

SCENT DETECTION TRIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

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PURPOSE

Scent Detection is a sport that is inspired by working detection dogs that locate a scent and communicate to the handler that the specific scent has been found. Detection is done in a variety of environments and often during changing conditions that task the skill and concentration of the detection dog. Scent detection is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs to use their strongest natural sense in a way that builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and dog. A scent detection event is a performance event, which provides a safe and fun activity that is open to all eligible all dogs and their owners. In order for a team to qualify, both the dog and handler must be working together as a team, and must be able to read each other's reactions. Communication and praise of the dog during the search are encouraged in a CKC scent detection event.

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1 INTERPRETATIONS

1.1 Definitions

For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the following interpretations shall apply:

“Board” means the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club

“breed” includes a breed that is accepted by a CKC recognized foreign stud book or by an association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act other than the CKC

“CKC” means The Canadian Kennel Club

“Club” means The Canadian Kennel Club

“club” means a club or association recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club

“complainant” means any person who has laid a charge or complaint against another person, partnership, company or organization relative to the contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

“debar” means to prohibit a person from participating in any competition or other activities directed, sanctioned, sponsored or authorized by The Canadian Kennel Club if held under its auspices or under any of its rules and regulations

“defendant” means any person, partnership, company or organization against whom a charge or complaint has been laid, relative to the contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

“disqualify” A dog shall be disqualified if it bites a human or another dog. Any dog disqualified in one CKC event is banned from taking part in any other CKC event.

“deprive of privileges” means to deprive a non-member of all privileges accorded to non-members of The Canadian Kennel Club, including the use of the Head Office

“dog” means a purebred dog of either sex

“expel” means to terminate membership in The Canadian Kennel Club and depriving the person so expelled from all privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

"good standing" means an individual who is not under suspension, deprivation, debarment or who has not forfeited his right to participate in any Canadian Kennel Club approved event

“handler” means the person who is handling the dog in competition

“Head Office” means the office at which the business of The Canadian Kennel Club is carried out on a regular ongoing basis

“host club” means the CKC recognized club that is responsible for conducting the Scent Detection Trial

“immediate family” means spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparents and significant other

“Inaccessible Hide” means a hide that the dog is not able to place his or her nose on.

“just cause” means how a reasonable person without personal bias or prejudice would act

“lame” means any condition which affects a dog’s locomotion. A dog with a withered or amputated limb is considered to be moving with unnatural locomotion.

“listed breed” means a breed that is included in the Miscellaneous List and that is authorized to participate in CKC events in accordance with the rules and regulations governing those events

“mixed-breed dog” means a dog of unknown ancestry that belongs to no recognized breed and is not the result of selective breeding

“owner” means the owner or owners as stated on the registration certificate of the dog

“recognized breed” means a breed that The Canadian Kennel Club is authorized to register in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act

“suspend” means to deprive a member, for the period ordered, of all the privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

This rule book shall be read with all applicable changes in gender so that the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa and the singular shall include the plural if applicable.

1.2 Scent Detection Trial Defined & Classified

- 1.2.1 An approved scent detection event is a formal event given by a CKC recognized club at which dogs may qualify for titles.
- 1.2.2 A sanctioned Scent Detection event is an informal event given by a CKC recognized club at which dogs compete, but do not qualify for titles.
- 1.2.3 If the club holds the Scent Detection event in conjunction with another CKC approved event, they may use the same Premium List but separate entry forms for the events must be submitted.
- 1.2.4 Only recognized clubs that are in good standing with the CKC are eligible to apply for and hold a Scent Detection Event.
- 1.2.5 A club making application to hold a scent detection event, must have held an approved scent detection event or sanctioned scent detection event in the 3 years preceding its application.
- 1.2.6 When a Scent Detection event is held in conjunction with a conformation show, the Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, where applicable, shall govern the conduct of these events and shall apply to all dogs and persons participating in them, except as these Rules & Regulations may otherwise provide.

2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

2.1 Eligibility to Hold a Scent Detection Event

- 2.1.1 All CKC recognized clubs that have the interest may apply to hold Scent Detection events provided they have the experience, equipment and location to hold a safe event. Scent Detection events either can be a stand-alone event or may be held in conjunction with other CKC events. The Scent Detection event must be applied for as a separate event with its own event number.

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- 2.1.2 There is no limit on the number of Scent Detection events per year. A Scent Detection event must start and conclude on the same day.
 - 2.1.3 All applicable administrative regulations governing CKC events shall apply to the Scent Detection Event unless specifically addressed in this document. This document supersedes the CKC events rules & regulations if there is a conflict.
 - 2.1.4 When, due to circumstances beyond its control, a club finds it necessary or advisable to change the date of the event, the date may be changed subject to CKC approval.
 - 2.1.5 When due to circumstances beyond its control, a club finds it necessary to change the event venue; the venue may be changed with approval of the CKC.
 - 2.1.6 An advisory shall be sent to all registered participants advising of the change in date and/or venue. In the event the date, location or judge changes registered participants, can withdraw and apply for a refund.

2.2 Making Application

- 2.2.1 Events may be either stand-alone or may be held in conjunction with another approved CKC event. The Scent Detection event must be applied for as a separate event on the CKC approved event application form no later than 180 days prior to the event date.
- 2.2.2 If the club limits the number of participants then this must be stated in the premium list.

2.3 CKC Publication

- 2.3.1 All clubs holding trials are required to have the latest edition of the Scent Detection Rules & Regulations available at the event.

2.4 Advertising

- 2.4.1 A club that has not been granted priority dates must not advertise or publish the date of any event that has not been approved by the CKC.
- 2.4.2 A club that has been granted priority dates for its event may advertise those dates prior to submitting the Event Date Application. This does not exempt

the club from submitting the required applications to the CKC within the prescribed time frame.

- 2.4.3 A club must not advertise the names of the judges until the club has received official notification from the CKC that the judges have been approved.

2.5 Officials & Committees

- 2.5.1 Only those persons in good standing with the CKC may act in any official capacity at events.

- 2.5.2 Any club holding an event under these rules must name an event secretary who must be a regular member in good standing with the CKC.

- 2.5.3 Event Secretaries, Show Superintendents and Event Chairs may not handle a dog at any event in which they are acting as an official.

- 2.5.4 An event-giving club must appoint a Scent Detection Committee and this committee shall exercise all the authority vested in a Conformation Show Committee. This Committee shall consist of an event secretary, an event chairperson, a show superintendent and any other position the club deems necessary. When an event is held in conjunction with a conformation show, the Club needs only to appoint an event chair who will be a member of the Conformation Show Committee and advise that Committee on matters related to the event.

- 2.5.5 The decision of the Scent Detection Committee (or the Conformation Show Committee if the trial is held in conjunction with a show) shall be conclusive on all matters arising at the event and shall bind parties subject to the By-laws of the CKC. In cases when a Scent Detection event is held in conjunction with a conformation show, only the Scent Detection Rules & Regulations will apply in cases of Scent Detection matters.

2.6 Handlers with Disability

- 2.6.1 At the discretion of the judge a modification to the exercise/routine may be made to accommodate a handler with disabilities providing that such modification does not aid the dog's performance or inhibit the performance of other dogs handled at the event. The dog is required to perform all exercises/routines as other dogs registered in the class.

2.7 Adverse Weather Conditions

- 2.7.1 During adverse and/or severe weather conditions, it is at the discretion of the event-giving club to cancel, curtail and/or postpone the judging of the event if the weather is severe enough to cause injury to the exhibitor and their dog. No penalty shall be imposed by The Canadian Kennel Club if such condition has caused the cancellation or postponement of the event.

2.8 Failure to Hold an Event

- 2.8.1 The CKC shall have the power to grant or withhold approval of an application for dates. If granted and the club fails to hold the event on the date approved, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be assessed against the club. This fee is payable within 30 days of notification from the CKC. In the event such action is taken, the show-giving club shall have no claim against the CKC.

2.9 Veterinarian

- 2.9.1 Every event shall have available the emergency contact information for the nearest qualified veterinarian or after-hours emergency veterinary clinic.

3 JUDGES

3.1 Application for Approval of Judges

- 3.1.1 After a club has been granted permission by the CKC to hold an event, the club must submit a Judging Panel Application. The application must be submitted so as to be received not less than 120 days prior to the date of the trial. The application must set forth the names and addresses of the persons selected to judge as well as the classes assigned to each judge.
- 3.1.2 When the Judging Panel Application reaches the CKC less than 120 days prior to the event, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be assessed against the club.

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- 3.1.3 The club shall not select any judge who is ineligible to officiate at an event held under these rules and regulations.
- 3.1.4 Once approval is granted, the CKC will inform the event-giving club that the judges have been approved. The event secretary shall send to each approved judge a confirmation of assignment supplied by the CKC, as well as any other pertinent information that the club may include.
- 3.1.5 If the CKC is not prepared to approve a selected judge, or it is not prepared to approve the entire assignment for which a judge has been selected, the club must submit to Head Office of The Canadian Kennel Club the name or names of an alternative judge(s) for those classes or event.
- 3.1.6 Once a panel of judges has been approved by the CKC, no change will be made except when necessary (i.e. due to death or illness) and only with the permission of the CKC.

3.2 Judge's Eligibility

- 3.2.1 The Board has the authority to do any or all of the following from time to time as it deems advisable:
- (a) Prescribe and enforce regulations, policies and procedures, with a view to determining the qualifications of those wishing to establish eligibility to judge at approved Scent Detection Events (Policy & Procedures Manual available online on CKC website)
 - (b) Fix policies and requirements applicable to non-resident judges.
 - (c) Prescribe requirements for the testing of judges who are the subject of complaints.
 - (d) Prescribe and communicate to judges a Code of Ethics of which any violations may subject the judge to the loss of any or all judging privileges.
 - (e) Take such other action as the Board may deem necessary from time to time with a view to ensuring an adequate supply of competent judges.
 - (f) Take generally such action, from time to time, to determine whether the judging privileges of a person should be continued, restricted or removed.

