.

The dog may circle the handler or turn behind the handler to allow the handler to take hold of the dog.

Judge/Steward: Directions are “Are you ready?” “Call your dog”, “Exercise finished”

The dog should not need to be restrained whilst awaiting the call from the handler.

5.3.4 Underwater Retrieve

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs’ ability to retrieve an article from a modest depth of water (30 cm).

Desired Performance: The Judge will direct the dog and handler to enter the water to the required 30 centimetre depth on the dog. On direction from the Judge and with the dog waiting quietly, the handler will throw the article 1 metre in front of the dog and parallel to the shore. The Judge will direct the handler to “Send the dog” once the article has sunk, the handler directing the dog to retrieve the article and return it to the handler. The Judge will indicate completion of the exercise when the handler has taken the article from the dog.

Time Limit: 1 minute from the direction “Throw the article”. The exercise commences on being directed to enter the water. (refer to section 2.15)

Scoring: : 5 points for entering to the water
5 points for the dog submerging its head and searching for the article
5 points for retrieving the article
5 points for delivering to hand

Total points: 20

Penalties will be applied for:

- Lack of control
- Anticipation
- Hesitation in submerging head (does not include trawling)
- Not homing in on the general area the article entered the water
- Physical correction
- Rethrowing the article (5 points per rethrow)
- Dropping the article before delivering it to hand
- Not releasing the article to the handler
- Handler assists the dog to locate the submerged article.
- Exceeding the time limit, the judge will call “time up”.

Disqualification: Handler attempting to force the dogs head underwater.

Permitted actions: The dog may trawl the article with its paws before retrieving the article and delivering it to hand. Dog may search underwater to locate the article. Once the dog attempts to retrieve the article the handler’s hands must be visible by the judge, and may only submerge their hands to allow for a rethrow.

Judge/Steward: Directions shall be “Are you ready?”, “Enter the water”, “Throw the article”, “Send your dog”, “Exercise finished”

The direction “Send your dog” should be given after sufficient time has elapsed to allow the article to sink completely.

A measuring pole marked the required depth is to be placed in the ground prior to the dog entering the water.

The same type of article should be available to all handlers, and is to be selected from the equipment provided by the Club.

The article should be no more than 10cm in height, weighted so it will sink rapidly.

A light line may be attached to aid location in the event of the dog failing to find the article.

Consideration should be given to prevailing conditions, such as water clarity, and water movement (especially in windy or tidal conditions).

**THE NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB INC.
JUNIOR WATER TRIAL**

VENUE:		JUDGE:	
TRIAL DATE:		DOGS DOB:	
REGISTERED NAME:		PET NAME:	
OWNER(S):		PHONE No:	
ADDRESS:			
HANDLER:			
CAN YOU SWIM:	YES / NO (If no, you must make this known to the steward and wear a life jacket).		
SIGNED:	I confirm that the above named dog is registered in accordance with local authority by-laws, and has not been exposed to any contagious disease in the 6 weeks prior to this competition. I agree to abide by the rules of the Newfoundland Club Inc.		
.....	The dog is owned and normally resides with a member of the Newfoundland Club.		

DROP RETRIEVE (1 minute from >10 metres)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Entering the water			5
Swims directly to the article			5
Retrieves the article			10
Returns directly to shore with article			10
Delivers the article to hand			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		-	
SUB TOTAL	Merit 26.25		35
Time Taken			

SWIM TO HANDLER IN BOAT & TOW BOAT TO SHORE (2 minutes from >10 metres)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Enters the water			5
Swims directly to boat			5
Takes mouthpiece			10
Tows boat to shore using mouthpiece			15
Exits the water holding mouthpiece			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		-	
Sub Total	Merit 30		40
Time Taken			

RESCUE HANDLER (2 minutes from >10 metres)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Enters the water			5
Swims to handler			10
Circles handler			5
Allows handler to hold onto dog			5
Tows handler back to shore			10
Exits the water			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		–	
Sub Total	Merit 30		40
Time Taken			

UNDERWATER RETRIEVE (1 minute)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Enters the water			5
Puts head under water and searches			5
Retrieves article			5
Returns article to handlers hand			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		–	
Sub Total	Merit 15		20
Time Taken			

TOTAL SCORE			135
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5.4 Senior

All exercises are to be performed without physical control, restraint or correction. Stationary with handler = sit/stand/down, at heel or in front of handler

5.4.1 Directed Retrieve

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs' ability to retrieve a specific article from the water, when one or more article is present.

