

ASSISTANT MARSHAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Set Up on the Day of the Test

Arrive at the test site at the designated time. Report to the Marshal of the Stake you are supporting.

Assist the marshal in checking in handlers and getting equipment in place and ready, as required.

During the Test:

If requested by the marshal, at the conclusion of the test for the current working dog (dog and handler are leaving the line) announce the number of the next dog to run ("XX to the line"), and the dog that should be in the closest holding blind ("YY to the last holding blind").

During the test, you are working for the judges. Throughout the test, accept birds from the judges as they are retrieved by the running dogs. Do not take birds from handlers. For the land series, birds are placed in a bag; on the water, they are hung on the duck dryer which will be behind, but in the area of the judges. Do not put birds on the ground.

The judge will let you know if a bird is no longer usable. These should be placed in a separate bag, not in the bag with the good, reusable birds.

Periodically during the test, the stations from which dead birds are thrown are "rebirded." The judges will direct when rebirding is to take place. A person from each of the dead bird stations will come toward the line to pick up a bag of birds, and return an empty bag. You and the marshal should meet them half way to expedite rebirding. If necessary, ask for a volunteer from the gallery to assist with rebirding.

Any time you are carrying a bag of birds, or an empty bird bag, hold it well above the vegetation. This is to prevent bird scent from adhering to the vegetation and perhaps "fooling" a later running dog that a bird has run through the area.

After the Test

Make certain that all birds are collected and bagged. Keep separate the birds which can be re-used from those that need disposal.

Update this Job Description to add anything important that was missing or should be clarified.