



The Working Spaniel Club

'An Organisation Dedicated to Natural Game Trials for the Working Spaniel'

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Spaniel Natural Game Trials

Date	Event	Entries Close
Championship Trial Saturday 23 May 2026	Spaniel Natural Game Championship Trial Location: Whanganui Trials Captain: Rob Browning Trials Secretary: Bill Taylor Judges: Bill Taylor, Bob Whitehead	Friday 01 May 2026
Championship Trial Sunday 24 May 2026	Spaniel Natural Game Championship Trial Location: Whanganui Trials Captain: Rob Browning Trials Secretary: Bill Taylor Judges: Rob Browning, Andrew Whitehead	Friday 01 May 2026

LOCATION: Whanganui District, North Island

Competitors are to assemble at the following location each day for a pre-event briefing and confirmation of the day's draw, then to travel to the trial grounds.

Saturday:

Meet at 388 Somme Parade, Whanganui at 0700 hrs.
Departure from there in convoy to Trial Ground.

Please note if the weather is wet, vehicles may have to be left at the woolshed and other transport will be provided.

Sunday:

Meet at 336a Kaurapapoa Road at 0730 hrs.
Departure from there in convoy across the farm.

Please note if the weather is wet, vehicles may have to be left at the woolshed and other transport will be provided.

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Schedule approved by, and trials held under the Rules and the Regulations of the New Zealand Gundog Trial Association. Approved 3 March 2026.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

1. The entry form must be completed and submitted online before the specified closing date.
2. The trials are run under the rules and regulations for the conduct of spaniel natural game trials, as approved by the NZ Gundog Trial Association (NZGTA). A copy of the regulations will be available at the trial from the Trials Secretary.
3. All dogs entered in the trial must be purebred spaniels and registered on the NZKC No.1 Register.
4. All competitors must be a financial member of a NZGTA affiliated club as well as a member of the NZGTA.
5. The Trial Captain reserves the right to make any adjustment to the schedule to meet any unexpected changes regarding trial grounds or judges.
6. The trials are by invitation only, by kind permission of the landowner(s).
7. The Landowner does not accept any legal liability for, or to, the individuals who take the decision to engage in recreational activities on the property, and those individuals and their dogs enter the property at their own risk.
8. All competitors and spectators **MUST** wear a high visibility (blaze orange or fluorescent yellow) cap and vest.
9. A current dosing certificate will be sighted by the Trials Secretary at the pre-trial briefing. The certificate must confirm the dog has been dosed not less than 48 hours prior to the trial date, and not more than 35 days prior to the trial date. Additionally, competitors should ensure their dog's vaccinations are up to date.
10. All guns and competitors **MUST** be in possession of a 2026 Game Licence.
11. Competitors may shoot game in these trials and independent shooters will also be used.
12. All guns and competitors shooting **MUST** show their Firearms Licence to the Trials Captain at the guns' safety briefing.
13. Only break-action shotguns (OU & SS) can be used at these trials by competitors. Competitors must only load their shotgun when their run commences and must unload their shotgun at the completion of each run.
14. Any firearms and ammunition left in a vehicle must be secured as prescribed in the Arms Act and Arms Regulations, available at:
<https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz>.
15. All competitors and spectators are to keep behind the Trials Steward(s) as directed.
16. All dogs must be kept on a leash unless competing.

For consideration

1. Bring your own food and drink.
2. Bring water for your dog.
3. There are sharing quarters available for those who want to stay at the farm.
Please contact Rob Browning. Ph. 0274501944
4. Saturday night BBQ and Bar at the Farm Woolshed for those wishing to attend.

BALLOT AND DRAW

1. A ballot will be conducted if the number of entries exceeds 16 dogs entered.
2. The ballot will take place at Midpoint Café, 102c Hobsonville Road, Hobsonville, on Sunday 03 April at 1000hrs.
3. For each dog entered in a trial, the handler must specify its status (*qualified or unqualified*) and an *entry preference*. For example, if there is only 1 dog then it's a '1st preference' entry; if there are 2 dogs entered, then the handler would choose one to be the 'first preference' and the other the '2nd preference'.
4. Qualified dogs take priority over any unqualified dogs.
5. First preference dogs take priority over any second preference dogs where places are limited.
6. A handler/owner may only enter 2 qualified dogs as preference.
7. All third (or lower) preference dogs will be placed at the end of a reserves list.

Substitution

The handler or dog named on the entry form are not eligible for substitution unless a ballot has not taken place. If a ballot has occurred and the named handler or dog cannot run they shall be replaced with the next dog from the reserves list. If scratchings have allowed all of the reserve dogs to run, then substitution of a handler may take place provided that it does not result in the maximum allowed number of entries being exceeded.

If your circumstances change after the publication of the draws and you need to scratch your dog(s), please notify the Trial Secretary promptly –

Bill Taylor at workingspanielclub@gmail.com or txt to 028 852 44127

AWARDS

Saturday 23 May

The Working Spaniel Club Shield

One challenge point may be awarded to the winner at the discretion of the judges.
Ribbons for first, second and third placed dogs.

Guns' Choice ribbon awarded to the best dog, not necessarily being the winner.

Sunday 24 May

Open Rabbit Cup

One challenge point may be awarded to the winner at the discretion of the judges.
Ribbons for first, second and third placed dogs.

Guns' Choice ribbon awarded to the best dog, not necessarily being the winner.

TIMELINE

01 May - Closing date for all entries.

03 May - Ballot (if necessary)

Before 13 May - Notification of draw sent out.

23 May - Spaniel NG Championship Trial

24 May - Spaniel NG Championship Trial

26 May - Notification of entry fees and results sent to members.

07 June - Latest date for payment of entry fees

ENTRY FORM

OWNER/HANDLER:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER OF:

Dog 1. PEDIGREE NAME OF DOG:

DOGS NZ NO.

BREED:

Place X in boxes that apply or if more than one dog entered state preference number in box i.e. 1st, 2nd

Saturday 23 May Championship Entry Fee: \$30-00	QUALIFIED	UNQUALIFIED
Sunday 24 May Championship Entry Fee: \$30-00	QUALIFIED	UNQUALIFIED

Dog 2. PEDIGREE NAME OF DOG:

DOGS NZ NO.

BREED:

Place X in boxes that apply or if more than one dog entered state preference number in box i.e. 1st, 2nd

Saturday 23 May Championship Entry Fee: \$30-00	QUALIFIED	UNQUALIFIED
Sunday 24 May Championship Entry Fee: \$30-00	QUALIFIED	UNQUALIFIED

Dog 3. PEDIGREE NAME OF DOG:

DOGS NZ NO.

BREED:

Place X in boxes that apply or if more than one dog entered state preference number in box i.e. 1st, 2nd

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ENTRIES CLOSE for both Championship trials, 01 May 2026

Pay: Working Spaniel Club. Account - ANZ 11-6001-0088881-11

Please write your name on deposit details plus May.TR

Email Entries to Bill Taylor: workingspanielclub@gmail.com

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