Desired Performance: The dog will remain on shore, in a stationary position with the dog's view of the course obstructed, under control at the side of the handler until directed to begin. The Steward will on the Judges' signal, place two retrieve articles quietly in the water. The articles will be parallel to the shore, some 6 - 7 metres apart and 20 metres swimming distance, for the dog, from shore. On the Steward leaving the area, the Judge will advise the handler which of the two articles is to be retrieved. On the Judges' direction to begin, the handler will send the dog to retrieve the specified article and return it to hand to the handler on the shore. The Judge will indicate that the exercise is complete when the article is taken by the handler and the dog is in a stationary position with the handler. The Steward will retrieve the other article.

Time Limit: 1 minute 30 seconds from the direction "Send your dog". (refer to section 2.15)

Scoring:

- 5 points for entering the water
- 10 points for swimming to the correct article
- 10 points for retrieving the correct article
- 10 points for returning to shore with the correct article
- 10 points for delivering the correct article to hand
- 5 points for returning to a stationary position with the handler

Total points: 50

Penalties will be applied for:

- Lack of control
- Anticipation
- Hesitation in entering the water
- Not swimming directly to the correct article
- Not swimming directly back to the handler on shore
- Dropping the article before reaching the shore
- Not delivering the article to the hand of the handler
- Not giving the article to the handler when instructed
- Handler entering the water
- Handler entering the water to assist the dog, 50% of the points gained for the exercise will be deducted.
- Physical correction - 5 points
- Exceeding the time limit. Providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time. If the dog stops working the judge will call "time up".

Failure: Failing to retrieve the correct article.

Permitted actions: The handler may touch the dogs' head in order to establish the direction of the article, prior to sending the dog, but may not force the dog in any way.

Judge / Steward: The directions shall be "The left/right article", "Are you ready", "Send your dog", "Exercise finished"

The Judge will select two articles as similar as possible from life rings / buoys, life jackets / buoyancy aids or boat cushions. The article shall be the same type for each dog.

The article to be retrieved may be randomly selected, either right or left, and will not necessarily be the same for each dog.

Consideration should be given to the conditions prevailing at the time in respect of the placement of the articles, the nature of the articles and the time limit for each exercise. Excessive wind drift may warrant either closer placement or where the dog is working competently but is hampered by conditions, extended time limits.

Articles should be placed quietly in the water by the Steward, without drawing attention to them.

5.4.2 Rescue a Stranger

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs' ability to take a buoyancy aid to an unfamiliar person and that person having fitted the aid, is then towed to shore safely by the dog.

Desired Performance: A Steward unfamiliar to the dog, will take up a position a minimum of 20 metres swimming distance for the dog from the shore and proceed to act in the manner of a distressed person. The dog will remain in a stationary position on shore with the handler until directed to begin. When directed, the handler will offer the dog a buoyancy aid and command

the dog to take hold of it and swim with it to the Steward in the water. On reaching the Steward, the dog will be commanded* by the Steward to release the aid, which the Steward will then put on. The dog should remain in the vicinity of the Steward. Once the Steward is ready, the dog should tow the steward to shore. The Steward will release the dog on reaching knee deep water. The dog should then return to a stationary position with the handler.

Time Limit: 2 minutes from being directed to begin. (refer to section 2.15)

Scoring: 10 points for voluntarily taking the buoyancy aid
5 points for entering the water
10 points for swimming with the buoyancy aid to the Steward
10 points for releasing the buoyancy aid to the Steward
10 points for remaining safely within the Stewards' reach
10 points for towing the Steward back to shore
5 points for returning to a stationary position with the handler

Total points: 60

Penalties will be applied for:

- Lack of control
- Anticipation
- Not swimming directly to the Steward
- Dropping the aid on the swim out
- Not releasing the aid to the Steward
- Not remaining in the vicinity of the Steward while the buoyancy aid is fitted
- Not being within the reach when the Steward is ready to commence the tow
- Not towing the Steward
- Not returning directly to shore
- Handler entering the water
- Handler entering the water to assist the dog, 50% of the points gained for the exercise will be deducted
- Not returning to a stationary position
- Exceeding the time limit. Providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time. If the dog stops working the judge will call "time up".

Failure: Not taking the buoyancy aid and starting to swim with it within 30 seconds of being offered the buoyancy aid. Endangering the Steward through pawing, climbing or deliberate forcible contact with the Steward, including holding or attempting to hold on to the buoyancy aid.

