

GRAMPIAN GUNDOG CLUB

KC ID N° 2057

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

1. Car Parking and Transport

Access to the meet of a field trial will be clearly marked with signs. At all trials there will be a certain amount of off-road driving. At some trials there may only be access by 4x4 vehicles and some competitors, spectators with their dogs may be asked to share vehicles, or walk. All competitors and spectators must make their own transport arrangements and Grampian Gundog Club cannot accept responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned (see schedule).

2. Pre-Field Trial Briefing

The Chief Steward, as named on the Schedule/Running Card, will be responsible for safety, supervision and discipline at the field trial. The Chief Steward will be identified at the beginning of a trial and will outline safety measures in the pre-field briefing. All persons attending a field trial meeting must consider themselves under the control of the Field Trial Secretary, Chief Steward, Stewards and Officials of the Club (see Schedule). Any member of the Committee or attendee must inform the Chief Steward if they see anything dangerous, or potentially dangerous, during the course of the trial. Once the trial has started no one will be allowed to leave the trial without first notifying the Chief Steward. It is expected that everyone present will comply with the highest standards of safety and sportsmanship with respect to the quarry, wildlife and the countryside in general. Any unsafe or inappropriate behaviour will result in instant dismissal from the trial. Any person under the age of sixteen must be accompanied by an adult.

3. Weather

In the case of extreme weather conditions, eg gale force winds, poor visibility due to fog or heavy rain, the field trial may be cancelled. In hot, dry conditions on heather moorland, to minimise the risk of fire, there will be a request for no smoking.

4. Topography

The ground used for our trials varies but can be typical of a Grouse Moors, woods and farmlands. The ground is rugged and at times walking may be difficult. There is thus an element of risk with slipping, tripping or fatigue. It is recommended suitable clothing and footwear are worn, eg walking boots and appropriate clothing according to the shooting fields practice and custom, also a reasonable level of fitness is required (see Schedule). The Grampian Gundog Club cannot accept responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned (see Schedule).

5. Gun Safety

Depending on the trial there may be four to eight guns participating. The people carrying guns are very experienced in gun safety. When not in use the guns are carried broken and empty of cartridges, with barrels pointing to the ground. The rest of the competitors and spectators are kept out of the way behind or to the flanks of the line as directed by the Chief Steward. During lunch the guns are kept unloaded, in slips, together with the cartridges in locked vehicles.

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6. Catering

Owners, handlers and visitors must make their own arrangements (see Schedule).

7. First Aid

For any accident or emergencies a human and canine first aid kit will be available and a defibrillator. A limited amount of drinking water will also be available.

8. Emergencies

In the event of an emergency a mobile phone will be available with the telephone numbers of the local emergency services. Veterinary support will also be available for any canine emergencies (see Running Card for details). An accident book will be kept for any incidents to be recorded.