

Northumberland and Durham LRC Risk Assessment Form COVID-19 (COVID SAFETY OFFICERS: M Olds, J Smart, L Hartis – Incident log Michelle Olds)

Activity : Field Trial. 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.

<i>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. Maximum number of gathering - 30</i>	<i>1) Likelihood (L.M.H.) 2) Severity (L.M.H.) 3) Risk Rating (L.M.H.)</i>	<i>What Controls are in place to minimise risk?</i>	<i>Persons responsible</i>
<u>Before Attending:</u> if a competitor/attendee, 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 guidelines 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.
P.P.E. (Gloves, Masks, Sanitiser and Wipes)		Attendees made aware of PPE required and checks made to ensure compliance	Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Chief Steward
Travel to venue/estate. ALL attendees from lockdown areas, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN OR ATTEND.		Attendees should travel alone or with an individual from their own 'bubble'	Every Individual.
Arrival and parking at venue. Use your PPE if any gates need opening/closing on arrival. Maintain safe distance between vehicles of 2 metres when parking. Stay by your vehicle until advised by the keeper or Chief Steward regarding dog exercising etc.		Attendees made aware of importance of socially distant parking and not to congregate. Also advised of start times and meet	Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Chief Steward

Game Individual handlers will bring their own game bag in which to deposit their game	<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. If these risks are considered and adhered to the Risk Rating for someone becoming Covid 19 positive is Low.</p>		All game should be transferred from person to person at arm's length. Judges and handlers should sanitise their hands following the transfer of game.
Toilets –Avoid touching surfaces and if you use the toilet wash your hands thoroughly, wipe down surfaces, use separate towels or paper towels and dispose of them safely.		TO BE DICTATED BY GAME KEEPER	Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Chief Steward and Gamekeeper
Food & Drink		NO FOOD OR FLUIDS WILL BE AVAILABLE from the Club. All individuals to bring their own for themselves and their dogs	Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Chief Steward
<p>Social distancing measures must be adhered to between dogs and handlers at all times (ideally 2 metres apart but minimum of 1 metre)</p> <p>Attendees are asked not to congregate around the FTS but to sensibly approach following social distancing guidelines.</p>		Social distancing will be monitored by all on the trial especially Covid Safety Officer and Committee members	Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Chief Steward
Guns. Shotguns must be handled by the owner only and cartridges must not be transferred between individuals.		Guns must only shoot forward to safeguard the gallery, which must be socially distanced.	Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Chief Steward
Rubbish – please take your rubbish with you in your game bag		There must be no litter of PPE/other from anyone at the trial. Take your rubbish home.	Every individual
<p>Issues – A log will be kept by the Covid Safety Officer of any untoward issues on the day.</p> <p>They will continuously observe to ensure guidelines are being adhered to throughout the day. Attendees should report any concerns immediately to the Covid Safety Officer, who will keep a log of any incidents during the day.</p>		Every individual should report any areas of concern immediately to the Covid Safety Officer or Chief Steward	<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer & Chief Steward</p> <p>Concerns raised after the event will not be acted upon. Failure by anyone to observe guidelines & adhere to Covid prevention procedures will result in expulsion from the trial, & the individual being asked to leave the ground</p>

Requirements for individuals. Equipment and miscellaneous

- No running cards will be available on the day, these will be sent electronically to you before the trial. Here you will find your number in the running order.
- You MUST BRING YOUR OWN CARD/PAPER WITH YOUR NUMBER ON TO ENABLE THE JUDGES TO IDENTIFY YOU CLEARLY.
- **ALL HANDLERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN GAME BAGS AND ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY THEIR OWN GAME UNTIL the end of the trial or until DROP OFF POINTS ARE ADVISED BY THE KEEPER**
- DIRECTION SIGNS WILL BE provided by Chief Steward. These should be left in place for Chief Steward collection after trial.
- No trophies will be provided at the trial. Certificates etc will be provided in plastic bags which have been produced in line with KC procedures.
- 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 entry forms, cheques or cash on the day
- Written information on all participants and attendees must be collated, this must be detailed enough to allow NHS Test and Trace to contact all participants if any attendee becomes ill with COVID-19. These records must be kept for 21 days.
- Ensure you are socially distanced from other individuals in the gallery and in line.
- You will be expected to put on your mask before you hand game to the judge and stay as distant as possible (2 metres preferable but 1 metre acceptable). Judges will disinfect their hands after each passing of game.
- The Judges and guns have their own 'bubble' and handlers must be socially distant of this 'bubble'
- Radios will be sanitised prior to the trial and placed in plastic bags for each judge/steward.
- Red flag will be disinfected prior to the trial and handed to the carrier with a sanitised/gloved hand.
- A copy of this Risk assessment will be available on the day to all attending (see Chief Steward) but an electronic copy has been provided prior to the trial to ensure your compliance

All attendees to comply and familiarise themselves with the 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.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/operational-plan-for-the-resumption-of-licensed-events/operational-plan-for-the-resumption-of-field-trials/?fbclid=IwAR3rXDISOZkcplqtqvUkDUvBfHV4cgATLdP--Q_ZDCSQhzDquM8E5LH3jA