Permitted Actions: The dog may circle the Steward or wait to one side while the Steward fits the buoyancy aid. Handler may call the dog to shore on the return tow.

Judge / Steward: directions are "Are you ready?", "Give your dog the buoyancy aid and send your dog" and "Exercise finished"

*Steward should determine the release command from the handler, prior to entering the water.

Steward should not physically correct the dog unless self-preservation requires (i.e. dog attempting to grab buoyancy aid).

The buoyancy aid should be of a simple type that can be fitted quickly (10-15 seconds) by a person in the water eg. the waist belts with slip-clip used by water skiers or the type that fit over the head and secure with a waistband, often used for children, or a life ring of a suitable size. When selecting a suitable buoyancy aid consideration should be given to size, not too large or too small, and ease and speed with which it can be fitted and secured, being not too long as to test the dog unreasonably, nor so fast as to not allow the dog time to demonstrate its ability to remain with a person in distress while the buoyancy aid is fitted.

5.4.3 Take a Line / Tow a Boat

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs' ability to take a line out to an unfamiliar person in a boat and tow the boat safely to shore.

Desired Performance: A Steward, unfamiliar to the dog, will position a boat a minimum of 20 metres swimming distance for the dog, from the shore. The dog will remain on shore, in a stationary position under control at the handlers' side, until directed to begin. When directed, the handler will command the dog to take the end of a coil of rope presented to it by the handler, and swim with it in its mouth, to the boat. On reaching the boat, the dog will swim sufficiently close to the boat that the Steward is able to take hold of the rope without endangering his/her safety or that of the dog. On taking hold of the rope, the Steward will then ensure that there is sufficient rope to enable the dog to tow the boat in safety, whilst holding the rope securely. The dog having retained hold of the rope, will be commanded by the handler (on shore) to tow the boat back to shore, to such a depth that the Steward can safely leave the boat into knee deep water. The Judge will indicate that the exercise is complete when the dog has returned the retained end of the rope to the handler and is in a stationary position with the handler.

Time Limit: 2 minutes from the direction “Send your dog” (refer to section 2.15)

Scoring: 10 points for voluntarily taking the line
5 points for entering the water
10 points for swimming with the rope to the boat
10 points for swimming close enough to the boat that the Steward is able to take hold of the rope.
10 points for retaining hold of the rope
10 points for towing the boat back to shore
5 points for returning the rope to the handler and returning to a stationary position with the handler.

Total points: 60

Penalties will be applied for:

Lack of control
Anticipation
Hesitation in entering the water
Not swimming directly to the boat
Not allowing the Steward to take the rope
Not swimming directly back to shore
Not bringing the boat close enough to shore
Not delivering the rope to hand
Handler entering the water
Handler entering the water to assist the dog, 50% of the points gained for the exercise will be deducted
Not returning to a stationary position with the handler
Physical correction (5 points)

Failure: Exceeding the time limit if the dog ceases to continue to work. Providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time

Disqualification: Not voluntarily taking the rope in mouth and starting to swim with it within 30 seconds of the rope being offered. Attempting to enter the boat.

Permitted Actions: The dog may turn before or after coming in reach of the Steward or may circle the boat.

Judge / Steward: The directions shall be “Are you ready?”, “You may begin”, “Exercise finished”. The rope should be a minimum of 10 metres long, and may have spliced ends to act as a mouthpiece. No other types of mouthpiece should be used. Stewards should not handle the dog or otherwise physically correct it. Stewards may attract the dogs’ attention but may not use the dogs’ name.

5.4.4 Retrieve from a Boat

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs’ ability to travel safely in a boat, jump from a boat and return a retrieve article back to the handler in the boat, without endangering itself or any person.

Desired Performance: The dog and handler will wait on shore until directed to enter the boat. On entering the boat safely they will be taken by the Steward to a point at least 20 metres from shore. Whilst travelling, the dog will remain under control so as not to impede the Steward or endanger the occupants of the boat. On direction from the Judge, the handler will throw the retrieve article at least 3 metres from the boat. On a further direction from the Judge, the handler will command the dog to leave the boat and retrieve the article, delivering it back to the hand of the handler. The handler will raise the article in the air to signal that it has been returned. The Judge will then direct the Handler to return to shore. The handler will then direct the dog to return to shore in such a manner as to not endanger itself or the occupants of the boat.