3.3 Contract Between A Club & A Judge

- 3.3.1 A verbal or written approach to a judge regarding a specific event must be confirmed in writing by the event-giving club within 45 days of the inquiry or the assignment will be considered null and void and the judge is thereafter free to accept other assignments. In such circumstances, a judge who accepts another assignment must inform the event-giving club.
- 3.3.2 After receipt of confirmation that the judge's services are required, a judge must confirm in writing within 45 days, acceptance of the assignment. If the club does not receive confirmation within 45 days, the agreement will be considered null and void and the club is free to seek the services of another judge. A letter to this effect must be sent to the judge.
- 3.3.3 The Canadian Kennel Club will consider a signed document by the club, for the engagement of a judge to officiate at future events, as a legal and authorized engagement. Any attempts to break such a contract by the club without reasonable and just cause could lead to immediate cancellation of future events until such dispute is settled. The Canadian Kennel Club will not enter into any disputes over fees and/or payments.

3.4 Substitute & Replacement Judges

3.4.1 Substitute Judge

- (a) If an advertised judge is prevented from fulfilling an assignment in whole or in part on the day of the trial, a qualified substitute judge shall be selected by the Scent Detection and/or Event Committee. If no licensed judge is available, any person in good standing with the CKC who has through knowledge of scent detection may be used as a substitute judge in an emergency.
- (b) The substitute judge shall judge the event(s) as originally approved by The Canadian Kennel Club. The Canadian Kennel Club shall be promptly notified of a substitute judge.

3.4.2 Replacement Judges

- (a) Where a trial-giving club is notified before or after the issuance of a judging schedule, but prior to the day of the trial, that an

advertised judge will not, for whatever reason, be able to fulfill a judging assignment, attempts will be made to secure CKC approval for a replacement judge. If CKC approval cannot be obtained, the club will then seek the approval of the local CKC Director or Scent Detection Representative. The club will subsequently notify the CKC of the circumstances of the approval and of the changes made.

- (b) All those who have entered dogs under the advertised judge shall be allowed to withdraw at any time prior to judging of that trial. All requests for withdrawal shall be in writing and all entry fees and Temporary Competition fees will be returned to the owner or the authorized agent of the dog. When possible, the trial-giving club will attempt to notify exhibitors of the judging change at the time the judging schedule is sent out.

3.4.3 In all cases, changes in judges will be posted in a prominent location near the search area.

3.4.4 A qualifying score earned under a substitute or replacement judge will be considered as having been earned under the advertised judge.

3.5 Judges Entering or Handling Dogs

3.5.1 A judge officiating at an event may enter or handle (02-08-18) any dog or a dog that they own or co-own at that same venue on the days that they are not judging.

3.5.2 Immediate family members of event judges are permitted to exhibit at trials at which the family member is officiating, but may not exhibit under the family member.

3.6 Indignities to a Judge

3.6.1 A judge officiating at an event held under these rules shall not be subjected to indignities of any kind during the progress of the event. It shall be the duty and obligation of the club holding the event to see that this rule is effectively carried out.

3.7 Judge's Conduct

3.7.1 A judge must conduct themselves in a manner that is fair and not prejudicial to the sport.

4 PREMIUM LIST, CATALOGUE & JUDGING SCHEDULE

4.1 Premium List

- 4.1.1 After permission to hold a trial has been granted and the judging panel has been approved, a club must prepare a premium list.
- 4.1.2 At the time of distribution of premium lists to prospective exhibitors, the club shall forward one copy of the premium list and approved entry form to the CKC Shows and Trials Division and to the local CKC Board Member and the Scent Detection Council Representative. These are to be received not less than 60 days prior to the date of the event.
- 4.1.3 When a specialty trial is held in conjunction with an all-breed event, it is the responsibility of the specialty club to separate its premium list data from the all-breed premium list and distribute copies as required, making sure that the event is clearly identified.
- 4.1.4 Premium lists and entry forms shall be of such size, in such form, and contain such information as prescribed by the CKC. The following information must be listed on the cover (or first inside page excluding the inside cover) of the premium list:
- (a) The words “Official Premium List”;
 - (b) The name of the club or association holding the event;
 - (c) Type of event being held;
 - (d) Dates of the event;
 - (e) Date and closing time for entries (if day of event entries will be accepted, a statement to this effect must be included).
- 4.1.5 The following information must appear in a premium list:
- (a) The statement “These events are held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club”;
 - (b) The exact location of the event (a map showing the location may be included);
 - (c) The amount of the entry fee, and the fee for Temporary Competition Number;

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- (d) A list of the club officers which include the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer;
 - (e) A list of the Event Committee with the address and phone number of the Event Secretary;
 - (f) The address and phone number of where entries are to be sent;
 - (g) Name and mailing address of the Judge
 - (h) A list of awards and/or prizes, if offered;
 - (i) At least one copy of the entry form with the official logo of the CKC;
 - (j) The name of the Executive Director of the CKC and the address of the Head Office;
 - (k) The name of the local CKC Scent Detection Representative;
 - (l) The name of the local CKC Board Member;
 - (m) The following statement must be included in every premium list:

“It shall be the duty and obligation of the trial-giving club to see that a judge, club official, volunteer or any participant at an event held under these rules is not subject to indignities of any kind. The Event Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the CKC shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred.”

- (n) Classes offered

4.1.6 Clubs are free to include other Rules and Regulations, as they deem necessary. However, if other rules are included, they become part of the premium list and will be enforced.

4.1.7 A club may limit the number of entries it will accept. Additional wait list entries above the limit may be taken at the discretion of the event committee and these dogs will be allowed to run if space becomes available. Owners of the wait list dogs must be informed that they are on the wait list and may choose not to participate.

4.1.8 At its option, a club may choose to offer day of event entries. This option, if exercised, must be stated in the premium list. Entries must be made at least one hour before the start of the trial.

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- 4.1.9 At its option, a club may choose to allow mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds to compete. This option, if exercised, must be stated on the cover of the premium list.

4.2 Catalogue

- 4.2.1 Each club holding a trial must provide a standard catalogue, which shall contain such information as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

- 4.2.2 The following information must be listed on the outside front cover or the first page of the catalogue:

- (a) The name of the club or association holding the event
- (b) The dates of the event
- (c) The statement “These events held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club”
- (d) Exact location of the trial
- (e) List of the Event Committee including the Event Chair
- (f) Name, address and phone number of the Event Secretary
- (g) The name and address of The Canadian Kennel Club
- (h) The name, email address and telephone number of the CKC Director and the CKC Scent Detection Representative for the zone in which the event is held
- (i) A complete list of the judges and their mailing addresses
- (j) A listing of each judge’s assignments for each day

- 4.2.3. The information in the catalogue for each dog must be in the following order:

- (a) Catalogue number of the dog
 - (b) Registered name of the dog (in capital letters only)
 - (c) Breed of dog, unless CCN indicating Mixed Breed or Unrecognized Breed in the catalog.
 - (d) CKC Registration Number, Event Registration Number (ERN), Performance Event Number (PEN), Canadian Companion Number (CCN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or Temporary Competition Number (TCN);
 - (e) Date of birth
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- (f) Name of breeder(s)
 - (g) Registered name of sire (required for CKC Registered, ERN and MCN)
 - (h) Registered name of dam (required for CKC Registered, ERN and MCN)
 - (i) Place of birth (Canada or elsewhere)
 - (j) Name of owner(s)
 - (k) Agent (if applicable)
 - (l) Height Division

- 4.2.4 No judge will be permitted to read the catalogue until after they have completed their judging assignment(s).
- 4.2.5 Every entry must be printed in the catalogue. If errors and omissions on the part of the club or printers occur, the event giving club shall provide proof that the entry was taken before the closing date.
- 4.2.6 The name of the agent/handler must be included in the catalogue when this information is entered on the entry form.
- 4.2.7 An event catalogue shall not be placed on sale or made available to exhibitors, officials, members of the show giving club or general public, until 1 and 1/2 hours prior to the opening of the first approved event.
- 4.2.8 In the event of an error in either the catalogue or judge's book which differs from the information on the entry form, the Event Secretary or Chairperson will, upon request from the owner/handler of said dog, correct the judge's book and marked catalogue to be sent to the CKC. The dog will compete in the class as stated on the entry form.
- 4.2.9 An Event giving club shall provide a complimentary copy of the catalogue to each of the following: officiating judge(s), the local CKC Director, and, if the person is present at the trial, to the local CKC Scent Detection Representative.

4.3 Judging Schedule

- 4.3.1 A club holding an event (either independently or in conjunction with a conformation show) must prepare a judging schedule after entries close. It will list the various classes and the number of dogs entered in each class. It will also indicate the start time of the first class.

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- 4.3.2 Confirmation of entry containing name and number of a dog, class entered, and name of exhibitor and a judging schedule must be sent to all exhibitors once entries have closed. A copy of the judging schedule must be sent to the CKC Head Office, each officiating judge, and the local CKC Director and CKC Scent Detection Representative.
- 4.3.3 Any club, which causes a judge to officiate for more than 7 hours (420 minutes), plus a meal period of not less than 30 minutes per day, shall be subject to an administrative fee as set by the Board, as well as an additional charge for each minute over the above time limit.
- 4.3.4 All events held under these rules must be completed no later than 11:00 p.m.

