



WMA Helper Fitness Test

The WMA Board and Judges Committee decided that WMA Trial Helpers and Trial Decoys must pass a fitness, skills and knowledge test before a license is issued to the candidates. Trial Helpers already holding a license need only to re-test their fitness and skills every 2nd year at events to be advertised.

Our Helpers and Decoys are a crucially important element in the successful development of our members' dogs in the adopted FCI utility sports programs, and to avoid injuries to themselves and the dogs they work, they need to demonstrate a minimum of strength and fitness to perform competently.

Minimum requirements for obtaining a Trial Helper license:

Running test: 2x 500 metres without costume, with a rest period of three minutes between the runs.
Permitted time: 2x 2:45 minutes.

Hurdle test: Out and back (120metres) with costume over 10 bars (approx. 50 cm height) placed 10 meters apart from the starting line.
Permitted time: 0:40 minute.

Slalom Test: Out and back (160metres) with costume, around the cones in two rows, five meters apart. The distance from start to the first cone is 10 metres. The two parallel rows totalling fifteen offset cones. Two cones will mark the start and the end turn.
Permitted time: 1:20 minutes.

A written knowledge test:

A questionnaire with 20 questions taken from the IGP trial rules where 75% of the questions must be correctly answered.

A skills test:

The candidate will demonstrate his/her skills and practical knowledge of the trial routines, according to the IGP Trial Rules.



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