Time Limit: 1 minute from the direction “Send your dog” and finishing on the handler raising the article in the air. (refer to section 2.15)

Note: the exercise starts at the direction to “Enter the boat” and is completed on the Judges’ direction “Exercise finished”.

Scoring: 5 points for dog entering the boat safely
10 points for dog travelling safely
10 points for the dog leaving the boat voluntarily
10 points for retrieving the article and returning the article to the boat
10 points for delivering it to the hand of the handler
5 points for returning safely to shore

Total Points: 50

Penalties will be applied for:

Lack of control

Anticipation
Not entering the boat safely at the shore
Hesitation in leaving the boat when commanded
Not swimming directly to the article
Not retrieving the article
Not returning the article to the boat
Not releasing the article to the handler
Physical correction (5 points)
Exceeding the time limit providing the dog is still working, exceeding the time limit is to be penalised by 1 point for every 10 seconds over time. If the dog stops working the judge will call "time up".
Dog attempting to re-enter the boat

Permitted actions: The retrieve article will be selected by the Judge, and will be of the same type for all dogs.

Judge / Steward: Directions are "Are you ready?", "Enter the boat", "Throw the article", "Send your dog", "Return to shore" and "Exercise finished". The Steward shall give a verbal report on the execution of the exercise if asked to do so by the Judge.

5.4.5 Underwater Retrieve

Purpose: To demonstrate the dogs' ability to retrieve an article from water that is a reasonable depth on the dog (46cm).

Desired Performance: The dog shall be in a stationary position with the handler on shore. On direction from the Judge, the handler will throw the weighted retrieve article into water that is level with the depth marker (46cm) for the dog. On the Judges' direction, the handler will send the dog to retrieve the article. The dog will enter the water, retrieve the article from under water and return it to the handler. The handler should take the article from the dog and the dog should complete the exercise in a stationary position with the handler.

Time limit: 1 minute from the direction to "Send your dog" (refer to section 2.15)

Scoring: 5 points for the dog entering the water
10 points for the dog moving directly to the point at which the article entered the water
10 points for the dog putting its head under water and searching for the article
10 points for retrieving the article
10 points for the dog returning the article to the handler, delivering to hand
5 points for completing the exercise in a stationary position with the handler

Total points: 50

Penalties will be applied for:

Lack of control
Anticipation
Hesitation
Not going directly to the vicinity in which the article entered the water
Not retrieving the article from the water
Not returning the article to the handler
Dropping the article
Not delivering to hand
Handler entering the water
Physical correction (5 points)
Exceeding the time limit, the judge will call "time up".

Disqualification: The handler physically forcing the dogs head underwater

Permitted Actions: The dog may trawl the article, using its paws to move it closer to shore, before retrieving the article. The handler should determine water depth prior to commencing the exercise.

Judge / Steward: Directions will be "Are you ready?", "Throw the article", "Send your dog" and "Exercise finished". Consideration needs to be given to prevailing conditions eg water clarity, movement and turbulence that may move the article between the time the article is thrown and the time the dog might reasonably have been expected to locate it. The Judge may indicate a rethrow is necessary if the water depth is unsatisfactory, prior to the dog being sent for the article. The Steward will return the article to the handler. A light line may be attached to the article to assist in location of the article in the event of it not being retrieved. The article should be weighted so that it will sink immediately. It may be of a bright colour and should be no more than 10cm high.

A measuring pole marked the required depth is to be placed in the ground prior to the dog entering the water.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB INC SENIOR WATER TRIAL

VENUE:		JUDGE:	
TRIAL DATE:		DOGS DOB:	
REGISTERED NAME:		PET NAME:	
OWNER(S):		PHONE No:	
ADDRESS:			
HANDLER:			
CAN YOU SWIM:	YES / NO (If no, you must make this known to the steward and wear a life jacket).		
SIGNED:	I confirm that the above named dog is registered in accordance with local authority by-laws, and has not been exposed to any contagious disease in the 6 weeks prior to this competition. I agree to abide by the rules of the Newfoundland Club Inc. The dog is owned and normally resides with a member of the Newfoundland Club.		
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DIRECTED RETRIEVE (1 minute 30 seconds from >20metres and 6 to 7metres apart)

Element	Comments	Score	Max
Entering the water			5
Swims to correct article			10
Retrieves correct article			10
Returns to shore with correct article			10
Delivers correct article to hand			10
Returns to a stationary position			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		-	
Sub Total	Merit 37.5		50