4.4 Limited Entries

- 4.4.1 If indications point to a probable entry in any or all classes in excess of the club's capabilities, it may limit entries in any or all classes by prominent announcement on the title cover page of its premium list.
- 4.4.2 When the advertised limit (if applicable) has been reached, all remaining entries may be assigned a position (by class) on a wait list. The person making the entry shall be notified of his position on the list. In the event that the entry of a bitch in season is withdrawn after the closing date, it may be substituted with one from the wait list up to and including the day of the event. At the club's discretion, if the club is notified in writing after the closing date that an entry other than a bitch in season will be absent from an event, the entry may be substituted with one from the wait list up to 24 hours prior to the event. Fees will not be refunded for any reason other than a bitch being in season and to those on the wait list who did not participate in the event. Entry fees will be refunded within 10 days following the trial for those on the wait list who did not participate in the event.

5 RIBBONS & PRIZES

5.1 Ribbons & Rosettes

- 5.1.1 A club or association holding an event under these rules shall provide ribbons and rosettes as specified in this section. Only those dogs earning qualifying scores will receive ribbons.
- 5.1.2 A ribbon or rosette shall be provided for each dog that earns a qualifying score. It shall be dark green in colour, not less than 5.08cm (2”) wide, and not less than 20.32 cm (8”) in length. The following information shall appear on the face of each ribbon: name of the club or association holding the event; the crest of the CKC; and the words “Scent Detection” and “Qualifying Score.” Qualifying ribbons may be handed out immediately upon the completion of the dog’s qualifying performance. In addition, a club may, at its discretion, hand out prizes (small toys, etc.) to all dogs that qualify.
- 5.1.3 If qualifying ribbons or rosettes (paper and card stock) are awarded at sanctioned matches, they must conform to the requirements specified above.

5.2 Prizes & Trophies

- 5.2.1 All prizes and/or trophies offered at an event must be listed in the premium list and catalogue.
- 5.2.2 Prizes and/or trophies will be awarded by the judge to dogs with a qualifying score only.
- 5.2.3 Only prizes and/or trophies that are listed in the premium list may be awarded.

6 ENTRIES & END OF EVENT

6.1 Entry Requirements

- 6.1.1 Every dog entered in an approved event or sanctioned match must be one of the following:
- (a) Registered with the CKC
 - (b) Have an Event Registration Number (ERN)

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- (c) Have a Performance Event Number (PEN)
 - (d) Eligible for registration with the CKC, and have a Temporary Competition Number (TCN)
 - (e) Have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) if it belongs to a CKC listed breed
 - (f) Have a Canine Companion Number (CCN)
- 6.1.2 To be eligible to compete at approved trials or sanctioned matches a dog must meet the requirements of Section 6.1.1, and:
- (a) Must be at least 6 months of age.
 - (b) May be spayed, neutered, or debarked.
 - (c) Must not be lame (it is the judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is lame).
 - (d) Must not compete if it has tape or bandages that may impair its working ability (such a dog must be immediately excused and under no circumstances may it be returned later for judging after the tape or bandages have been removed).
- 6.1.3 If a dog is not registered individually in the records of the CKC, it may be entered at a trial held under these rules with a Temporary Competition Number, provided that:
- (a) If born in Canada, it is eligible for individual CKC registration
 - (b) If not born in Canada it is eligible for individual registration in the records of the CKC
 - (c) If it is a foreign born and owned dog, an Event Registration Number or CKC registration number is obtained from the CKC within 30 days of the first trial entered
 - (d) The entry of a dog with a Temporary Competition Number at a Scent Detection event held under these rules (sanctioned matches excluded), must be accompanied by the appropriate Temporary Competition fees. Breeds of dogs on the miscellaneous list may not be entered using a Temporary Competition Number, but must have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). Mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds also may not be entered using a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) but must have a Canine Companion Number (CCN).
- 6.1.4 The CKC has the authority, at any time, to require the owner of a dog with a Temporary Competition Number to submit proof of the dog's eligibility for
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registration in the CKC stud book, and if the CKC is satisfied that the dog is not eligible for registration, it shall have the right to order the cancellation of all scores and prizes earned by the dog at trials held under these rules. Failure to comply with the CKC's request to return ribbons and/or prizes to the clubs concerned automatically renders the owner of the dog ineligible to enter any dog in any competition approved by the CKC.

- 6.1.5 The CKC shall have the authority to advise a person entering a dog at a trial that he may no longer include in the name of a dog any name which, in the opinion of the CKC, infringes on the rights of any person, partnership, or company whose kennel name has been registered by the CKC, or where such name is considered to be similar to a kennel name registered with any other national kennel club with whom the CKC has working arrangements with regard to mutual protection of registered kennel names. Where a person has been advised that he may no longer include a particular name in the name of a dog and the person continues to enter the dog at trials with such name included, the CKC shall have the authority to cancel all awards, scores and prizes earned by the dog at trials held after the original advice was communicated to the owner of the dog.
- 6.1.6 Subject to the provisions stated in these rules, no dog may be entered in any class for which it is not eligible at the time entries for the event are closed.
- 6.1.7 Every dog must be the bonafide property of the person listed as owner.
- 6.1.8 A dog may only be entered once in each class.
- 6.1.9 If the name of a dog which has earned a qualifying score at any event is subsequently changed, the old name must also appear on the entry form at the next 2 events at which the dog is entered under its new name.
- 6.1.10 The Event Committee may decline any entry or remove any dog from its trial for just cause and no one shall have any claim or recourse against the organization holding the event or any official connected therewith. Said officials must file their reasons for doing so with the CKC not less than 21 days after the event has been held.
- 6.1.11 All entries must be in the hands of the event secretary by the official closing date and time. Clubs accepting any entries after the closing date shall be subject to an administrative fee as set by the Board. If clubs

permit day of event entries the administration fee is waived.

- 6.1.12 When an event is held in conjunction with a conformation show, a dog may be entered in Scent Detection only. If, however, a dog is also entered for competition in the conformation show, the Conformation Show Rules must also be observed.
- 6.1.13 A club may limit the number of entries it will accept. Additional “wait list” entries above the limit may be taken at the discretion of the event committee and these dogs will be allowed to run if space becomes available. Owners of wait list dogs must be informed that they are on the wait list and may choose not to participate.
- 6.1.14 All participants must fill out an entry form as provided in the club’s premium list.

6.2 Entry Forms

- 6.2.1 An event-giving club must reject an incomplete entry form, and promptly return it to whoever submitted it, be it the owner, lessee or authorized agent.

6.3 Entry Fees

- 6.3.1 A club may not accept an entry fee other than that which is published in the premium list or entry form or in any way discriminate between entrants.
- 6.3.2 The entry of a dog at an event held under these rules must be accompanied by the entry fee.
- 6.3.3 Tendering of a dishonoured cheque or credit card in payment of entry fees shall be considered non-payment of entry fees, and is an offence punishable by disciplinary action and cancellation of awards.
- 6.3.4 Non-compliance with this section of these rules shall be considered an offence punishable by disciplinary action and cancellation of awards.

6.4 Dogs Must Compete

- 6.4.1 Any dog entered and received at an event must compete in all exercises of all classes in which it is entered, unless excused by the handler, judge, veterinarian, show superintendent, or the Event Committee chair. If excused by the veterinarian,

the excuse must be in writing on the form provided and attached to the judge's book. If the dog is excused by either the show superintendent or Event Committee chair, a note to this effect must be written on the inside cover of the judge's book and the reason stated thereon.

- 6.4.2 Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Dogs with bandages, sutures or visible wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blinds are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both blind and deaf are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirement of the class and the dog does not appear to under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

6.5 Bitches in Season

- 6.5.1 Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. The judge of an event must remove from competition any bitch in season, or any bitch, which appears attractive to males as to be a disturbing element.
- 6.5.2 When a bitch comes into season after entries have closed, the event-giving club must refund the entry fee and the fee for the Temporary Competition Number providing the event secretary receives, on or before the date of the event, a veterinarian's certificate declaring that the bitch was in season within the 10-day period preceding the trial.

6.6 Health

- 6.6.1 No dog may be entered at a trial held under these rules if the dog:
- (a) Is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease, or
 - (b) Has recovered from infection with canine distemper, kennel cough or canine parvovirus within the last 30 days.
 - (c) Has been housed within 30 days prior to the show on premises on which there existed distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease.
- 6.6.2 It is recommended that all dogs have a current immunization status.

6.6.3 Where it is found that these rules have been contravened, the dog in question shall be removed from the premises and the exhibitor/handler will be subject to disciplinary action.

6.7 Trial Venue & Precincts

6.7.1 A club must define the precincts of the event in the premium list.

6.7.2 Only dogs entered in official classes, are permitted within the precincts of the trial.

6.7.3 There shall be no intensive or abusive training of dogs within the venue of the event. Violation of this rule may result in the removal of the dog from further competition at that event at that venue.

6.7.4 No dog entered in the event will be allowed off leash unless it is in the designated search area being judged according to the rules and regulations.

6.7.5 Minor warming up of dogs may be allowed before entering the designated search area, as designated by the host club and indicated on the premium list. Refer to section 9.4 “The Search” for information regarding warm up area.

6.7.6 A dog that bites or attempts to bite another dog or a person outside the designated search area may be removed from the venue by the event Committee Chair.

6.7.7 Where a person who has control or custody of a dog at a CKC event causes that dog to suffer serious injury or death through negligence or willful misconduct, the Event Committee Chair shall file a report to the CKC for possible submission to the Discipline Committee.

6.7.8 All persons must exercise care and control of any dog in their possession while attending an event.

6.7.9 There shall be no training on the trial venue grounds other than in the designated warm-up area.

6.8 Class Eligibility

6.8.1 Height divisions are to equalize efforts for dogs of the same general size.

6.8.2 Each level at a Scent Detection trial will be divided into the height divisions of small, medium and large dogs. Entrants must declare their height division at time of entry.

