

COVID 19 management plan for retrieving trials

Our first priority is the health and safety of the retrieving community and guests attending any retrieving trial, therefore we will ensure the following procedure is adhered to during a retrieving trial while current COVID19 government regulations are in place.

This document sets out the procedures for safely managing and eliminating the possibility of exposure to the virus during a retrieving trial

Procedure

If any person suspects they have fever, symptoms such as coughing, a sore throat and fatigue, shortness of breath, they must immediately inform a Trial Management member or the Trial Manager and remove themselves from the trial site and seek medical assistance.

The Trial Manager prior to opening the trial shall hold a daily briefing to all persons on the trial site including competitors, judges, stewards, management team and all guests giving an overview of and adherence to this procedure.

A Log book All people who attend the Retrieving Trial shall have their name and contact phone number, plus any other details required as per Dogs SA instructions, recorded in the daily log book. This log book will be retained by the club.

Signage will be placed at the entry point of the trial grounds which states Retrieving Trial in progress before entering the trial grounds call the Trial manager – 04XXXXXXXXXX Social Distancing and Hand Sanitizer signs to be displayed.

Hygiene - The club will supply an appropriate amount of alcohol based hand sanitiser and disposable gloves for each competitor, judges and stewards during the trial.

Guns and equipment will be cleaned prior to starting the trial and at the end of each day.

Rubbish bins with plastic liners will be provided at the vetting area and at each run. The rubbish will be disposed of at the end of each day.

Any issues and problems will be immediately communicated to the Trial Manager and Trial Committee for resolution.

Personal Social Distancing

At all times during a Retrieving Trial people will maintain a personal space of 1.5 meters from any other person. Particular attention must be paid at vetting; viewing the run and at the pegs.

- **Vetting.**
 - Only entire bitches will be vetted.
 - The owner/handler will swab the bitch in the presence of the vetting officer.
 - After inspection by the vetting officer the swab will be disposed of.
 - Disposable gloves will be available.

- **Seeing the run.**
 - Numbers will be restricted to 6 at the pegs ie the judge and 5 competitors. This will enable people to see the run and, at the same time, maintain social distancing.
 - In the event that there are more than 5 handers in the stake, it will be necessary to repeat the process of sighting the game until all handers have had the opportunity to see the run.

- **At the pegs.**
 - The gun steward places the unloaded gun and loose shells on a table near the control point
 - the competitor places their lead on the table when they take the gun and shells to starts their run.
 - Judges, stewards and the Trial Management team shall ensure personal distancing of 1.5m is adhered to at all times.
 - Once the dog has completed the run, the handler returns to the table at the control point and places the unloaded shotgun, shells and items of game on the table for the judge's inspection.
 - Disposable gloves and hand sanitizer will be available.

Transport and travel – People travelling around the trial site shall maintain a personal distance of 1.5 metres, which means the only people who can travel together in the same vehicle are people of the same family or close relationship.

Game Stewards and anyone handling equipment or game may wear disposable gloves while the competition is taking place.

Please note - This document shall be amended to reflect any changes in the government regulations.