

If the test is running at the event, Entry forms will be available alongside the schedule and on the day, entry fees will be stated on the entry form.

Suitable Judges for Pipe 'n' Slippers will be decided on the day from those ready, willing and able. (This is to prevent Judges travelling a long way in the event of a low number of entries).

Eligible dogs are those who are over 7 years of age at time of entering or unable, due to physical restrictions, to enter the NNC Water Tests as laid down in the Regulations. Dogs under the age of 7 entering due to physical restrictions may NOT enter a certified water test at the same event.

During this trial exercises will be taken from different Sections of the NNC Water Tests with a little bit of tweaking. Time limit for each exercise is 4 mins and dogs pass if they complete the exercise successfully and safely within the allowed time, no matter how many attempts they take. No points are involved just a pass or fail.

3 of the 5 following exercises to be chosen by the owner/handler with the Judges being advised prior to the start of the exercises these cannot be changed once commenced.

Handler cannot be changed once exercise has started but a different handler can be used for each exercise.

1 = Boat Tow (as in Section A except owner/handler can swim with dog)

Dog swims out to anchored boat at 15 metres.

Collects rope from steward in boat returns to shore with rope.

Towing of boat is optional

2 = Underwater Retrieve (as in Section B)

Retrieve dropped/thrown into water so it is submerged.

Dog puts head underwater retrieves article.

Exercise is complete when the article is lifted clear of the water.

3 = Controlled Δ Shaped Swim (same as Section C)

Dog and handler swim 10 metres out from shore

Turn and swim either left or right (decided by Judges before start) for 5 metres

Swim 10 metres back to shore

4 = Directed Retrieve of 1 of 2 Articles (same as Section D articles from test pack, own articles may be used so long as both are identical and accepted as appropriate by Judges)

Boat passes 10 metres from test area shoreline and drops articles 5 metres apart

Dog swims to retrieve left or right article as decided by Judges before start

Dog returns to shore

Owner/handler can swim along side dog if they wish

5 = Hidden Article Retrieve from behind boat (as in Section E)

Dog swims out to anchored boat 10 metres from shore

Article of Judges choice is placed out of sight behind boat

Dog swims round boat and picks up retrieve article

Dog returns to shore

Owner/handler can swim along side dog if they wish