Small: Dogs under 13 inches (33 cm)

Medium: Dogs 13 inches (33 cm) and under
20 inches (50.8 cm)

Large: Dogs 20 inches (50.8 cm) and over

6.8.3 The following classes must be offered: Instinct & Novice.

6.8.4 The following classes may be offered: Open, Excellent and Master.

6.9 Moving Up

6.9.1 A dog that is registered in the records of the CKC with an eligible number according to these rules and has fulfilled the requirements for a title in accordance with these rules may be moved to the next level of competition if the schedule permits. The transfer must be on the appropriate move-up form and submitted to the trial secretary by the owner or handler at least 15 minutes before the start of the class.

6.9.2 The Event Secretary shall amend the judge's book and the marked catalogue, which are to be sent to the CKC with the requests attached to the appropriate entry forms.

6.9.3 If it is established by the CKC that a dog moved up to the next level has not completed the requirements for the lower level before moving up, then all qualifying ribbons and/or awards earned by the dog incorrectly entered shall be forfeited and cancelled by the CKC and the owner may be subject to disciplinary action.

6.9.4 In order for a dog to be eligible to move up, the dog must be individually registered with the CKC, have a Performance Event Number (PEN), an Event Registration Number (ERN), a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or a Canine Companion Number (CCN) before entries close. The addition of a CKC number after close of entries does not make the dog eligible and will result in referral to the Discipline Committee.

6.10 End of the Trial

6.10.1 The club secretary or the event secretary of the club holding a Scent Detection Event held under these rules shall forward to the CKC all of the information outlined below to be received not more than 21 days after the last day of the trial.

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- (a) One marked catalogue indicating the scores made in all classes and all absentees noted.
 - (b) All entry forms.
 - (c) All judges' books marked and signed by the officiating judge.
 - (d) All recording fees as prescribed by the CKC.
 - (e) All fees for the entries of non-registered dogs using a Temporary Competition Number.
 - (f) The Statement of Event Fees and the signature of any one of the club's executive or other authorized signing officer.
 - (g) All Observers' Forms duly completed and sealed in separate envelopes.
 - (h) Any other information or reports as may be required by the CKC
- 6.10.2 In the event that the CKC establishes that the required remittance fails to cover the prescribed fees and charges, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be payable by the event giving club.
- 6.10.3 The CKC may require an event-giving club to provide a report of any matter or matters connected with its trial. This must be made within 14 days of the date the club receives the request.
- 6.10.4 Non-compliance with the provisions of this section will result in an automatic administrative charge for each day over the 21-day period.

7 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- 7.1 It shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct if a person during the running of or in connection with an event abuses or harasses a judge, event official or any other person present in any capacity at the event.
- 7.2 Any handler who displays unsportsmanlike conduct or who is seen to kick, strike or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog at any time during the holding of the event, may be expelled from the event by the Event Committee.
- 7.3 The judge shall also have the authority to expel a handler from an event if they observe unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler or see

the handler kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog while the event is in progress. It will be the duty of the judge to report promptly to the Event Committee the expulsion of a handler.

- 7.4 The Event Committee shall investigate, at once, any instance of alleged unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler, or any report that a handler has been observed kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog. If the Event Committee, after investigation, determines that a handler is in violation of this section, and that the incident, if proven, would constitute conduct prejudicial to the sport or the CKC, it shall exercise its authority in accordance with the Complaints section of these rules.
- 7.5 The event secretary shall submit to the CKC a complete report of any hearing action taken under this section within 21 days.
- 7.6 Handlers and/or spectators may not divulge any information about the search, the location of the hide, or their performance until all teams have run for the particular class. Even innocent discussion can inadvertently cue handlers as to the circumstances of the search in a way that may bias their performance. If anyone is found to be discussing a search before the class has ended, both parties in the discussion (speaker and listener) will be penalized with a “Not Qualified” score (NQ) for the class. Additionally, at the discretion of the Event Committee, persons discussing a search may be excused from the trial and asked to leave the trial grounds.
- 7.7 Spectators are encouraged to photo and video dogs and handlers while they search, however under no circumstances may they share this with any handler competing in the same class who has not yet run. Handlers are not allowed to take video while handling a dog. These videos are for the enjoyment of those who cannot be present to watch the team search, and for the handler to have a keepsake of their experience.

8 OFFICIAL TIMERS & HIDE STEWARDS

8.1 Official Timers

- 8.1.1 This person shall monitor and record the actual time it takes the team to complete the search, ensure that the team does not exceed the maximum allowable time for the search, and provide a 30-second warning to the team when feasible.
- 8.1.2 Each class must have an official timer. The time for the run will be recorded to the hundredth of a second. The search time shall be determined as follows:
- 8.1.3 For novice classes, the official time shall start when the dog's nose crosses the start line, when any part of the handler's body crosses the start line, or when the handler gives the search command, whichever is first. The official time shall stop when the handler calls "Alert."
- 8.1.4 For classes with multiple hides in a single search area: The official time shall start when the dog's nose crosses the start line, when any part of the handler's body crosses the start line, or when the handler gives the search command, whichever is first. The official time shall stop when the handler calls "Finish" or "Clear" in the master class only.
- 8.1.5 For classes with multiple search areas: The official time for the first search area shall start when the dog's nose crosses the start line for that search area, when any part of the handler's body crosses the start line, or when the handler gives the search command, whichever is first. The official time shall stop when the handler calls "Finish" or "Clear" The official time for the first search area will then be recorded on the score sheet while the team is led to the next search area. The timer will then be reset, and the timing will follow the same procedure for each additional search area. The official time for each search area will be recorded independently and then combined for a total time.
- 8.1.6 In the case of a timer malfunction on a qualifying search, the maximum search time will be recorded on the scoresheet. The timer and/or backup timer shall be restarted as soon as possible by the official timer.

8.2 Hide Stewards

- 8.2.1 The club shall arrange for a hide steward to place the scent vessels and containers, plus one or more stewards to organize and call in the exhibitors and assist the judge.
- 8.2.2 The hide steward is in charge of placing the scent in the hide location designated by the judge. Having only one individual in contact with the scent will minimize the chance of contamination. The hide steward should wear nitrile gloves when setting the hides, and should not handle or move any other items.
- 8.2.3 At the end of the class, the hide steward shall ensure that all hides are removed from the search area.

9 THE SCENTS, THE SEARCH, CONTAINERS & EQUIPMENT

9.1 Set Up

- 9.1.1 Clubs must provide an official timer and the timing device, which must be capable of measuring time to the hundredth of a second. A backup timing device is recommended, and should be on the timers' person should it be required.
- 9.1.2 The club shall arrange for a hide steward to place the scent vessels and containers, plus one or more stewards to organize and call in the exhibitors and assist the judge.
- 9.1.3 Clubs must provide the distraction items for classes in which they are required.
- 9.1.4 Clubs may use any boundary markers or gating material they desire provided it is safe for participants and spectators.
- 9.1.5 Clubs must ensure dogs are divided into prescribed height divisions. Height divisions are to equalize efforts for dogs of same general size.

Small: Dogs under 13 inches (33 cm)

Medium: Dogs 13 inches (33 cm) and under
20 inches (50.8 cm)

Large: Dogs 20 inches (50.8 cm) and over

9.2 Demo Dog

- 9.2.1 After the hide(s) have been set, an accomplished search dog that is not entered in the class will run the course. This is to evaluate the real-world difficulty of the search, as designed. If the demo dog encounters unexpected difficulty, the judge should consider adjusting the hide location(s). An accomplished dog is defined as one who has earned either a CKC Scent Detection title or a comparable title with another organization for that element and difficulty level. It is understood that there may be situations where clubs are unable to procure a demo dog. In such a situation, the first dog in the running order will complete the search, after which the judge will determine whether the search, as designed, is acceptable. If the first dog to run encounters unforeseen difficulties such that the judge decides to adjust the hide location(s), that dog will be re-run at the end of the class, with no penalty.
- 9.2.2 The club shall establish a “staging area” out of view of the search area(s). The staging area will include all parking, crating, warm-up, and waiting areas, as well as the secretary’s table for check-ins, and posting of running order and results. All event operations aside from the actual search and judging activities will take place in the staging area. The staging area and search area(s) shall be separated by geographical features, walls, and/or artificial barriers. Clubs must post signs so that no person inadvertently wanders in view of the search area. Clubs should take care that exhibitors will not be in view of the search area when arriving or leaving the site, or when visiting the toilet facilities.

9.3 The Scents

- 9.3.1 Clubs must provide one container per target odor for the Odor Search division. Additional containers to hold distractors and to act as empty containers are required. Containers with glass may not be used.
- 9.3.2 Where a warm up area is available, clubs must provide one container per odor used in the event to be placed in that area.
- 9.3.3 Clubs must ensure that the scented cotton balls or cotton swabs (scent aids) and the scent vessels that are to be used for the Odor Search Division are at the event site and prepared for use. Swabs with paper ends to be used and cut in half. To prepare

the odors for trial, one (1) drop of the oil should be applied directly to the cotton ball or cotton swab. The scent aids should then be placed inside a clean glass jar and left to stand for at least twenty-four hours prior to the trial.

- 9.3.4 Glass must always be used for scent preparation and storage because of the essential oils.
- 9.3.5 Plastic may be used for scent vessels, but the scent aid must be removed from the plastic container for storage.
- 9.3.6 The club may designate the duty of supplying these to the judge, but this must be stated in the judging contract. No object containing glass may be used as a scent vessel.
- 9.3.7 Clubs will use the following essential oils in the trials as follows: Letter in brackets can be used for judges designations or when otherwise required to indicate which scent is in use.

