**WDA Regional Trials**

1. WDA has two regions, Eastern and Western that divide the US approximately in half (see WDA Regional Map).

Regional coordinators:

Eastern region: Tom Cawood

Western Region: Cindy Reed

1. WDA will recognize one Regional trial per region each year.
2. Anyone wanting to host a regional trial must have hosted at least one prior WDA trial.
3. Anyone wanting to host a regional trial must submit a request to WDA's office before December 31st of the year prior to the proposed trial unless otherwise authorized by the WDA board. All requests will be reviewed by the WDA Board and the applicant will be notified of their decision by January 31st.

Regional benefits

1. A passing score at a regional trial qualifies a team for attendance at WDA championship if regional trial is held within the time criteria for the championship.
2. The highest scoring team per class at regional trials gives the team the choice of slot & field position at the championship. If more than 1 high scoring team want to enter the same class at the Championship they will draw for choice.

**Guidelines for WDA Regional Trial**

**Awards:**

Trophies or ribbons for first place, any other awards are optional:

Awards for:

P1 Dog - P3 Dog,

PS1 Dog – PS3 Dog,

Police Dog 1 - Police Dog 3.

**Divisions and Classes offered:**

Division 1 Protection classes: P1, P2, P3

Division 2 Protection Sport: PS1, PS2, PS3

Division 3 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:

1. For each PD3 team entered, reduce the 20-dog limit by two.
2. If there are no PD3 teams entered, you may increase the 20-dog limit by as much as four.

Trial host will set line up and class schedule. The Round Robin procedure will be used in cases where there are odd numbers of dogs.

Limit of three dogs per handler.

Dogs can only be entered in one title at a regional trial.

Judges in a Regional trial 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:**

A regional trial requires two non-trialing judges. Only if a 3rd judge is available and two always remain available for judging, can a judge also trial a dog.

1. Regional Judges cannot be judging another WDA trial held with 4 days prior or post the regional trial.
2. If a third judge is only being used to fill in for a full time judge he/she can be a judge working a WDA trial that is held in conjunction with the regional trial.
3. If a third judge is used so another judge can trial a dog, then the third judge must judge the full title/class.

**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 is 74. The average would be 37 (0 +74= 74 divided by 2 is 37). 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 to score board. Score sheets will NOT be given out to handlers. Score sheet 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.

**Decoys:**

Two decoys are required to work each routine except PS1 and PS2 may be run with just one decoy. You must submit your selection of decoys to the WDA board for approval for a regional trial. They must be level III decoys. If you have 3 decoys and 2 always remain available to work the routines, then it is ok for a decoy to also trial a dog. If a decoy is trailing a dog he/she cannot work the title he/she is trailing in.

**Trial Secretary:**

May trial only one dog.

**Stewards:**

Must have a steward running the trial at for all titles. If you have 2 and 1 always remains available to work the routines, then it is ok for them to also trial a dog.