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Differences Between CKC and FCRSA Working Certificate Tests

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The CKC administers WC Tests in Canada; all Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels, Poodles, Airedale Terriers and Barbets are eligible to enter. This FCRSA test will be open to all of these breeds – expect to enjoy watching Golden Retrievers, Labs and Tollers! Occasionally on the West Coast, Irish Water Spaniels and Poodles enter WC tests; we haven't yet seen Barbets or Airedales run WC tests.

As outlined above, there are three WC levels – Working Certificate, Working Certificate Intermediate and Working Certificate Excellent. Each level has unique requirements and conditions regarding bird delivery, decoy use and placement, use of a handler's gun, handling on a mark, etc. Many of these requirements are different from those in FCRSA Working Certificate tests.

Gunners and handlers cannot wear white or light clothing, except when the WCX handler is running a water or land blind. Gunners and handlers are not required to wear camouflage clothing; ordinary (not white or light) clothing is acceptable.

Handlers can use British slip type leashes at the line at the WC level; dogs cannot wear a collar when running the tests.

Hunt tests, field trials and working certificate tests in Canada do not utilize shot flyers; all birds at this WC will be ducks.

No duck calls will be used; gunners will shoot, then will throw or launch the bird. Wingers can be used to throw birds in Working Certificate tests.

At the WCI and WCX levels it is desirable for handlers of working and honouring dogs to remain silent after the first shot is fired and until the dogs is released by the judges. However handlers may very quietly give an occasional command without incurring a penalty.

Bitches in season can compete at the option of the test-giving club; they must run last. The test committee has not yet made a decision on this matter; information will be provided in the premium list.