Instinct and Novice: Wintergreen (W)
(*Gaultharia procumbens*)

Open: Wintergreen (W) and/or Pine (P)
(*Pinus sylvestris*)

Excellent: Wintergreen (W) and/or Pine (P)
and/or Anise (A)(*Pimpinella anisum*)

Master: Birch (B)(*Betula lenta*) and/or Anise (A)
and/or Clove (CL)(*Eugenia caryophyllata*)
and/or Cypress (CY) (*Cupressus sempervirens*)

- 9.3.8 Scents when not in use must be stored outside the staging and search area.
- 9.3.9 Scent vessels are used in the search area, and may be any small object that prevents the scent aid from coming into direct contact with any object or surface in the search area, and that allows scent to escape. They may not be glass.
- 9.3.10 For classes in the Odor Search Division the scent must remain in the same location for each team in the class, unless the hide location is contaminated or circumstances otherwise require relocating the hide. Scent should be relocated between classes, but must be left to stand for 10 minutes before the first dog in the new class begins.
- 9.3.11 No person other than the event officials shall be in possession of any of the target odors when on the trial grounds.

9.4 The Search

- 9.4.1 There shall be no training at the venue other than in the designated warm-up area.
- 9.4.2 If the club has designated a warm-up area, only one labelled container per target odor to be used in the trial on that day will be placed in the warm-up area. This will allow handler-dog teams to prepare themselves for the search prior to their run. Warm ups are limited to 2 minutes or less. Clubs are permitted to use blank containers in the warm up area.
- 9.4.3 Dogs may be outfitted with accessories such as paw covers or booties, jackets, sweaters, and hair ties or bows as the handler deems necessary for the dog to safely navigate the search area. Handlers are permitted to wear treat pouches or fanny packs to carry food rewards. The final word on whether or not an accessory is allowed shall rest with the judge.
- 9.4.4 Handlers must confirm the dog's indication with the word "Alert" when the dog indicates a find. If a verbal confirmation is not possible due to environmental factors or a handler's disability, The handler may inform the judge of an alternate confirmation, such as an obvious hand signal.
- 9.4.5 The "Finish" or "Clear" call is used in the Master classes that contain multiple hides. The handler is required to call "Finish" or "Clear" when all hides have been located for the search area. This call is required to stop the time for the search. If the handler fails to correctly call "Finish" or "Clear" prior to the expiration of the search time, it will result in a non-qualifying score.
- 9.4.6 Handlers are allowed to touch the dog at any time during the search for direction or praise.
- 9.4.7 Handlers are not allowed to touch objects in the search area without express permission from the judge.
- 9.4.8 When a dog correctly finds the scent, the handler may reward the dog with a food or toy reinforcer. Handlers must not contaminate the search area with food particles or saliva. When a toy is used it cannot be thrown or be a toy which makes noise. Toys or food cannot be used to bait the dog for the search.
- 9.4.9 Dropping food while rewarding a dog is considered a contamination of the search area, regardless of whether the food is dropped on, near, or away from

the hide. Contamination of the search area will result in a non-qualifying score.

- 9.4.10 If a search area is contaminated, every effort must be made to return the area to pristine condition before the running of the next dog. If a dog eliminates in an indoor search area, all surfaces or objects in the affected area must be thoroughly cleaned with an enzymatic cleaner. If a dog eliminates in an outdoor search area, any small affected objects such as rocks or sticks should be removed, and the ground should be sprayed with an enzymatic cleaner. If an area or object is contaminated by food residue or saliva, the food residue should be removed and the area or object should be wiped down with water. Any container that is contaminated by significant food residue or significant saliva should be replaced.
- 9.4.11 If a hide must be relocated in the middle of a class, it should be moved to a location that presents the same challenges as at the original location. The location of the original hide should be wiped with undiluted distilled white vinegar and the scent must be left to stand in the new hide location for 10 minutes before the next dog is run.
- 9.4.12 No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide. Judges should excuse exhibitors whose dog they reasonably believe have benefited from double handling. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the spectator area by the judge. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their turn.
- 9.4.13 Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in that class, may choose to watch searches from the spectator area. Spectators are absolutely forbidden from discussing details of the search with handlers who have yet to run.

9.5 The Containers

- 9.5.1 Containers are used to conceal the scent vessel for container searches in the Odor Search division. Containers can include boxes, paper bags, upside down flower pots, briefcases, luggage, backpacks, storage bins, or other similar odor-permeable container, as specified by difficulty level. Containers utilizing glass may never be used. Containers in

Novice searches must be boxes and must all be identical. Whenever boxes are used, they shall be at least 10-inches long by 8-inches wide; they must be no less than 3-inches and no more than 8-inches tall. Surplus containers for replacement must be available should any of the containers become damaged or contaminated. Whenever cardboard boxes are used, the bottoms of the boxes must be taped shut.

- 9.5.2 Classes within the Odor Search Division are conducted in one of three Elements (search environments). These are Container, Interior, and Exterior.
- 9.5.3 Containers for Instinct Class consists of five (5) identical box containers that are laid out on the floor of the search area. The boxes are arranged in one row of five containers. Each box must be at least 12” apart. The search area must be at least 250 and no more than 400 square feet. One of the containers holds the target odor of Wintergreen. The dog has two (2) minutes to locate the container with the target scent and communicate the find to its handler. The handler must call “Alert” when the dog indicates the find.
- 9.5.4 Containers for Novice Class consists of ten(10) identical box containers that are laid out on the floor of the search area. The boxes are arranged in two rows of five containers. Each box must be at least 12” apart, and each row must be at least 36” apart. The search area must be at least 250 and no more than 400 square feet. One of the containers holds the target odor of Wintergreen. The dog has two (2) minutes to locate the container with the target scent and communicate the find to its handler. The handler must call “Alert” when the dog indicates the find.
- 9.5.5 Containers for the Open Class consists of Fifteen(15) containers of various size and type are laid out on the floor of the search area. The containers may be arranged in three rows of five containers, in a circle, or in a “U” formation. Each container must be at least 12” apart, and if rows are used, each row must be at least 36” apart. The search area must be at least 400 and no more than 600 square feet. Two of the containers hold the target odor, which may be Wintergreen or Pine (each scent vessel may contain the same odor, or one of each.). One of the containers shall hold a toy (may NOT be the same container that holds odor). The dog has two(2) minutes to locate the containers with the target

scents and communicate the finds to its handler. The handler must call “Alert” when the dog indicates each find. The time will stop after the second alert call.

- 9.5.6 Container for the Excellent Class consists of Twenty(20) containers of various size and type are laid out on the floor of the search area. The containers may be arranged in four rows of five containers, in a circle, or in a “U” formation. Each container must be at least 12” apart, and if rows are used, each row must be at least 36” apart. The search area must be at least 600 and no more than 800 square feet. The target odors will be hidden in three of the containers. There will be two distractions at this level, and may be toy or food. The target odors at this level will be Wintergreen and/or Pine and or Anise. The dog has three (3) minutes to locate the containers with the target scent and communicate the finds to its handler. The handler must call “Alert” when the dog indicates each find. After the third “Alert” call, the time will stop.
- 9.5.7 Containers for the Master Class consists of Twenty (20) containers of various size and type are laid out on the floor of the search area. The containers may be arranged in four rows of five containers, in a circle, or in a “U” formation. Each container must be at least 12” apart, and if rows are used, each row must be at least 36” apart. The search area must be at east 600 and no more than 800 square feet. The target odor(s) will be hidden in one, two, or three of the containers. The handler will not know the exact number of hides at this level. There will be three distractions at this level, and these may be toy, food, or human. The target odor(s) at this level will be Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress. The dog has four (4) minutes to locate the container(s) with the target scent and communicate the find(s) to its handler. The handler must call “Alert” when the dog indicates each find. When the handler believes all hides have been located, he/she must call “Finish” or “Clear”.

	Instinct	Novice	Open	Excellent	Master
Scent	Winter-green	Winter-green	Winter-green and/or Pine	Winter-green and/or Pine and/or Anise	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress
# of Containers	5	10	15	20	20
Type of Containers	Identical Boxes	Identical Boxes	Various Size & Type	Various Size & Type	Various Size & Type
Arrangement	1 row of 5 containers	2 rows of 5 containers	3 rows of 5 containers, circle or "U" formation	4 rows of 5 containers, circle or "U" formation	4 rows of 5 containers, circle, or "U" formation
Minimum Distance between Containers	12" in all directions	12" in all directions 36" between rows	12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" between rows	12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" between rows	12" in all directions If rows are used, 36" between rows
# of Hides	1 (known)	1 (known)	2 (known)	3 (known)	1-3 (unknown)
Time limit	2 minutes	2 minutes	2 minutes	3 minutes	4 minutes
Distractions	None	None	Toy	Toy or Food	Toy, Food or Human
Required Calls	Alert Only	Alert Only	2 Alert Calls	3 Alert Calls	Alert(s) and Finish/Clear
Size of Search Area	250 - 400 sq.ft.	250 - 400 sq.ft.	400 - 600 sq.ft.	600 - 800 sq.ft.	600 - 800 sq.ft.

9.6 Interior Searches

9.6.1 The interior search element tests the dog's ability to locate the target odor in an indoor search environment. The search will take place inside a room or rooms in a building (such as an office, classroom, kitchen, bathroom, warehouse, etc.). The entire room need not be utilized for the search area, but if part of the room is excluded from the search area then the boundaries should be clearly delineated with colored adhesive tape, caution tape, plastic fencing, or by some other method. The minimum and maximum times are specified, but the actual time limit in each of these classes will be determined by the judge.