Time Taken		
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RESCUE A STRANGER (2 minutes from >20 metres)

Element	Comments	Score	Max
Voluntarily takes the buoyancy aid			10
Enters the water			5
Swims with aid to the Steward			10
Releases the aid to the Steward			10
Remains safely within Steward reach			10
Tows Steward back to shore			10
Returns to stationary position			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		-	
Sub Total	Merit 45		60

Time Taken		
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TAKE A LINE / TOW A BOAT (2 minutes from >20 metres)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Voluntarily takes line			10
Enters the water			5
Swims with rope to boat			10
Allows rope to be taken by Steward			10
Retains hold of the rope			10
Tows boat back to shore			10
Returns rope to handler and returns to a stationary position			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		–	
Sub Total	Merit 45		60
Time Taken			

RETRIEVE FROM A BOAT (20 metres from shore, then 1minute from >3 metres from boat)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Enters boat safely			5
Travels safely			10
Leaves boat voluntarily			10
Retrieves article and returns it to the boat			10
Delivers article to handler			10
Returns to shore			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		–	
Sub Total	Merit 37.5		50
Time Taken			

UNDERWATER RETRIEVE (1minute)			
Element	Comments	Score	Max
Enters the water			5
Moves directly to where the article entered the water			10
Puts head under water and searches			10
Retrieves article			10
Returns article to handler			10
Returns to a stationary position			5
Points deducted (if any) 1 point per 10 seconds overtime		–	
Sub Total	Merit 37.5		50
Time Taken			
TOTAL			270

BEGINNERS WATER TRIAL EXERCISE COMMANDS

B1 SINGLE RETREIVE

(5 metres)

ARE YOU READY?

THROW YOUR ARTICLE

SEND YOUR DOG

(Time allowed 1 minute)

EXERCISE FINISHED

B2 SWIM WITH HANDLER

(Go to swimming depth for dog and swim
10m parallel to shore)

ARE YOU READY?

YOU MAY BEGIN

(Time allowed 2 minutes)

RETURN TO SHORE

EXERCISE FINISHED

B3 SWIM WITH BOAT

(10m out, then swim 5m parallel to shore)

ARE YOU READY?

CALL YOUR DOG

(Time allowed 2 minutes)

RETURN TO SHORE

EXERCISE FINISHED

JUNIORS WATER TRIAL EXERCISE COMMANDS

J1 DROP RETREIVE
(10 metres)

ARE YOU READY?

SEND YOUR DOG

(Time allowed 1 minute)

EXERCISE FINISHED

J2 SWIM TO HANDLER IN
BOAT, AND TOW BOAT
TO SHORE (10 metres)

ARE YOU READY?

CALL YOUR DOG

(Time allowed 2 minutes)

EXERCISE FINISHED

J3 RESCUE HANDLER
(Dog to swim out 10m)

ARE YOU READY?

CALL YOUR DOG

(Time allowed 2 minutes)

EXERCISE FINISHED

J4 UNDERWATER
RETREIVE

ARE YOU READY?

ENTER THE WATER

THROW YOUR ARTICLE

(Time allowed 1 minute)

EXERCISE FINISHED

SENIOR WATER TRIAL EXERCISE COMMANDS

S1 DIRECTED RETREIVE
(20 metres)

**THE LEFT / RIGHT
ARTICLE**

ARE YOU READY?

SEND YOUR DOG
(Time allowed 1.5 minutes)
EXERCISE FINISHED

S2 TAKE A LINE AND
TOW A BOAT (20 metres)

ARE YOU READY?

YOU MAY BEGIN
(Time allowed 2 minutes)
EXERCISE FINISHED

S3 RESCUE A STRANGER
(20 metres)

ARE YOU READY?

**GIVE YOUR DOG THE
BOYANCY AID AND
SEND YOUR DOG**
(Time allowed 2 minutes)
EXERCISE FINISHED

SENIOR WATER TRIAL EXERCISE COMMANDS

(continued)

**S4 RETREIVE FROM A
BOAT (20 metres)**

ARE YOU READY?

ENTER THE BOAT

THROW YOUR ARTICLE

SEND YOUR DOG

(Time allowed 1 minute)

RETURN TO SHORE

EXERCISE FINISHED

**S5 UNDERWATER
RETREIVE**

ARE YOU READY?

THROW YOUR ARTICLE

SEND YOUR DOG

(Time allowed 1 minute)

EXERCISE FINISHED