

Description of Activity: Field trials are a meeting for the purpose of holding a competition to assess the work of gundogs

Retrievers: There are either three or four judges who assess the dogs work. The dogs are required to walk steadily to heel, to be steady to shot and retrieve dead or wounded game/objects gently to hand from land or water.

Hazards: To mitigate risk through our duty of care and individuals self-assessment. You can participate in grassroots sports where the sports governing body (KC) has issued guidance on how to do so safely.	1) Likelihood (L.M.H.) 2) Severity (L.M.H.) 3) Risk Rating (L.M.H.)	What Controls are in place to minimise risk?	Persons responsible
Before Attending: If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must not attend the event and should self-isolate in line with Government advice.	1. If individuals follow the advice given here and observe the Kennel Club and Government guidelines; the likelihood of someone becoming Covid 19 positive, is low likelihood.	PPE equipment must be in use during the trial.	Every individual with checks by the Covid Safety Officer.
Payment for run: In view of KC reviewed guidelines, cheques will not be allowed on the day for entry fee. Please pay for your entry via our website page https://www.ndlabclub.co.uk/2021-field-trials.html			
P.P.E. - Hand sanitiser/wipes are required by all attendees and be provided by them		Attendees made aware of PPE required and checks made to ensure compliance	Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Ste
Travel to venue/estate. Handlers from any lockdown areas, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN		Attendees should travel alone or with an individual from their own 'bubble'	Every Individual.
Arrival and parking at venue. Vehicles should be parked with enough spacing to allow enough space between competitors		Attendees made aware of importance of socially distant parking and not to congregate.	Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Ste
Handling of Game: When handling game passed from a competitor, a face mask may be worn by the judge, judge's steward and game carrier and should be undertaken at a maximum distance possible. Hands should be sanitised between passing each bird. Judges are provided with hand sanitiser.		Judges and will have PPE of gloves, masks and sanitiser	Hand sanitiser will be available to judges and officials to use after handling the game. Competitors to use their own hand sanitiser

<p>Toilets –If available, wash your hands thoroughly, use separate towels or paper towels and dispose of them safely.</p>	<p>2. The severity of Covid 19 affects all individuals differently and therefore all must ensure that we take the responsibility of mitigating the risk of this infection extremely seriously by following the guidelines laid down here and also in the Government and Kennel Club guidance.</p> <p>3. Each individual has the primary responsibility for his or her own health and wellbeing and any risk factors relating to age or health, or health of close contacts, should be considered before entering any event.</p> <p>If these risks are considered and adhered to, the Risk Rating for someone becoming Covid 19 positive is Low.</p>	<p>To be advised if available by Steward</p>	<p>Every Individual</p>
<p>Food and Drink</p>		<p>All competitors to bring their own food and drink for themselves and their dogs</p>	<p>Every Individual</p>
<p>Social distancing measures must be adhered to between dogs and handlers</p> <p>Attendees are asked not to congregate around the Stewards/judges but to sensibly approach following social distancing guidelines.</p>		<p>Social distancing will be monitored by all, especially Covid Safety Officers</p>	<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officers & Stewards</p>
<p>Equipment: Competitors to provide their own game bag. All club equipment will be thoroughly wiped down with antibacterial wipes after use</p>			<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Stewards</p>
<p>Rubbish – please take your rubbish with you in your car</p>		<p>There must be no litter of PPE/other from anyone at the trial. Take your rubbish home.</p>	<p>Every individual</p>
<p>Issues – A log will be kept by the Covid Safety Officer of any untoward issues on the day. They will observe to ensure guidelines are being adhered to throughout the day. Attendees should report any concerns immediately to the Covid Safety Officers.</p>		<p>Every individual should report areas of concern immediately to the Covid Safety Officers or Steward</p>	<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Stewards</p> <p>Concerns raised after the event will not be acted upon. Failure by anyone to observe guidelines and adhere to Covid prevention procedures may result in expulsion from the trial and the individual being asked to leave the ground.</p>

Requirements for individuals. Equipment and miscellaneous

- Running cards will be available on the day, these will be sent electronically to you before the event.
- Here you will find your number in the running order.
- Armbands will be provided or you can provide your own number/armband to enable judges to identify you clearly.
- DIRECTION SIGNS WILL BE provided by Steward. These should be left in place for Steward collection after the event
- Awards or prize certificates will be provided, with trophies being disinfected prior to award
- Any individual not following Government Guidelines, or who is deemed to be putting the safety of others at risk will be asked to leave the trial ground.
- No handling of cash or cheques on the day
- Contact information on all participants and attendees will be collated to allow NHS Test and Trace to contact all participants if any attendee becomes ill with COVID-19.
- Ensure you are socially distanced from other individuals.
- You must stay as distant from the judge as possible (2 metres preferable but 1 metre acceptable).
- The Judges have their own 'bubble' and handlers must be socially distant of this 'bubble'
- Judge books will be disinfected or the judge may use their own.
- This Risk assessment will be available to all attending by electronic copy. A copy is also available on the day

All attendees to comply and familiarise themselves with Government Guidelines and also the Kennel Club Guidelines.

Links to these documents are available below. Any specific requirements of the host / estate to be strictly adhered to.

We will continuously monitor any environmental issue and amend this assessment if required.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.ndlabclub.co.uk/rules-regulations-agms-etc.html>