

Newfoundland Club



Water Test Addendum – May 2025

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Administration of Tests

Complaints Procedure

Complaints should be made where possible in writing and on the day to the Test Manager. Alternatively, complaints can be sent in writing within 14 days of the test to the Working Section Secretary.

Responsibilities of Judges

When invited to judge a test, a written response is required to the Secretary of the Working Section Committee. If after acceptance, a judge is unable to meet the commitment for any reason then they must inform the Secretary by phone as soon as practicable, followed in writing.

In general judges can only enter their dog(s) on the same day as their judging appointment if they are entering a different section than the one they have been appointed to judge. However, with prior agreement of the Working Section Secretary and the Test Manager, a stand-in judge may be appointed to judge that test for them.

Responsibilities of Handlers

If a handler is also judging at the same event, they should check the running order of the sections and let the Test Manager know as soon as possible if there is a conflict between their judging responsibilities and their handling responsibilities, however judging responsibilities will take priority.

Physically Disabled or Veteran Dogs

Dogs that have any visual or audible impairment may still be entered into all levels of the tests and the handler with the judge's permission may use additional visual or audible aids. The dog however must still complete each exercise of the test as per the regulations. Anyone who wishes to enter a deaf or blind dog, must write to the Working Section Secretary to sanction any adaptation needed to test equipment.

Non-Newfoundlands

Members of the Newfoundland Club, Northern Newfoundland Club, Southern Newfoundland Club, Recognized Working Groups, or who are introduced by a member of one of the above, who own a dog that is not a Newfoundland or a Newfoundland cross breed, can enter their dog in the tests if there is enough time and if the Test Manager, Judges and Stewards agree. Before the test starts, the Test Manager and both Judges must all agree that the dog is suitable to do the level. While these dogs will receive a certificate on passing the test, it will not count towards a multi pass.

Junior Handlers

- Junior handlers must be at least 9 years of age on the closing date for entry of the test, and must be a competent swimmer, and not exceeding 16 years of age.
- A junior handler and dog must work as a team and work logically through the sections. i.e. they must pass section A together, before they can proceed to section B, & so on.
- A junior handler may also handle a dog that is also entered in another test on the same day, provided that the dog does not enter more than two tests that day.
- Junior handlers may enter the same section judged by their parents providing a replacement judge has been officially appointed prior to the test day.

Helmsmen

In addition to holding a RYA 2 qualification, the helmsmen must be a minimum of 17 years of age, and the majority of the other RYA qualified persons in that young persons working club must agree that person is capable of safely and competently fulfilling the role at a test and comply to the host Working Group's insurance requirements.