



Worcestershire Gundog Society

Safety Briefing Document

1. **Copies of this document should be provided to competitors prior to every Field Trial and Working Test**
2. Trial secretaries will describe each day's activities and make competitors aware of potentially dangerous hazards such as use of live ammunition, firing of blanks, closeness of spectators, rough or slippery ground and the like which could be trip hazards
3. Quarry to be identified at the start of trials.
NO ground game whatsoever to be shot unless otherwise advised.
4. All dogs must be on leads when not in active mode in competitions and demonstrations
5. All competitors and spectators must stay behind the red flag unless asked to come forward by the judges/stewards.
6. Guns must be competent shots and be aware of competitors, judges and spectators.
7. **GUNS MUST BE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION.**
8. **UNSAFE** or **INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR** may result in instant dismissal from the ground, subject to, and after consultation with the Chief Steward and judges.
9. **NO** low birds. **NO** tracking of birds from the ground.
10. Guns on line should either have shot guns broken (loaded shells in breach), or made ready and pointing skywards. (above 45 degrees), make shot gun ready behind and then point skywards.
NO swinging through the line when shotgun is made ready.
ABSOLUTELY NO fingers on trigger guards when loading or unloading.
11. Birds **MUST** only be engaged at **ABOVE** tree top height.
12. When engaging and shooting at game, **NO** swinging through the gun line.
13. "Pricked" birds **MUST** be recovered as soon as it is safe and practicable and must **NOT** be dispatched with a fire arm.
14. Be aware of shot falling birds and bolting wild deer.
15. **NO** shooting within 50 feet of a public footpath, bridleway or highway.
16. Children **MUST** be supervised at all times by their parent or guardian.
17. Shotguns must be carried in a slip or broken over the forearm, **MUST NOT** be carried over the shoulder as this may result in injury.
18. It is the personal responsibility of each gun whether to wear eye and ear protection.
19. **CARTRIDGES** Fibre wad only. Shot no larger than no.5. Cartridges, no larger than 36grams.
PLEASE PICK UP ALL EMPTY CASES.
20. Disruption by anti-shoot/animal rights activists, demonstrators. Slip / break shotguns.
Liaise with trial secretary. Contact the police if necessary.
ON NO ACCOUNT ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION ON YOUR OWN INITIATIVE.
21. Respect walkers/ horseriders. Cease activities until passed.
22. First aid equipment will be on the registration desk.
23. The location of the nearest A&E hospital will be on the registration desk with map/GPS location grid of the Trial/Competition ground.