

# Gundog Working Test - Rules and Eligibility Criteria

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## **Eligibility**

- Novice** For Gundogs that have **not** won two Novice Gundog Working Tests, **not** won an Open Gundog Working Test, or **not** titled "Novice Retrieving Dog" or higher in Retrieving Trials.
- Open** For Gundogs that have obtained at least three Qualifying Certificates in Novice Gundog Working Tests, have won at least one Novice Gundog Working Test, titled "Novice Retrieving Dog" or higher in Retrieving Trials.
- Gundog** Includes all registered Gundog Breeds.
- Dummies** Dummies shall be provided by the HANDLER and must be approved by the judge prior to judging. Dummies should be made of firm material i.e. canvas or plastic etc, **and must be free of all feather and fur.**
- The work in Gundog Working Tests should relate to work in Retrieving and Field trials and where there is any doubt, the rules for these types of Trials should be used as a guide.
  - A count-back is not permitted. In the case of a tied score, all exercises must be repeated.
  - A competing dog which fouls the area in which the test is being conducted shall have five points deducted.
  - All movements will be on instruction from the judge who shall be provided with a copy of "Gundog Working Test – Rules and Eligibility Criteria", and "Judging Sheets", by the Club conducting the tests.

## Novice

<b>Exercise</b>	<b>Points</b>
1. Dog walk at heel for 30 metres	15
2. Dog put in Stand, Drop or Sit position. Handler to walk away 30 metres, turn About & Face Dog, when instructed by Judge – Call Dog to Hand	20
3. Dog put in Stand, Drop or Sit position. Handler to walk away at least 30 metres, Turns to face dog, the dog shall remain in that position for one (1) minute. When instructed by Judge, Call Dog to Hand.	30
4. Dog is sent out on a "Single Mark Retrieve" of approximately 50 metres	35
Total	100

Dogs are to be on lead coming to and leaving starting point.

Handler must designate before each exercise, Stand Drop or Sit intention. Handler control may be whistle, voice or hand signals.

Dogs must do all exercises with leads and collars removed.

To attain a Qualifying score, a dog must receive at least 50% in each exercise and an Overall score of not less than 75%. All Qualifying dogs should receive a Qualifying Certificate.

## Open

<b>Exercise</b>	<b>Points</b>
1. Dog walk at heel for 30 metres	15
2. Dog put in Stand, Drop or Sit position. Handler to walk away 30 metres, turn 15 About & Face Dog, when instructed by Judge – Call Dog to Hand	15
3. Dog put in Stand, Drop or Sit position. Handler to walk away at least 30 metres, Turns to face dog, the dog shall remain in that position for one (1) minute. When instructed by Judge, Call Dog to Hand as the dog is coming to hand, and when instructed by the judge, Command the dog to Stand, Drop or Sit. When instructed by Judge, Call Dog to Hand	30
4. Dog is sent out to complete a “Double R Retrieve” of approximately 50 metres The second object is thrown while the dog is returning with the 1 <sup>st</sup> .	25
5. Dog is sent out on a “Single Blind Retrieve” with the min distance to be 40 metres, And in a different area to exercise 4	15
Total	100

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