

2007 CCRC A Specialty

Super Singles Rules

General

Super singles are a retrieving competition akin to a Field Trial. Competing dogs will run progressively harder single marked retrieves until they fail or there is sufficient distinction between the dogs to determine which dog is a better marker/retriever on that given day. There shall be two groups; Puppy and Open. Ribbons will be awarded for first through fourth place in each group.

Eligibility

The Puppy Group is open to all Curly Coated Retrievers up to 18 months of age. The Open Group is for Curly Coated Retrievers of all ages.

Rules

1. All marks shall be on land.
2. The dog may be restrained or steady.
3. Dogs shall not be released until directed by the judge. A controlled break is not grounds for disqualification.
4. Fresh birds shall be used.
5. The bird shall be delivered to hand in Open and within 10 feet of the handler in the Puppy Group.
6. The judges may ask the handler to pick up any dog no longer in competition for placement.
7. A dog may be required to run up to three consecutive marks of increasing difficulty. After three marks the dog shall be given time to recover before additional marks are run.
8. Dogs should be held in blinds and not allowed to view other working dogs while they wait to perform their retrieves.
9. Handling is allowable, but this is a marking competition and dogs that need to be handled should be judged accordingly.

Judging

The judges shall use their experience to determine the best marker/retriever on that given day. The following traits are deemed desirable and should be considered when judging:

- Intensity – desire to retrieve.
- Marking – direct movement to the area of the fall, with minimal hunting.
- Retrieving – Quick pick up of bird, return promptly to the handler, clean delivery.

The following traits are secondary in importance and should only be used to break ties;

- Speed – as opposed to intensity, how fast the dog runs is not critical. Taking into consideration the dog's age, a faster run is preferable to a slower pace.
- Retrieving Line Manners – a steady dog exhibiting similar ability to a non-steady dog shall be rewarded.
- Perseverance – a straight line to the mark is desirable, but if the dog avoids minor obstacles and still marks well it should not be penalized. However, if two dogs mark equally well the one running the straighter line should be rewarded.