

BRSDC Working Test General Rules and Procedures

1. All dogs entered are to be of a fit and healthy condition and free from any infectious diseases up to 6 weeks prior to the event.
2. Any dog deemed to be overly shy, nervous or aggressive during any part of the test will result in the test being terminated and the dog would have failed the test.
3. Handler's are to conduct themselves in a sporting manner and accept the judge's decision as final.
4. There is an age restriction for the dog to be a minimum of 10 months old before being allowed to enter.
5. Upon entry of a dogs 1st WT1 a BRSDC Working Test record book will be produced for that particular dog and given to the handler/owner. This is a record book to be kept by the owner/handler and is to be used to document the dog's Working Test history and is to be handed in to the Working Test Secretary upon registration at the event.
6. Upon registration on the day of the test and when entered for a WT2 or WT3, proof of previously passed tests of lower tier's WT1 and/or WT2 must be given by means of providing the Working Test Secretary with the BRSDC Working Test Record book.
7. Each dog can only partake in up to 2 tests max. per event. These must be progressively from WT1 to WT2 or WT2 to WT3. No dog can directly enter for a WT2 or WT3 without previously passing the lower tiers which should be documented in the dogs BRSDC Working Test Record Book.
8. Before the test commences, the dogs microchip must be checked and verified by the judge, steward or working test secretary.

9. During the heeling part of the test the dog must be on the left-hand side of the handler and be held on a loose leash attached to the dog's collar. The collar's permitted to wear are a regular flat collar or a chain that can be and is clipped on to the "dead link". No check/choke chains, slip leads, Halti's, pinch collars or electric collars etc. are to be worn during the test.
10. During the test no food, toy's or training aids are to be used to help the dog. Some slight encouragement through means of the use of the handler's voice or body action is allowed but to what extent will be to the judge's discretion. The handler can praise their dog at the end of each exercise.
11. If required the test may be stewarded by a third person in co-ordination with the judge.
12. Females in heat will be tested after all other dogs have completed their test's.
13. In the circumstance that a test was failed and where a 2nd test had been paid for in advance (but now not to be taken due to the failure of the 1st test) a refund of the 2nd test can be made.
14. Upon completion of all tests carried out at the event, each dogs BRSDC Working Test Record Book will be handed back to its owner/handler with the up to date results from that event and signed by the judge and Working Test secretary.