

PWDCA Water Trial Manual Changes for 2011

Description and Illustration of Regulation Equipment Retrieving Dummy Page 27 Old Wording

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New Wording Changes in Bold

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cylindrical and uniform in shape throughout its length, with a diameter of 2" to 4" and a length of 8" to 15". A line no longer than 18" may be attached to facilitate throwing.

Test Procedures

Page 5 #5 Old Wording Unless specifically permitted by an exercise description or these Rules and Regulations, the handler may not physically touch, guide or restrain the dog after an exercise has begun. An exercise is deemed to begin when the judge says (or signals) "You may begin". At the Junior and Apprentice levels, the handler may gently guide the dog by the collar or harness between exercises. At the Working and Courier levels, the handler must control the dog without physical guidance of any kind both during and between exercises. However, the handler may physically assist a dog in boarding a boat from water of swimming depth and may, in the interest of safety, momentarily steady a dog on a boat platform while it turns, shakes its coat or is in danger of falling. Upon completion of an exercise the handler may pet and praise the dog.

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Guaranteed Entries for Trial Workers

Pg. 39 Old Wording **1.** The club may guarantee entry spots for trial workers who have agreed to work at the trial. **2.** The maximum number of dog entries which may receive guaranteed entry spots are as follows: · 5 dog entries for the water trial site · 5 additional dog entries for each additional water trial site if the sites are run concurrently **3.** These guaranteed entries shall count in the total allowed trial entry.

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Conducting the Random Draw

Page 40 #4 Procedures for Trials Old wording 4. One drawing shall be held for consecutive trials. The Trial Secretary or a group of Trial Secretaries shall conduct the draw.

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How to Become an Associate PWDCA Water Trial Judge

Page 51, #2 Old Wording 2. The applicant submits a written request to provisionally judge a trial to the trial's host committee at least weeks prior to the water trial date.

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It has come to the attention of the Water Trial Committee that the use of the Substitute Steward is being used in a way that was not intended.

In the 2010 water trial manual (page 37) Substitute Stewards are described thus:

A handler may substitute an individual of his/her choice to perform any or all of the functions otherwise assigned to a steward during that handler's test. Such an individual is referred to as a "substitute steward." A substitute steward should be named in the handler's official entry form or, at the discretion of the judge and/or Trial Secretary, may be approved on the day of the trial no later than the end of the judge's briefing for the test level in which the handler is competing. The Trial Secretary and or Judge has the option of disallowing the use of a substitute steward if it could affect the overall length of the trial with the exception of the Courier and Versatility levels or for the Measured Swim at the Junior and Apprentice levels. In either case, the substitute steward must sign an official entry form acknowledging the "hold harmless" agreement before he/she will be allowed to participate in the handler's test.

The Water Trial Committee interprets this to mean AN INDIVIDUAL, not many individuals.