9.6.2 In the Interior Novice Class the target odor is hidden in a room or part of a room with an area of not less than 100 and not more than 200 square

feet. The target odor of Wintergreen is hidden on, under, or in an object within the room. There is one hide at this level, which must be accessible and may not be located higher than 12 inches (1 ft.) off the floor for small dogs, 24 inches (2 ft.) off the floor for Medium dogs and 36 inches (3 ft.) off the floor for large dogs. There will be no intentional distractions. The dog must find the target scent and communicate the find to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates the find. The time limit is set by the judge and must be between 1 and 3 minutes.

- 9.6.3 In the Interior Open Class the target odors are hidden in a room or part of a room with an area of not less than 200 and not more than 400 square feet. The target odors of Wintergreen and/or Pine are hidden within the search area. There are two hides at this level, which must be accessible and may not be located higher than 12 inches (1 ft.) off the floor for small dogs, 24 inches (2 feet) off the floor for Medium dogs and 36 inches (3 ft.) off the floor for large dogs. There will be one toy distraction. The dog must find the target scents and communicate the finds to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates each find. The time will stop after the second alert call. The time limit is set by the judge and must be between 1 and 3 minutes.
- 9.6.4 In the Interior Excellent Class the target odors of Wintergreen and/or Pine and/or Anise are hidden in two distinct search areas in one or more rooms, or part of a room. The total space of the two search areas must not be less than 400 and not more than 800 square feet. Each search area will be worked independently, with a separate time limit. There are three hides at this level, (2) two of which must be accessible and none of which may be located higher than 12 inches (1 ft.) off the floor for small dogs, 24 inches (2 feet) off the floor for Medium dogs and 36 inches (3 ft.) off the floor for large dogs. There are two distractions, which may be a toy or food. The dog must find the target scents and communicate the finds to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates each find. After the third "Alert" call, the time will stop. The time limit is set by the judge and must be between 1 and 3 minutes.
- 9.6.5 In the Interior Master Class the target odor(s) Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress are hidden in two or three distinct search areas in one

or more rooms, or part of a room. The total space of all search areas must be not less than 600 and not more than 1000 square feet. Each search area will be worked independently, with a separate time limit. There are an unknown number of total hides, either one, two, or three. Any or all hides may be inaccessible, but none may be located higher than 12 inches (1 ft.) off the floor for small dogs, 24 inches (2 feet) off the floor for Medium dogs and 36 inches(3 ft.) off the floor for Large dogs. One of the search areas may be “blank” (with no hide). There are three distractions, which may be a toy, food, or human. The dog must find the target scent(s) and communicate the find(s) to its handler. The handler must call “Alert” when the dog indicates each find. When the handler believes that all hides have been found in the search area, then he/she must call “Finish” or “Clear” to stop the time for that search area. The process will be repeated for each additional search area.

	Novice	Open	Excellent	Master
Scents	Wintergreen	Wintergreen and/or Pine	Wintergreen and/or Pine and/or Anise	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress
# of Hides	1 (known)	2 (known)	3 (known)	1-3 (unknown)
Time Limit	Set by Judges 1-3 minutes	Set by Judge 1-3 minutes	Set by Judge 1-3 minutes per search area	Set by Judge, 1-3 minutes per search area
Distractions	None	Toy	2-Toy, Food	3-Toy, Food or Human
Required Calls	Alert Only	2 Alert Calls	3 Alert Calls	Alert Call(s), and Finish or Clear Call
Maximum Height of Hides based on Dog Size	Small-12" Medium-24" Large-36"	Small-12" Medium-24" Large-36"	Small-12" Medium-24" Large-36"	Small-12" Medium-24" Large-36"
Accessibility	Accessible Only	Accessible Only	1 Hide may be Inaccessible	All Hides may be Inaccessible
Size of Search	100-200 sq.ft.	200-400 sq.ft.	2 areas, 400-800 sq.ft. total	2-3 areas, 600-1000 sq.ft. total

9.7 Exterior Searches

9.7.1 The exterior search element tests the dog’s ability to locate the target scent in an area with natural airflow, and in spite of everyday distractions such as the sounds and smells of nature. The search may be in a covered area but should have no more than two walls. The search area boundaries will be clearly

delineated by colored adhesive tape, caution tape, flags, plastic fencing, ring gates, or by some other method. The minimum and maximum time are specified, but the actual time limit in each of these classes will be determined by the judge.

- 9.7.2 In the Exterior Novice Class the target odor of Wintergreen is hidden in an outdoor area at least 200 but not more than 400 square feet. There is one hide at this level, which must be accessible and may not be located higher than 12 inches (1 ft.) above the ground for small dogs, 24 inches (2 feet) off the floor for Medium dogs and 36 inches (3 ft.) off the ground for large dogs. There will be no intentional distractions. The dog must find the target scent and communicate the find to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates the find. The time limit is set by the judge and must be between 2 and 4 minutes.
- 9.7.3 In the Exterior Open Class the target odors of Wintergreen and/or Pine are hidden in an outdoor area at least 400 but not more than 800 square feet. There are two hides at this level, which must be accessible and may not be located higher than 12 inches (1 ft.) above the ground for small dogs, 24 inches (2 feet) off the floor for Medium dogs and 36 inches (3 ft.) off the ground for large dogs. There will be one toy distraction. The dog must find the target scents and communicate the finds to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates the finds. The time will stop after the second alert call. The time limit is set by the judge and must be between 2 and 4 minutes.
- 9.7.4 In the Exterior Excellent Class the target odors of Wintergreen and/or Pine and/or Anise are hidden in an outdoor area not less than 800 but not more than 1500 square feet. There are three hides at this level, one of which may be inaccessible, and none of which may be located higher than 12 inches (1 ft.) above the ground for small dogs, 24 inches (2 feet) off the floor for Medium dogs and 36 inches (3 ft.) off the ground for large dogs. There are two distractions, which may be a toy or food. The dog must find the target scents and communicate the finds to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates the finds. After the third "Alert" call, the time will stop. The time limit is set by the judge and must be between 3 and 5 minutes.
- 9.7.5 In the Exterior Master Class the target odor(s) Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress of are hidden in an outdoor area not less than 1500

but not more than 2000 square feet. There are one, two, or three hides at this level, all of which may be inaccessible, none of which may be located higher 12 inches (1 ft.) above the ground for small dogs, 24 inches (2 feet) off the floor for Medium dogs and 36 inches(3 ft.) off the ground for Large dogs. The exact number of hides is not known to the handler. There are three distractions, which may be a toy, food, or human. The dog must find the target scent(s) and communicate the find(s) to its handler. The handler must call "Alert" when the dog indicates each find. When the handler believes that all hides have been located, he/she must call "Finish" or "Clear" to stop the time. The time limit is set by the judge and must be between 3 and 5 minutes.

	Novice	Open	Excellent	Master
Scents	Wintergreen	Wintergreen and/or Pine	Wintergreen and/or Pine and/or Anise	Birch and/or Anise and/or Clove and/or Cypress
# of Hides	1 (known)	2 (known)	3 (known)	1-3 (unknown)
Time Limit	Set by Judge 2-4 minutes	Set by Judge, 2-4 minutes	Set by Judge, 3-5 minutes	Set by Judge, 3-5 minutes
Distractions	None	1-Toy	2-Toy or Food	3-Toy, Food or Human
Required Calls	Alert	2 Alert Calls	3 Alert Calls	Alert Call(s), Finish or Clear Call
Maximum Height of Hides based on Dog Size	Small-12" Medium-24" Large-36"	Small-12" Medium-24" Large-36"	Small-12" Medium-24" Large-36"	Small-12" Medium-24" Large-36"
Accessibility	Accessible Hides Only	Accessible Hides Only	1 Hide may be Inaccessible	All Hides may be Inaccessible
Size of Search Area(s)	200-400 sq.ft.	400-800 sq.ft.	800-1500 sq.ft.	1500-2000 sq.ft.

9.7 Measuring Device

- 9.8.1 Dogs are measured at the discretion of the judge. The club must provide a measuring device for use by the judge. The wicket may be an agility wicket, a conformation wicket, or a homemade wicket. A raised, level surface such as an agility table is preferred for measurements. In the absence of an agility table, the club should use a hard, flat, level surface.
- 9.8.2 The measurement is from the highest point of the wither to the ground. The wicket should not rest on the back of the neck, nor should it rest on the back behind the shoulder.

9.8.3 If a dog measures out of a height division, the dog may be moved to the correct height division at that trial at the discretion of the trial secretary. Trial secretaries and clubs are not required to move dogs into a different height division.

9.8.4 If the trial secretary or club does not allow the dog to move out of a height division, that dog is ineligible for competition at that event.

9.9 Distractions

9.9.1 During the searches, distraction items may be used as indicated in the chart.

9.9.2 A toy may be used that does not contain any other artificial scent, such as another essential oil, perfume, or a scented lotion)

9.9.3 A food distraction may be any kind of dog food or human food (with exception to any foods harmful to dogs). The food must be enclosed within a container such that a searching dog would be unable to consume the food, or container.

9.9.4 A human distraction is a person, other than the judge, who is present inside the search area. The human distraction may be standing or sitting, and may look at the dog, but may not maintain eye contact if the dog's attention should turn to them. The human distraction may not speak to or intentionally touch the dog.

10 CLASSES, TITLES & AWARDS

10.1 Classes & Titles

10.1.1 Each level of a Scent Detection trial will be divided into following height divisions of Small, Medium and Large.

Small: Dogs under 13 inches (33 cm)

Medium: Dogs 13 inches (33 cm) and under
20 inches (50.8 cm)

Large: Dogs 20 inches (50.8 cm) and over

10.1.2 CKC Scent Detection Instinct-This is an optional title with no prerequisites. This class is open to dogs

who have not attained a CKC Scent Detection Novice title. A dog must obtain one Qualifying score in the Instinct Class to obtain SDIN title. SDIN will be a suffix title.

