



Trial Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Competitors

- 1) All dogs are entered at the owner's risk and whilst taking every care, the Trial's Manager cannot be held responsible for any damage, loss or injury caused to dogs, persons or property whilst at the trial.
- 2) The owner, competitor, handler, or other person in charge of a dog at the trial must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the Venue including its environs, car parks and approaches. When not competing, dogs must be leashed at all times unless in a designated exercise area.
- 3) No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
- 4) Dogs not entered in the trial: Unentered dogs are allowed at the discretion of the trial manager. No bitches in season, nor dogs suffering from any infectious or contagious diseases, nor any dog of such temperament and/or so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal. Any dog with a known biting history must be approved for attendance by the Trial Manager prior to the event. Full disclosure is essential. The Trial Manager has the right to request that the dog to be removed from the venue and the owner must comply.
- 5) Removal of dogs from Competition: Following discussion between the Trials Manager and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the trial if it is: - a) A bitch which is in season. b) Suffering from any infectious diseases or contagious disease. c) of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal. d) Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing. The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the trials Incident Book and submitted to the Focus Group.
- 6) The TM reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
- 7) The trials manager will take extreme care regarding the safety of competitors and their dogs and it must be distinctly understood by all persons attending the trial that the trials manager will not be held responsible for the loss, detention of or damage to any dog or property, whether arising from accident or any other cause whatsoever, or by any act or omission of themselves, their judges, helpers or others, and it is on this understanding only that entries are received.
- 8) Exclusion of Dogs: If in the opinion of the Show Management or Judge any dog is considered not in a fit state for competing owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, the dog may be excluded or removed from the trial on the instruction of the Trials Manager. Once excluded or removed from the trial the dog must not be brought into the trial at any time under any circumstances and the case must be reported immediately to the Trials Manager. Where a dog is thus excluded or ordered to be removed from the trial, the trials manager will give the competitor every facility to remove it.
- 9) Dogs in Vehicles on Hot Days. Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and Scentwork UK offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts travelling to and whilst at a Scentwork UK trial.
 - When travelling to a trial please take a moment to consider whether the route to the trial is on a busy holiday route, and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.



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- If your vehicle is not air-conditioned seriously consider whether travelling to the trial is a good idea at all.
- The vehicle should be as fully ventilated as possible, and plenty of stops should be taken, with lots of water available to drink.
- Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
- When at the trial, never leave your dog unattended in the vehicle.
- Keep the dog in the shade - take your own shade for example a large umbrella and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog stays well hydrated.
- Avoid your dog taking part in unnecessary exertion, or from standing in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time. Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated, and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare. **WARNING: IF YOUR DOG IS FOUND TO BE AT RISK FORCIBLE ENTRY TO YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE NECESSARY WITHOUT LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED**

10) Reactive dogs -Trials Managers must be made aware that a dog attending a trial has special needs (reactiveness to other dogs or humans) and every attempt will be made to give that dog space to make the trial a positive experience for all. It is the responsibility of the owner to let the Judge and Scribe know at the time of the trial of any special needs for the searches

11) History of Biting - If a dog can be considered "dangerous" as per Dangerous Dog Act (has injured someone previously), this information must be given to the Trial Manager (TM) prior to booking that trial. It is in the discretion of the TM whether to accept the entry.

The Owner must also contact their Insurance Company to confirm that they are also covered for biting if they attend a SWUK Trial (Proof of this must be sent to the TM for that trial).

If the TM decides to accept the entry, the dog should be kept as far away as possible from any other dog, trial participant or member of the public. The dog must be on a lead and always muzzled, except for the search provided the TM, Scribe and Judge are happy for it to be removed.

SWUK cannot be held responsible for any Civil or Criminal Action in relation to any Trial that is run on or on behalf of SWUK, where the TM accepts dogs who either has bitten or does bite at a Trial.

12) Competitor complaints and protocol - Competitors must behave in a respectful manner to judges, trial managers, helpers, and fellow competitors at all times. Any disrespectful and/or intimidating behaviour towards any personnel will be reported to the TM and the competitor will be asked to leave the trial. All competitors must:

1. confirm their scores with the scribe when completing the search
2. take up any matters of concern about any search with the judge at the time