

**481A.22 Field and retriever meets — permits and tags required.**

1. a. All officially sanctioned field meets or trials and retriever meets or trials where the skill of dogs is demonstrated in pointing, retrieving, trailing, or chasing any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal shall require a field trial permit. Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful to kill any wildlife in such events. Notwithstanding the provisions of [section 481A.21](#) it shall be lawful to hold field meets or trials and retriever meets or trials where dogs are permitted to work in exhibition or contest whereby the skill of dogs is demonstrated by retrieving dead or wounded game birds which have been propagated by licensed game breeders within the state or secured from lawful sources outside the state and lawfully brought into the state. All of the birds must be released on the day of trials on premises where the trials are held.

b. Any birds released may be shot by official guns after having secured a permit as provided in [this section](#).

c. The permits may be issued by the director of the department upon proper application and the payment of a fee of two dollars for each trial held. A representative of the department shall attend all such trials and enforce the laws and regulations governing same.

2. The person or persons designated by the committee in charge to do the shooting for the trials shall be known as the official guns, and no other person shall be permitted to kill or attempt to kill any of the birds released for such trials.

3. Before any birds are released under [this section](#), they must each have attached a tag provided by the department and attached by a representative of the department at a cost of not more than ten cents for each tag. All tags are to remain attached to birds until prepared for consumption.

4. It is unlawful for any person to hold, conduct, or to participate in a field or retriever trial before the permit required by [this section](#) has been secured or for any person to possess or remove from the trial grounds any birds which have not been tagged as required in [this section](#).

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §109.22]

[86 Acts, ch 1244, §24](#); [90 Acts, ch 1216, §7](#)

C93, §481A.22

[2015 Acts, ch 30, §157](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1011, §88](#)

Referred to in [§481A.6A, 805.8B\(3\)\(c\)](#)

For applicable scheduled fines, see [§805.8B](#), subsection 3, paragraph c