**Requirements & Guidelines for WDA Championship Trial**

**Judges: Barry Vradenburgh, Trace Sims and Dennis Trzcinski**

**Decoys: Eric Stallworth, Daniel Cravens and Terrey Randolph Jr.**

**Requirements to enter the April 15&16-2023 Championship:**

Any trial held from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022, counts to qualify a dog for our 2023 Championship.

Any dog competing in WDA trials with **two passing protection gripping title scores** and at least one score fitting the requirements below:

1. P1, PS1, PD1 need at least a 175.
2. P2, PS2, PD2 need at least a 170.
3. P3, PS3, PD3 need at least a 165.

Any dog obtaining passing score at a **regional** trial held between 1-1-2021 and 12-31-2022 qualifies it to show at the 2023 championship trial.

Entries will be limited on a first to enter basis. Entry deadline will be Jan. 31-2023 or when limit is reached, entries may be submitted as soon as your dog meets the entry criteria.

Dogs must enter at their current level or higher in the division they are entering. Class changes may be allowed up to one week before day of trial.

**Awards:**

Championship placements, includes trophies and cash for first place, and ribbons plaques or medallions for second place,

P1, P2 and P3

PS1, PS2 and PS3

PD1, PD2 and PD3

**Divisions and Classes offered:**

Division 2 Protection classes: P1, P2, P3,

Division 3 Protection Sport classes: PS1, PS2, PS3,

Division 4 Police dog classes: PD1, PD2, PD3

No FO’s, OB1-OB3 or TR classes, protection classes only. A failing score in the protection does not allow the team to fall back to an OB title.

**Fees, limitations and logistics:**

Entry fee is $125.00 per class.

Entries will be limited to 20 dogs per day with the exceptions below:

Each PD3 team will count as two dogs given the much greater time needed to prepare and perform the class.

If there are no PD3 teams, we may increase the 20-dog limit depending on the other class entered.

Draw for line up. Round Robins if there is an odd number of dogs.

Limit of two dogs per handler.

Only 1 class per dog.

Handlers are to be at the staging area ready to trial on time.

Judges will place increased emphasis on handler knowledge of all WDA General, Division and class rules and routines.

Steward is only checking equipment for safety not correctness.

Steward will start exercise with “next exercise” not the name of the exercise.

No walk throughs for handlers for any routine.

**Judges, Decoys and Stewards:**

A championship trial requires three judges and passing scores will be averaged for the actual score.

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**Scoring:**

Any value less than 70 is an “NQ” and should be treated numerically as zero. For example, one score is 68 and the other two are 76 and 74. The average would be 50 (0 +74+76= 150 divided by 3 is 50). Any time a score is less than 70 the score will be posted as “NQ” on trial board and the log sheet.

It is possible for one (or more judges) to give a passing score above 70 and the other judges(s) to give a failing score below 70. **Only passing** scores are averaged for the final score. Any value less than 70 is effectively zero and is not included in averages. If there is a score discrepancy of more than 10 points between the judges and one of the judge’s value is below 70 effectively causing the team to receive an NQ while the other judge(s) value was above 70 effectively passing the routine. The judges will confer with each other and the trial chairperson to come to an agreement of their interpretation of said routine.

Judges will not be providing critiques.

Score sheets will be given to the trial secretary for totaling and scores will be posted on the score board. Score sheets will NOT be given out to handlers. Score sheets will be sent to the WDA main office.

Judges are NOT allowed to confer among themselves during the performance or scoring of a team unless there is an imminent safety concern. They may, between team performances, discuss among themselves other matters pertaining to the current trial such as operations, decoy or steward’s performance or safety considerations. Before doing so, they must turn in any score sheets they maybe be working on. Judges must inform the trial chairperson of any decisions they make.

Need to have 3 Level III Honors decoys available.