

Wye Valley Retriever Club. Risk Identification, Assessment and Management

The four actions which are available to deal with identified risks are often referred to as the “4 Ts”:

- Treat (i.e. take some direct action to reduce or eliminate the consequence and/or likelihood)
- Tolerate (i.e. committee consider risk level to be as low as is reasonably practicable)
- Transfer (i.e. some other body becomes responsible for the consequence, should it occur – usually by insurance)
- Terminate (i.e. stop doing whatever action or inaction is causing the risk)

Persons affected codes: T/C: Trainees/competitors, T: Trainer, D: Dummy Thrower, P: Public,

<u>Risk (Hazard and Consequence)</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Persons affected</u>	<u>Likelihood</u>	<u>Risk Treatment</u>	<u>Mitigating actions</u>
Injury/death by gunshot	High	All	VU	Treat/Tolerate	Shoot rules for guns on field trials, Shooting over or near the public highway or footpaths to be avoided wherever possible, having regard to the Highways Act 1980, Section 161 (2) (responsibility of host for trial) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All persons involved in the trial to be aware of non participants straying into danger
Death by drowning/ injury from immersion in bodies of water	High	All	U	Treat/Tolerate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All persons to make themselves aware of site specific water dangers. • All persons advised to assess the terrain near water before approaching.
Injury via trips, slips and falls.(Includes cuts/grazes)	Medium	All.	L	Treat/Tolerate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All persons advised to follow the easiest route having regard to the ground/obstacle to be covered. • All persons instructed to use stiles, gates etc. where available. • All persons advised to keep another person in sight or hailing distance. • All persons advised to assess the terrain they are about to negotiate before proceeding. • All participants to equip themselves with appropriate clothing and other personal protective equipment

Injury caused by manual handling, including erection of tent etc.	Medium	T/C, T, D	U	Treat/Tolerate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants instructed to assess loads carefully before lifting, and to employ appropriate techniques to avoid “pinch” and similar injuries. • All members and employees of the shoot instructed to assess terrain, distance and weather conditions before lifting
Illness and/or additional risks of injury resulting from inclement weather	Low	T/C, T, D	U	Treat/Tolerate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants to equip themselves with appropriate clothing and other personal protective equipment • Event organiser to assess weather prior to and during the day, and call a halt to proceedings if conditions dictate.
Damage to services/injury via services	Medium	T/C, T, D	U	Treat/Tolerate /Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guns to acquaint themselves with the position of power lines, telephone lines etc. before starting shooting (responsibility of host for trial) • All to acquaint themselves with the position of drains, ditches etc. • Shoot and all guns to have 3rd party liability insurance cover (responsibility of host for trial)
Injury resulting from accidents associated with transport	Medium	T/C, T, D	U	Treat/Tolerate /Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers to be trained and competent in handling the vehicle they are in charge of, and be licensed where travel is over public roads • Vehicles to keep to designated routes at all times • Secure seating to be provided in trailers used for transport. • No-one to remain in trailer whilst it is being manoeuvred • Drivers to assess additional hazards caused by the weather as necessary. • All vehicles used on public roads to carry third party liability insurance

Injury resulting from accidents caused by dogs. Illness caused by inappropriate handling of dog faeces.	Medium	All	L	Treat/Tolerate /Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs to be at heel during training/competition unless specifically sent for a retrieve. Unruly dogs to be secured. • All participants to be aware of need to assess situation carefully before attempting to intervene in a dog fight, should one occur. • Any dog faeces to be picked up and disposed of appropriately by handler of “guilty” dog. All handlers to carry “poo” bags at all times.
Injury or damage via malevolent action from anti fieldsports lobbyists. (both to lobbyists and to club members)	High	All	U	Treat/Tolerate /Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guns to be made aware that they are to cease shooting and sleeve guns should activists arrive (responsibility of host for trial) • All members to be made aware that they are to ignore activists and do nothing to provoke attack • Nominated person to contact police immediately should activists arrive • Nominated person to contact kennel Club/BASC and/or CA regarding intelligence on possible activist activity.
Additional mitigation for all potential risks of injury					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid kit to be available at all times • Transport to be available at all times in the event of an injury requiring hospital treatment • A mobile phone or other means of communication to be available should an ambulance need to be called. • All committee members to have available comprehensive location information should the need arise to contact the emergency services.
Environmental damage	Low	All	L	Treat/Tolerate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any litter/dog faeces to be picked up and disposed of appropriately. All handlers to carry “poo” bags at all times. • Any damage to fences, gates, stiles, hedges etc. to be made good asap after the end of the event, or as agreed with the landowner
All accidents, however minor are to be recorded in the Club accident book. Major accidents are to be reported to HSE as the law requires. Investigations and remedial action are to be taken to prevent recurrence of any significant accident.					

Likelihood indicators:

- Very Likely, VL = between once a year and once in 5 years
- Likely, L = between once in 5 years and once in 20 years
- Unlikely, U = between once in 20 years and once in 100 years
- Very Unlikely, VU = between once in 100 years and once in 1000 years