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## Natural Game Championship and Novice Trials

Date	Event	Entries Close
Monday 6 June 2022	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Streamlands Station, Tekapo Trials Captain: Dave Rodgers Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Peter O'Neill, Rick Wills	14 May 2022
Tuesday 7 June 2022	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Grampians Station, Tekapo Trials Captain: Neville Alexander Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Dave Rodgers, Rob Browning	14 May 2022
Wednesday 8 June 2022	<b>Natural Game Novice Trial</b> Glenrock Station, Tekapo Trials Captain: Peter O'Neill Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Neville Alexander, Peta Payton	14 May 2022
Thursday 9 June 2022	<b>Natural Game Novice Trial</b> Sawdon Station, Tekapo Trials Captain: Peter O'Neill Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Dave Rodgers, Rob Cox	14 May 2022
Friday 10 June 2022	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Sawdon Station, Tekapo Trials Captain: Peter O'Neill Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Rachel Dellar, Jamie Payton	14 May 2022
Saturday 11 June 2022	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Streamlands Station, Tekapo Trials Captain: Dave Rodgers Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Howard Halliday, Bill Johnsen	14 May 2022

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## Locations

Competitors are to assemble at the appropriate following locations at **8.30am every day** for a pre-event briefing and confirmation of the day's draw, then to travel to the trial grounds.

Copy and paste the following link into your web browser to show those locations...

Dog Kennel Corner                      <https://goo.gl/maps/QuUey7PqkyFUmUBx7>

## Conditions of Entry

1. Entry forms must be emailed to the Secretary on or before the specified closing date.
2. The trials are run under the rules and regulations for the conduct of spaniel natural game trials, as approved by the NZ Gundog Trial Association (NZGTA).
3. All competitors must be financial members of a NZGTA affiliated club.
4. The Trials Captain reserves the right to make any adjustment to the schedule to meet any unexpected changes regarding trial grounds or judges.
5. The trials are by invitation only by kind permission of the land owner(s).
6. 'Guns' will be provided.
7. All competitors and spectators **MUST** wear a high visibility blaze orange cap and vest.
8. No dogs may exit the vehicle until a current dosing certificate is sighted by the Trials Secretary at the pre-trial briefing. The certificate must confirm the dog has been dosed not less than 48 hours prior to the trial date, and not more than 35 days prior to the trial date. Additionally, competitors should ensure their dog's vaccinations are up-to-date.
9. All appropriate Covid-19 Protocols will apply. Masks should be worn in close contact situations.
10. All competitors must sign a declaration that they have read and understood the club's 'Trials Health and Safety Policy' document.
11. All competitors and dogs compete at their own risk.
12. Trials start at 9.00am unless otherwise stated.
13. All competitors and spectators are to keep behind the Trials Steward as directed during the trial.
14. All dogs must be kept on a leash unless competing.
15. No competitor may visit, train or hunt on the trial grounds for one month prior to the trial or on the day of the trial without formal permission from the Trials Captain.

## Ballot and Draw

For each dog entered in a trial, a handler must specify its **status** (qualified or unqualified) and a **unique entry preference**. For example, if there is only 1 dog then it's a 'first preference' entry; if there are 2 dogs entered, then one would be the 'first preference' and the other the 'second preference'.

A ballot will be conducted if the number of entries exceeds the number of places available in each

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trial, as determined by the Trial Captain. In an open or championship trial the number of places is usually set to 20, while in a novice trial the places are seldom limited.

In all open or championship trials, all qualified dogs take priority over any unqualified dogs. In all trials, all first preference dogs take priority over any second preference dogs. All third (or lower) preference dogs will be placed at the end of a reserves list in an open or championship trial.

A two-stage randomised process determines which dogs are selected to run in the trial according to the status and preference rules (a ballot) and their running order (a draw).

## Awards

Placings and Championship trial challenge points are awarded at the discretion of the judges. Sashes and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, and Guns' Choice.

## Timeline

1 May	Schedule and Entry Form sent to members
14 May	Closing date for entries
16 May	Ballot (if necessary); Draw; Notification of draw
6 June	Championship Trial, Tekapo
7 June	Championship Trial, Tekapo
8 June	Novice Trial, Tekapo
9 June	Novice Trial, Tekapo
10 June	Championship Trial, Tekapo
11 June	Championship Trial, Tekapo
14 June	Notification of entry fees sent to members
21 June	Latest date for payment of entry fees

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