- 10.1.3 CKC Scent Detection Novice-This class has no prerequisites. This class is open to dogs who have not attained a CKC Scent Detection Open Title. A dog must obtain one Qualifying score in the Novice Class in each of the three Novice components of Containers, Interior, and Exterior to obtain the SDN title. Qualifying scores do not have to be earned at the same trial. SDN will be a suffix title.
- 10.1.4 CKC Scent Detection Open-A dog must have obtained a CKC Scent Detection Novice Title (SDN) before entering this class. This class is open to dogs who have not attained a CKC Scent Detection Excellent Title. A dog must obtain one Qualifying score in the Open Class in each of the three Open components of Containers, Interior, and Exterior to obtain the SDO title. Qualifying scores do not have to be earned at the same trial. SDO will be a suffix title.
- 10.1.5 CKC Scent Detection Excellent- A dog must have obtained a CKC Scent Detection Open Title (SDO) before entering this class. This class is open to dogs who have not attained a CKC Scent Detection Master Title. A dog must obtain one Qualifying score in the Excellent Class in each of the three Excellent components of Containers, Interior, and Exterior to obtain the SDE title. Qualifying scores do not have to be earned at the same trial. SDE will be a suffix title.
- 10.1.6 CKC Scent Detection Master- A dog must have obtained a CKC Scent Detection Excellent Title (SDE) before entering this class. A dog must obtain one Qualifying score in the Master Class in each of the three Master components of Containers, Interior, and Exterior to obtain the SDM title. Qualifying scores do not have to be earned at the same trial. SDM will be a suffix title.
- 10.1.7 Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all teams who qualify.

11 JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 11.1 Judges are responsible for designing each of the searches at a CKC Scent Detection event. The clubs must submit specific dimensions and layouts to the judge no later than sixty (60) days prior to the event date to aid in search design. Additionally, information on furniture and structural obstacles must be communicated to the judge. Photographs, diagrams or videos will be submitted with the layouts so that the judge has a clear understanding of the search area prior to designing the search. It is understood that search layouts may change when the judge reaches the site and experiences the conditions firsthand.
- 11.2 Search areas may be any shape. Gates are not required, however the area should be clearly marked. Dogs and handlers may cross the boundaries in search for items, as long as they remain working.
- 11.3 Judges are responsible for selecting the hide locations, taking care to create a challenging search for each level, but one that is not unreasonably difficult. The physical placement of the hides and any adjustment to the hides must be done by the hide steward.
- 11.4 Judges are responsible for setting the actual course time limits within the pre-set minimum and maximum allowable times. Because each search area may vary so much in size and layout, the judge is in the best position to determine the reasonable time limit, using either their own judgment or a preliminary search with a demo dog.
- 11.5 Judges shall conduct a short handler's briefing prior to the start of each class, after the demo dog has ran the course. The handler's briefing shall take place in view of the search area after hide(s) is/are set. In the handler's briefing the judge shall explain if there is an off-leash option, how many hides there are (if the number of hides is known), the maximum height of the hides, how many different search areas there are (for interior searches only), and communicate the maximum time for the search. Judges may also remind exhibitors of the basic rules, if desired. Exhibitors will be able to ask any questions about the search area at this time. No dogs may be present during the handler's briefing.

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- 11.6 When the handler calls Alert, the judge is responsible for confirming whether the alert is correct or incorrect. If the dog is clearly indicating the source of the scent, the judge should respond “yes” when the handler calls Alert. If the source is unclear, please follow the procedures outlined in for accessible hides and for inaccessible hides.
- 11.7 If the dog is near the source of the scent, but it is not clear to the judge that the dog has communicated the exact location to the handler, the judge should ask “Where?” The handler must then indicate the source of the scent by pointing or gesturing. For Instinct, Novice and Open classes, the handler may indicate an area within approximately (6) inches of the hide. For Excellent and Master, the handler may indicate an area within approximately (2) inches of the hide. If the hide is within the area that the handler indicates, the alert should be considered correct. If the hide is not within the area that the handler indicates, the alert should be considered incorrect, and the team will not qualify. If the handler is gesturing an area that is larger than allowable, the judge should say, “Please show me an area no larger than six inches,” or “Please show me an area no larger than two inches.” The judge may use their discretion to allow for environmental factors such as wind, but the standard noted above should be followed in ideal conditions.
- 11.8 For inaccessible hides, the dog will not be able to pinpoint the exact location of the hide, so the judge will be looking for the dog to get as close as possible to the inaccessible hide location. If the dog is clearly indicating this area, the judge does not need to ask “Where?” If the dog has not indicated clearly or seems to be indicating in multiple differing locations, the judge should ask “Where?” As with an accessible hide, the handler will gesture to within approximately six (6) inches of the hide for Instinct, Novice and Open classes, and within approximately (2) inches of the hide for Excellent and Master. If the handler is indicating an area that is larger than allowable, the judge should say, “Please show me an area no larger than six inches,” or “Please show me an area no larger than two inches.”

For a hide that is inaccessible for all dogs, such as a hide inside a drawer or on the backside of furniture against a wall, the area that the handler gestures to must encompass either the location of the hide, or the location that is the closest the dog can possibly get to the inaccessible hide location.

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- 11.9 The judge's decision regarding whether the alert is correct is always final. Argument from a competitor as to whether the location indicated is sufficient will not be allowed.
- 11.10 The judge shall have complete control and final say over matters in the search area.
- 11.11 The judge may allow a dog-handler team to repeat an exercise if, in the opinion of the judge, the team encountered extraordinary circumstances that were out of the control of the handler.
- 11.12 The judge must remember that he is judging the dogs only on their ability to perform the tests set for them.
- 11.13 A judge shall excuse from competition any dog or handler that interferes willfully with another competitor or competitor's dog and any dog which the judge considers unfit to compete.
- 11.14 A judge's decision is final in all cases.
- 11.15 A judge shall excuse from the competition any dog who urinates, defecates or vomits within the search area.
- 11.16 Judges shall ensure that all hides are removed from the search area.
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12 PROTEST

- 12.1 A protest against a dog may be made by an exhibitor/handler, any member of the CKC or a member of the club or association holding the event in the following manner:
- (a) A protest should be lodged with the Show Superintendent before the closing of the event and must be in writing, on a form provided by the CKC (or facsimile thereof). A hearing shall be held prior to the departure of all parties. No protest will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit. This deposit shall be returned if the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forwarded to the CKC with the event committee's report.
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- (b) If the protest cannot be filed at the event because of circumstances requiring medical and/or veterinary attention, or if the dog has been removed from the grounds, or if the owner and the dog leave the grounds immediately following the incident, the protest may be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the event. All such protests shall constitute complaints under the CKC's By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- (c) If the protest is filed directly to the CKC, reasons should be provided as to why the protest could not be filed with the Show Superintendent.
- 12.2 Where the Event committee consists of more than three persons, the Show Superintendent or Event Chair of the event-giving club shall name three members of the event committee to act on any protest received by the event-giving club.
- 12.3 Written copies of all decisions on protests must be forwarded immediately to the Discipline Committee of the CKC. The Discipline Committee may take such action as it deems fit in connection with such protest, provided no appeal is submitted to the CKC within 10 days of the event on which the decision of the trial committee was rendered. Such action may include barring the dog from future CKC-approved events, imposition of an administrative fee and/or cancellation of awards. The fact that the trial committee did not sustain a protest in no way inhibits the right of the Discipline Committee to take such action, as it deems advisable.
- 12.4 An appeal to the Discipline Committee of the CKC from a decision of the trial committee where a dog has been protested must be forwarded to the CKC within 10 days of the date on which the decision was rendered, together with a deposit.
- 12.5 If an event-giving club fails to hear a protest as prescribed above, or in the opinion of the Discipline Committee improperly handles a protest, the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit and necessary, and it may at the same time take disciplinary action against the officials of the trial-giving club concerned.

13 COMPLAINTS

- 13.1 A complaint against a person regarding a violation of the rules and regulations related to scent detection trial must be in writing, on a form issued by the CKC (or facsimile thereof), and must be accompanied by a deposit. A deposit is not required on a complaint alleging that a judge officiating at a trial held under these rules and regulations has been subject to indignities of any kind during the progress of the trial.
- 13.2 A complaint should be lodged with the Show Superintendent or the event-committee chair of the event-giving club no later than 15 minutes after the completion of judging of the trial, or should the complainant choose to do so, a complaint may be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the trial. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 13.3 Any complaint against the club holding the event or any of its officials must be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the trial. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 13.4 A complaint shall be restricted to any of the following:
- (a) an act of omission or commission on which is based an allegation of a violation of the Scent Detection Rules & Regulations;
 - (b) any act on which an allegation of misconduct is based;
 - (c) the alleged failure of an officiating judge to excuse or remove from competition a dog for which a provision for excusing or removal from competition appears in these rules and regulations.
- 13.5 Where the trial committee consists of more than five persons, the Show Superintendent or Event Chair shall name five members to form a trial committee to act on complaints received by the event-giving club.
- 13.6 When a complaint against a judge is received by the event-giving club, the club will hold a hearing while all parties are still in attendance. The report and all statements given by all parties will be forwarded to

the Discipline Committee along with the deposit from the complainant. The trial committee will not render a decision but will collect all pertinent information.

