

Mark Wickham Memorial 10 Series Guidelines 2017

- Best single mark using ducks and pigeons.
Adult dogs: Guaranteed 5 series (3 land/2 water), 2 live flyers
Puppies/Junior Handler: Junior Puppy 4 – 6 Months, Senior Puppy 6 – 12 months. Junior Handler 18 years old and younger (Junior Handlers may run in the adult stake.). Guaranteed 3 series (2 land/1 water), 1 live shot flyer (pigeon).
- Lunch provided.
- Awards: 10 Series Adult Stakes – Trophy for 1st place, Rosettes for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th placements. Ribbons will be provided for all qualifiers. Junior and Senior Puppies will receive placement rosettes for 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th place. Ribbons will be given to all qualifying puppies. Junior Handlers will receive rosettes.

Staffing and Rules

- **Event Chair**
 - Prepare advertisement brochure and submit to newsletter editor
 - Set entry fees per cost of birds and event site
 - Select and secure site (may include port-a-potty/dead bird disposal)
 - Secure birds for event. Birds used may be ducks or pigeons. Puppies should use pigeons. At least 2 live flyers for adult dogs and 1 live flyer for puppies.
 - Secure Judges: 4 judges for the adult dogs (2 flights), 2 for junior/senior puppies
 - Secure Equipment Chair
 - Secure Marshals (3) and possibly 3 back-up marshals
 - Secure Pop/Throw helpers that may be those who entered the event.
 - Secure helpers for store and hospitality
 - Organize set-up day with Judges and Equipment Chair. If possible, set up first 5 series the day before the event.
 - Arrange for equipment trailer to be brought to event site
 - Arrange for disposal of dead birds
 - Order awards/ribbons
- **Equipment Chair**
 - Recruit live gunners: 2/stake (4 – 6 gunners)
 - Recruit 3 people/stake (2 for 10 series/1 for junior/senior puppy stake) to insure needed equipment is set up prior to the start of the event.
 - Attend set up the day before the event and, if possible, set up first 5 series on land and on water.
- **Marshals**
 - Get test dog for each stake
 - Get back up marshals if needed
 - Monitor running order
 - Keep score

- **Entries**
 - Club Treasurer collects entry fees and keeps a record of who has entered/how many dogs will participate.
 - Attend the event to take day-of-event entries.
 - Prepare list of entries for each flight prior to the event and add day-of-event entries to bottom of the lists.
 - Remit the final running lists to the Marshals
 - Judges' dogs may not run in contention. They may run as test dogs or set up dogs.

- **Store**
 - Set up tables of goods to be sold and maintain an inventory.
 - Collect money for sold goods and remit to club treasurer at the end of the event.

- **Hospitability**
 - Buy the necessary food for lunches and snacks (may be a potluck or purchased simple menu)
 - Lunches will be provided for the workers and judges

The volunteers should be committed to 2 days work (Saturday/Sunday). Their participation is greatly appreciated and valuable. It is also expected that all will be respectful to each other and the participants.

RULES (Suggestions)

- All participants are guaranteed 5 series no matter what their score is.
- Scoring:**
- Each judge will evaluate the dog's ability to mark on a scale of 1 – 10 (10 being a perfect mark). Judges will not consult with each other to score. Each judge's score will be recorded by the marshal on the provided white board. The score will be totaled and added to the previous score yielding a running total score. For example: Dog A is scored "8" by Judge 1 and "6" by Judge 2. $8 + 6 = 14$ carried to the next series.
 - Any dog that is handled will be judged Zero (0) on that mark.
 - After the first 5 series (on land or water), any dog that has been handled must be scored Zero (0) and will not be carried to the 6th series. A Zero (0) is an elimination.

Marks:

(Adult Dogs):

- Initially dogs will receive 3 marks on land and 2 marks on water.
- For the first 5 series, the marks will be scored on Marking only. They will not be scored on Trainability, Perseverance or Style. A light restraint is allowed. Hard mouth will be a Disqualification. Marks will be no longer than 150 yards. The following 5 series will be set up at the judges'

discretion and be no longer than 150 yards with increasing level of difficulty.

(Junior/Senior Puppies):

- All dogs will receive 3 marks and one live flyer (pigeon). Those continuing will receive 2 more marks.
- Marks will be on land and water. The marks should be very visible and should not exceed Junior Hunt Test length.
- No zero (0) will be scored unless the pup must be helped.
- Every opportunity should be given for puppy to be successful.

Mechanics of Tests

Judges and Workers should arrive at test grounds 1 hour prior to start of event to facilitate set up of marks and an “on time” start of the event. Adult dog tests will be run on Saturday and Sunday. Puppy Stake will be run on Sunday.

Adult Dogs

Two sets of marks should be set up: 1 set of 3 marks on land/1 set of 2 marks on water. At least one flyer for land marks and one flyer for water marks. 50% of the dogs entered will begin with the land marks and 50% of the dogs entered will begin with the water marks. When the first set of marks are completed by each group, dogs will move to the other set – (i.e. dogs having run land marks first will then run water marks and vice versa). Judges will remain at their stations so that they will have an opportunity to judge all the dogs and scoring will be consistent.

After completing the 5 marks, all dogs will come together and run in the same group. Their scores (after the first 5 marks) will be compared and judges will decide on cut-off for going on to the 6th mark. Judges will set up the final 5 marks together and all score each dog. The marshal will drop the highest and lowest judge score and then record the remaining 2 scores.

Depending on the time of day, the final marks may be run on Saturday or Sunday. If possible, marks 6, 7, and 8 will be run as a series with marks 9 and 10 becoming the deciding marks to determine the contestant placings.

Handles will be counted as Zero (0) and that dog may no longer compete after the first 5 marks. Thereafter any Zero (0) will eliminate a dog. Marks should increase in difficulty but should not exceed 150 yards in length.

Puppies and Young Dogs

The marks should be very visible and not exceed junior hunt test length. They will be on land and water. The first 3 marks will be run by all dogs. The last two marks will determine placement. Every opportunity should be given for the pup to be successful.

No Zero (0) will be scored unless the pup must be helped.