

COVID SAFETY OFFICER JEFF SMART

**Description of Activity:** Working Tests 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/dummies gently to hand from land or water.

<p><b>Hazards:</b> To mitigate risk through our duty of care and individuals self-assessment. You can participate in grassroots sports where the sport's governing body (Kennel Club) has issued guidance on how to do so safely. <b>Maximum number of gathering - 30</b></p>	<p>1) Likelihood (L.M.H.) 2) Severity (L.M.H.) 3) Risk Rating (L.M.H.)</p>	<p><b>What Controls are in place to minimise risk?</b></p>	<p><b>Persons responsible</b></p>
<p><b>Before Attending:</b> 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.</p>	<p>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 <b>low likelihood.</b></p>	<p>PPE equipment must be in use during the event.  See guidance notes available to all prior to the event</p>	<p>Every individual with checks by the Covid Safety Officer.</p>
<p><b>P.P.E.</b> (Gloves, Masks, Hand Sanitiser and Wipes)</p>		<p>Attendees made aware of PPE required and checks made to ensure compliance. Emergency supplies available from the control point/shelter</p>	<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer &amp; Chief Steward</p>
<p><b>Travel to venue/estate. Handlers from lockdown areas, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RUN</b></p>		<p>Attendees should travel alone or with an individual from their own 'bubble'</p>	<p>Every Individual.</p>
<p><b>Arrival and parking at venue.</b> Use your PPE if any gates need opening/closing on arrival.  Maintain safe distance between vehicles when parking. Stay by your vehicle until advised by the Chief Steward regarding dog exercising etc.</p>		<p>Attendees made aware of importance of socially distant parking and personal space and not to congregate. Also advised of start times and meet venue directions. This communicated before the event and again on the day of the event in person</p>	<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer &amp; Chief Steward</p>

<p><b>Canvas Dummies:</b> Judges and dummy throwers have their own PPE (masks, sanitiser wipes and gloves) for use after each dummy handled</p>	<p><b>2. The severity of Covid 19 affects all individuals differently</b> and therefore all must ensure that we take the</p>	<p>Individual handlers should deposit their behind the judge, and make use of the hand sanitiser at judging station.</p>	<p>All dummies be transferred from person to person at arm's length. Judges and dummy throwers should sanitise their hands following the transfer of dummies</p>
<p><b>Toilets</b> –If toilets are available (rarely) 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.</p>	<p>responsibility of mitigating the risk of this infection extremely seriously by following the guidelines laid down here and also in</p>	<p>TO BE DICTATED BY LAND OWNER/CHIEF STEWARD</p>	<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer &amp; Chief Steward and Committee Stewards</p>
<p><b>Food &amp; Drink</b></p>	<p>the Government and Kennel Club guidance.</p>	<p>All individuals to bring their own for themselves and their dogs</p>	<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer &amp; Chief Steward</p>
<p><b>Social distancing measures</b> must be adhered to between dogs and handlers at all times (ideally 2 metres apart but minimum of 1 metre) <b>Attendees are asked not to congregate around the control/shelter or judges</b> but to sensibly approach following social distancing guidelines.</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>Social distancing will be monitored by all on the test especially Covid Safety Officer and Committee members</p>	<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer &amp; Chief Steward</p>
<p><b>Guns. NOT USED.</b> Starting pistols may occasionally be used by dummy throwers who will take from disinfected/stored box using gloves and return at the end of the event.</p>	<p><b>If these risks are considered and adhered to the Risk Rating for someone becoming Covid 19 positive is Low.</b></p>		<p>Checks by Covid Safety Officer &amp; Chief Steward</p>
<p><b>Rubbish</b> – please take your rubbish home 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><b>Issues – A log will be kept by the Covid Safety Officer of any untoward issues on the day.</b> 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>		<p>Every individual should report any areas of concern immediately to the Covid Safety Officer or Chief Steward</p>	<p>Every Individual, checks by Covid Safety Officer &amp; Chief Steward. Failure by anyone to observe guidelines &amp; adhere to Covid prevention procedures will result in expulsion from the event &amp; the individual being asked to leave the ground</p>

## Requirements for individuals. Equipment and miscellaneous

- Running order will be sent electronically to you before the event. 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.
- DIRECTION SIGNS WILL BE provided by Chief Steward. These should be left in place for Chief Steward collection after the event.
- 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 ground.
- No handling of entry forms, cheques or cash on the day
- Written information on all participants 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. You will be expected to put on your mask before you deal with judges and stay as distant as possible (2 metres preferable. Judges are in their own bubble and will have and use full PPE wherever required provided in a stored a sanitised plastic bag.
- The Judges, officials and dummy throwers have their own 'bubbles' and handlers must be socially distant of these 'bubbles' at all times.
- Judge books will be disinfected and clean paper inserted using a gloved hand well before the event. These will be placed in plastic bags and handed to judges with a sanitised hand or judges may supply their own books
- 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 event

All attendees to comply and familiarise themselves with the Club, 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.ndlabclub.co.uk/rules-regulations-agms-etc.html>

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

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/events-and-activities/resumption-of-licensed-events/>