

# South Island Working Spaniel Club

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## Natural Game Trials

Date	Event	Entries Close
Saturday 24 July 2021	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Tekapo Area Trials Captain: Peter O'Neill Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Rick Wills, Bill Johnsen	20 June 2021
Sunday 25 July 2021	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Tekapo Area Trials Captain: Peter O'Neill Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Dave Rodgers, Colin Wynn	20 June 2021

## Locations

Competitors are to assemble at Dog Kennel Corner between Burkes Pass and Tekapo at **8.30am on both days** for a pre-event briefing and confirmation of the day's draw, then to travel to the trial grounds on one of the nearby farm stations.

Copy and paste the following link into your web browser to show that location...

Dog Kennel Corner                      <https://goo.gl/maps/EXbJW818DknTX9FD9>

## 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

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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 competitors must sign a declaration that they have read and understood the club's 'Trials Health and Safety Policy' document.
10. All competitors and dogs compete at their own risk.
11. Trials start at 9.00am unless otherwise stated.
12. All competitors and spectators are to keep behind the Trials Steward as directed during the trial.
13. All dogs must be kept on a leash unless competing.
14. No competitor may visit, train or hunt on the trial grounds prior to or after the trial events 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 an **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 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 precedence over any unqualified dogs. In all trials, all first preference dogs take precedence 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 or in the last running position(s) in a novice 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

13 June	Schedule and Entry Form sent to members
<b>20 June</b>	<b>Closing date for entries</b>
24 June	Ballot (if necessary); Draw; Notification of draw
<b>24 July</b>	<b>Championship Trial</b>
<b>25 July</b>	<b>Championship Trial</b>
28 July	Notification of entry fees sent to members
<b>5 August</b>	<b>Latest date for payment of entry fees</b>

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