

## VALE OF YORK WORKING RETRIEVER CLUB (ID 2263)

### COVID-19 STATEMENT FOR WORKING EVENTS SEASON 2021/ 22

#### General

- The VYWRC Covid-19 protocol should be read in conjunction with the guidelines set out by the Kennel Club on their document entitled “[Operational plan for the resumption of Licensed Events](#)”. Everyone attending the Event must be familiar with this document.
- As the health and safety of everyone attending this Event is of paramount importance, it is therefore vital that all the measures below are adhered to. Whilst the organising committee has a significant responsibility in this regard, each individual has the primary responsibility for his or her own health and well being.
- No photographs or videos to be posted on social media other than those authorised by the VYWRC
- The club reserves the right to update these measures up to the day of the Event to ensure they conform with latest government guidance.
- All attendees must provide their own face mask and hand sanitiser to use at appropriate times.
- VYWRC will keep a register of all attendees at its Licensed Events (“Attendees Register”). This Register will contain key contact information reasonably required.
- Spectators and other non-essential attendees will not be allowed to attend VYWRC Licensed Events this season, unless express permission has been obtained from the Secretary in advance.
- A Covid Officer will be appointed by the Committee for each Licensed Event. This person will be named on the card. It is anticipated that the Covid Officer will be the Chief Steward.
- Everyone attending a Licensed Event must be aware that if they, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must not attend the event and should self-isolate in line with Government advice.

- There will be no physical contact between anyone attending a Licensed Event. Appropriate social distancing will be required at all times, including during any announcements, in the gallery and when in line.
- Any individual not following Government guidelines, or who is deemed to be putting the well being of others at risk by the appointed Covid Officer, will be asked to leave the Licensed Event immediately.
- VYWRC will endeavour to ensure that attendees at Licensed Events will be able to travel around the shoot either on foot or in their own vehicles. However, this will not be possible at some Licensed Events, where it is necessary to use transport provided by the Host. In such circumstances, announcements will be made on the day as to the necessary arrangements and precautions to be taken.
- VYWRC will not provide any refreshments. All attendees are asked to provide their own refreshments.

### **Competitors**

- VYWRC will only accept entries via Royal Mail or via email if a scanned entry form is sent to the relevant Secretary. Payment of the administration fee and entry fee must be made by cheque before the closing date for the Licensed Event. No cash payments will be accepted
- If a competitor is handling more than one dog, an individual from their own household or 'bubble' must attend to hold their additional dog. Other competitors or helpers should not be used for this purpose. Competitors are required to notify the address and contact number for the Attendee Register.
- Competitors will not be required to wear a mask whilst handling a dog, but they should remain considerate when standing in close proximity to others.
- Competitors will be required to provide their own number for identification purposes. This does not need to be an armband but must be clearly visible to the judge when the competitor joins the line.
- Competitors should be aware that all communication, including the results of the draw and Licensed Event card, will be undertaken electronically.
- Competitors will not receive a printed card on the day. The Secretary will send an electronic copy of the card to each handler in advance of the Licensed Event. Others attending the event may request an electronic copy from the Secretary no later than 24 hours in advance. Updated cards will not be sent and it will

be for each attendee to mark their own card with any changes announced on the day.

- Certificates will be sent by email to any award winners by the Secretary. It will be for each award winner to notify the Secretary of their correct email address at the conclusion of the Event.

## Judges

- Judge's books and copies of the current J Regulations must be provided by the judge and only handled by them. If requested in advance, the Secretary can post a prepared book and copy of J Regulations to the judge. Any such request must be made in time to allow for time for preparation, posting and an appropriate quarantine period before opening.
- Each judge must provide their own stationery (pencils etc), which should not be shared with their co-judges.
- In accordance with the Kennel Club's Operational Plan, game certificates will not be required to be completed and it will be assumed that the conditions of the stake were such as to enable the dogs to be satisfactorily tested. If this is not the case the Kennel Club Field Trial department must be notified within 7 days of the trial.
- As far as possible the VYWRC are taking every step to ensure minimal handling of dummies – only the dummy thrower (who will be wearing gloves) will handle the dummy and the handler. When handling dummies handlers will be asked to take the dummy from the dog and place it directly into the bucket provided.
- Face masks should be worn during any conferring between the judges.
- When handling game passed from a competitor, a face mask should be worn by the judge and the judge's steward and/or game carrier and should be undertaken at the maximum distance possible. Hands must be sanitised between passing each bird. Gloves may be worn but would need to be changed and safely discarded following the passing of each bird to ensure no cross contamination.
- The Kennel Club are encouraging judges to submit online judge's evaluation forms, via the Kennel Club website. Hard copy evaluation forms will not be provided.

## **Officials and Helpers**

- All equipment used (such as game bags, note books/clipboard, pencils etc) must be provided by the individual. If this is not possible, gloves must be worn and equipment must be thoroughly wiped down with provided antibacterial wipes before and after use.
- When handling game passed from a competitor, a face mask should be worn by the judge and the judge's steward and/or game carrier and should be undertaken at the maximum distance possible. Hands must be sanitised between passing each bird. Gloves could be worn but would need to be changed and safely discarded following the passing of each bird to ensure no cross contamination.
- Radios must be handled when wearing gloves and thoroughly cleaned using antibacterial wipes at the start and the conclusion of the Licensed Event. Radios should not be swapped between users without being sanitised. Earpeaces must not be worn unless these are the individual's own.

## **Guns**

- Shotguns must be handled by the owner only and cartridges must not be transferred between individuals.
- Guns must be mindful of the location of the gallery and the others in the line when shooting. They must follow the Steward of the Beat's safety instructions.