- 13.7 Upon receipt of a complaint, the event committee of the event-giving club shall conduct an investigation as soon as possible thereafter, but in any event, within 14 days of receipt, conduct a hearing in accordance with procedures set out in the Procedure for Conducting a Scent Detection Committee hearing as provided in these regulations.
- 13.8 The trial committee shall promptly forward the complaint, the deposit and a record of the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the CKC. Copies of the record of the hearing and the committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the parties concerned at the same time.
- 13.9 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in these rules and regulations, the procedure specified herein for dealing with complaints shall govern.
- 13.10 Disciplinary action will be taken against any official and the event-giving club of which he is an official when it is established to the satisfaction of the CKC that an attempt was made to discourage the submission of a complaint.
- 13.11 Disciplinary action will be taken against an event-giving club that fails to properly deal with complaints as provided in these rules and regulations

14 DISCIPLINE

- 14.1 The Discipline Committee may take disciplinary action against any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization for any act of omission or commission that violates any section or sections of the rules and regulations for CKC scent detection trial. Such action will be taken as provided for in the By-laws of the CKC.
- 14.2 No person shall abuse a dog on the grounds or premises of an event or conduct themselves in a manner considered prejudicial to the best interests of the trial.
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- 14.3 Any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization availing themselves of the privilege of participating in any capacity or manner whatsoever at a event shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board as conferred on the CKC by its By-laws and all other rules and regulations adopted by the CKC.
- 14.4 At its discretion and subject to the appeal process, the Discipline Committee may cancel any or all qualifying scores earned by a dog owned by a person debarred, deprived, suspended or expelled of all privileges of the CKC when such wins were earned following the date on which such act occurred that resulted in disciplinary action.
- 14.5 The administration to a dog competing at a trial of a drug or any substance, in any form, which alters the nervous system by stimulation, sedation or tranquilization shall be considered as misleading the judge and will be considered misconduct. The person or persons responsible will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this section.
- 14.6 Any person, either within or outside the judging ring, who does anything calculated to attract, distract or otherwise interfere in any way with the attention, deportment or performance of a dog under judgment may be disciplined by the Discipline Committee in whatever way it considers to be in the best interest of the club, or the judge may take summary action.
- 14.7 It shall be the duty and obligation of the event-giving club to see that a judge, club official, steward, volunteer or competitor at a Scent Detection event held under these regulations is not subject to indignities of any kind. The Event Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the CKC shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred. A copy of this regulation shall be prominently placed in every premium list and catalogue.

15 PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING AN EVENT COMMITTEE HEARING

- 15.1 It is essential that the defendants be given the opportunity to be present during the whole hearing and to testify and present their own witnesses. If a defendant refuses to attend or defend himself, the hearing may proceed without him. In notifying the defendant of the hearing, it is essential that he be informed specifically of the nature of the charges against him and that a record of such notice be made.
- 15.2 The complainant must also be informed of the hearing and allowed to be present throughout the whole hearing.
- 15.3 Both the complainant and defendant should be informed that they may be represented by legal counsel or an agent at the hearing if they choose but this is not necessary.
- 15.4 The chair is to call the meeting to order and then announce: "We are proceeding by reason of our appointment to the trial committee by (name of trial-giving club)."
- 15.5 The chair shall identify all persons present and the reason for their presence (i.e., complainant, defendant, witness) and then ask the witnesses to withdraw until required to give evidence. After giving evidence a witness may be excused.
- 15.6 The complaint is to be read except that if the complainant and defendant agree, it may be necessary to relate only the substance of the complaint as set out on the Official Complaint form.
- 15.7 The chair is to ask the defendant whether he wishes to admit or deny the complaint as it has been read or stated.
- 15.8 The complainant is to give evidence on the complaint. The defendant then may question him. At the chair's invitation, any member of the committee may question the complainant. If the complainant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the defendant or any member of the committee. Each witness is to leave the hearing after evidence has been given.

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- 15.9 Upon completion of the evidence given by the complainant and any witnesses appearing on his behalf, the defendant may then give evidence and may then be questioned by the complainant or any member of the committee. If the defendant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the complainant or any member of the committee.
- 15.10 The chair may then call any other witness that the committee considers appropriate to the proper hearing of the complaint.
- 15.11 The complainant may then have the opportunity of summing up the complaint and the evidence presented in support thereof. The defendant shall have the opportunity of summing up his own defence and any evidence presented in support of his own defence.
- 15.12 The chair shall announce that the committee will be submitting a report on the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the Discipline Committee of the CKC and the parties concerned. All but the committee members shall be dismissed so that the matter may be considered.
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16 DISQUALIFYING OR EXCUSING DOGS

16.1 Disqualifying or Excusing

- 16.1.1 The judge shall have the authority to disqualify or excuse a dog that menaces, threatens or attempts to bite the judge, another person or any dog in the ring. If a dog is twice excused for any combination of these actions, it shall have the status of a disqualified dog. The judge shall also have the authority to disqualify or excuse a dog that attempts to bite, or bites in response to an attack from another dog.
- 16.1.2 The judge shall disqualify or permanently disqualify a dog that bites the judge, another person or any dog in the ring. Dogs permanently disqualified under this provision will not be eligible for reinstatement.
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The decision to permanently disqualify a dog must be clearly indicated on the judge's disqualification form.

- 16.1.3 When a judge disqualifies or excuses a dog, the disqualification or excusal and reason thereof must be recorded in the judge's book. The judge must also fill out the Judge's Disqualification/Excusal Form. The owner or handler of the dog must be advised of said reason and must be provided with the yellow copy of the Judge's Disqualification/Excusal Form before leaving the ring. A dog that has been disqualified shall not receive any ribbon, prize or award. In such cases, the CKC may order that any previous awards be cancelled and all ribbons and/or prizes be returned.
- 16.1.4 Once a dog has been disqualified for any reason, it may not be entered or shown at another show until the dog has been reinstated by the CKC. All awards earned by a dog shown in violation of this section will be cancelled by the CKC and the owner of the dog is subject to disciplinary action
- 16.1.5 A dog disqualified under Section 16.1.2 is not eligible for reinstatement.
- 16.1.6 Any dog that is disqualified under Section 16.1.1 shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any CKC event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated, if the dog is eligible for reinstatement.

16.2 Excusing

- 16.2.1 A judge shall excuse a dog if, in their opinion, any of the following conditions are present:
- (a) lameness. If a dog is excused for lameness at three (3) shows within a 60-day period, the dog has the same status as a disqualified dog;
 - (b) if the dog is under the influence of a drug or other substance;
- 16.2.2 Biting (See Disqualifications, Section 16.1.)
- 16.2.3 A dog that bites or attempts to bite another dog or a person may be removed from the event grounds for the duration of the event by the Show Superintendent
- 16.2.4 Only the Show Superintendent may excuse a dog or exhibitor from the show prior to the official time of closing.

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- 16.2.5 When a dog has been excused or given permission to be removed by the Show Superintendent, a notation shall be made in the judge's book stating "excused" and the reason for same. This judge shall initial the book.
 - 16.2.6 The Show Superintendent shall endorse a permit issued by the veterinarian for a dog excused for illness. Dogs so excused may not compete for any awards after being excused.
 - 16.2.7 At the discretion of the judge, exhibitors are permitted to use water, ice, etc., within reason, to keep the dogs cool in cases of extremely high temperatures.

16.3 Reinstatement

- 16.3.1 The owner of a dog that has been disqualified at a show held under these rules may, after 30 days from the date of said disqualification, apply in writing to the CKC for reinstatement of the dog, unless the dog is ineligible for reinstatement as per Section 16.1 The request for reinstatement must be accompanied by a deposit as set by the Board.
- 16.3.2 After the examination, the Examining Committee shall submit its report to the CKC who, in turn, will advise the owner of the results. If reinstated, half of the deposit will be returned to the owner. If not reinstated, the deposit is forfeited to the CKC.
- 16.3.3 Reinstatement of a dog following an examination as set forth in this section in no way affects the right of a judge to again disqualify the dog for the same or other reasons.

17 PARTICIPATION

- 17.1 The participation in any manner or in any capacity at a competitive event held under these rules shall be considered a privilege accorded to any person by the CKC and such privilege may be extended and withdrawn by the Discipline Committee.
 - 17.2 Any person availing himself of the privilege of participating in any manner, shape or form and in any capacity, including that of a spectator at a
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competitive event held under these rules shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board.

- 17.3 No person who has been expelled, deprived of privileges, suspended or debarred by the CKC may enter a dog, compete, exhibit, judge, act as agent or handler for any competitor, take a dog into any competition or be connected in any capacity with competitive events held under these rules.
- 17.4 A club holding a show under these rules shall not engage, in any capacity, a person who is under suspension or expulsion, debarred or deprived of privileges by the CKC.
- 17.5 Any person who has lost the right to participate in events in their country of residence shall not, while such a loss of participation is in effect, participate in any Canadian Kennel Club-approved events. Any wins by a dog that is exhibited or handled by such individual shall automatically be cancelled.

18 LIABILITY

- 18.1 The CKC shall not be responsible to any member, person, partnership, club or corporation for any loss, damage or injuries arising at or by reason of any event held under any rules adopted by the CKC.
- 18.2 Every owner or authorized agent for the owner of any dog entered in a CKC event is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog behaves properly at the event, and in particular to prevent the dog from threatening, menacing or biting a judge, another dog or any other person in attendance at the event. Failure to take such reasonable steps may result in disciplinary action against such owner or authorized agent under the By-laws, which may result in the imposition of any of the penalties provided for in the By-laws.

19 AMENDMENTS

- 19.1 These rules are subject to amendment by the Board.
- 19.2 Amendments to these rules may also be proposed by a person, association, club, representative group or body by presenting such proposal to the Board for its consideration. In such circumstances, the Board will forward the proposal to the Scent Detection Council for its consideration and input, prior to the Board making its final decision.
- 19.3 Any amendment to these rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- 19.4 The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by the Board.
- 19.5 The Board, at its sole discretion, may choose to perform a non-binding poll of the membership to attain general input prior to making a final decision on any proposed amendment to these rules.
- 19.6 Upon the Board making its final decision with respect to any amendment to these rules, the membership shall be advised by placing a notice in the official publication as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.



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