



Northern Working Newfoundland



Summary of changes to Water Regulations 2016 following the Water Review

These changes have been made in agreement with the Newfoundland Club and the Southern Newfoundland Club.

These regulations will be in place until the next review to take place following the last water test of 2018.

It is advised that these notes be read alongside the updated regulations.

Explanatory Notes

An amendment to Page 9 – 1.09 q) A judge may not judge their own dog or one handled by a **partner, parent, sibling or spouse**.

An addition in Page 13 – 3.1 j) If the **handler intentionally exceeds waist depth** in Section D & E it will be an **automatic fail**. In Sections A, B & C, **the judge is to inform handler** they need to release the dog at waist depth. If the verbal warning is not heeded & the handler goes beyond waist depth, 1 point will be lost.

An amendment to Page 13 – 3.1 o) **Double Handling – will result in failure**. This is deemed to be as follows:-

- The element is started by one handler and a second handler takes over working the dog within the same exercise, this includes the second handler stepping in to help take an article/rope from the dog when it returns to the shore at the end of an exercise.

Verbal double handling is no longer a failure.

Section B

Amendment to Page 20 – B1 e) The Judge shall indicate that the exercise is complete when the boat is **touched** by the handler and the boat occupants could step ashore safely in less than knee depth water.

Amendment to Page 21 – B2 f) The handler must help the secondary handler/steward out of the water.

One point will now be lost in the case of the handler not assisting the secondary handler/steward out of the water.

Section C

Amendment to Page 27 – C2 g) The handler must help the secondary steward out of the water.

One point will now be lost in the case of the handler not assisting the steward out of the water.

Section D

Page 32 – Exercise D2 (change to how exercise ends).

Addition in point g) The dog will enter the water, swim to the stranger and affect a safe tow. The dog will tow him to a position close enough to the boat so the handler and steward can pull the stranger aboard. **The Handler must touch the drowning stranger before the stranger can let go of the dog.**

The above point is relevant to entrants, judges and stewards.

Additional point j) **The dog will present itself sideways along the side of the boat and will be held via the harness for 3 seconds by both the handler and a steward.**

There are no longer two options for the end of the exercise.

Additional point k) Once judges indicates test is over, dog to be returned to shore by one of the following methods:

-  Dog pulled into boat
-  Swim back with rope
-  Handler to swim back with dog

Handler must inform stewards at start of test which method they will use.

Section E

Page 42 - Exercise E4 (change to how exercise ends).

Amendment to point j) The dog is **held by its harness sideways along the side of the boat by 2 stewards for 3 seconds.**

There are no longer two options for the end of the exercise.

Additional point k) Once judges indicates test is over, dog to be returned to shore by one of the following methods:

-  Dog pulled into boat
-  Swim back with rope
-  Handler to swim back with dog

Handler must inform stewards at start of test which method they will use.

Notes to Judges:

The above changes have implications for stewards which should be addressed at the stewards' briefing before the test.

Amendments have been made to score sheets to reflect the above changes.

The score sheets have also been changed to now only log the number of points lost. Previous score sheets had a starting score from which points would be deducted, and a pass mark was provided for each section. The revised score sheets now only show the maximum number of points that can be lost for each exercise, making it easier for judges during the test.

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