

Tracking and Article Search

Novice and Advanced

Conditions

1. In order to compete in a NADSR event, the dog must be registered with NADSR. The owner must show proof of registration in the form of a registration certificate or photo ID. Registration forms will be available at each event for non-registered dogs.
2. Bitches that are in any part of the heat cycle or pregnant will not be allowed to enter any NADSR event. She will be disqualified with no refund on entry fee if she was entered deceptively.
3. Dogs that are aggressive or become aggressive will be disqualified.
4. All equipment used in the event must be approved by the Judge before the event.
5. Only flat nylon or leather collars are allowed. No e-collars, prongs or slip collars allowed.
6. No hired handlers may be used. Only the owner, co-owner or family member of the owner may handle the dog.
7. All Judges must be approved by NADSR.
8. Entry fees are non-refundable.
9. The Judges decision is final.

Tracking/Article Search Level I Novice

1. This is a PASS or FAIL task. In order to receive a Certificate of Completion from the club, the dog must complete both the tracking and article search sessions. An incomplete task will result in failure.
2. Tracking Session
 - a. Dogs are required to compete on a long line (15-35ft). Tracking harnesses may be used.
 - b. A live person must be tracked in this event.
 - c. The dog must stay on track until complete or the maximum amount of time has elapsed.
 - d. The dog must find the tracklayer in a friendly manner.
 - e. Verbal encouragement of the dog while tracking is allowed.
3. Judge should remain at least 25 yards behind the handler.
 - a. The dog will track two 100-yard legs.
 - b. A maximum of 10 minutes is allowed for the dog to track.(5 minutes for each leg)
 - c. A restart is allowed only once.
4. Article Search Session
 - a. The dog may compete on or off a long line.
 - b. The search area must be a plainly marked 25ft sq. search area.
 - c. The Judge must place one article, key chain, pocket watch, etc., inside the search area.
 - d. The dog has 1 minute to search and find the article.
 - e. The handle may not direct the dog in any way or enter the search area while the dog is searching.

Tracking/Article Search Level II Novice

This is a PASS or FAIL task. The tasks are the same as in Tracking/Article Search I with these exceptions:

1. Tracking Session
 - a. The dog is required to track three 100-yard legs.
2. Article Search Session
 - a. Two articles will be placed by the Judge, at least 6 feet apart, inside the search area.
 - b. The dog is given 2 minutes to search and find all articles.

Tracking/Article Search Level III Novice

This is a PASS or FAIL task. The tasks are the same as in Tracking/Article Search II with these exceptions:

1. Tracking Session
 - a. The dog is required to track 50 ft. across a hard surface. Gravel can be used if necessary.
2. Article Search Session
 - a. Three articles will be placed by the Judge, at least 6 feet apart, inside the search area.
 - b. The dog is given 3 minutes to search and find all articles.

Additional Conditions for Advanced

1. All dogs entered in the Advanced Series must first show proof of completion in the Novice Series.
2. Only verbal or visual commands can be used for these events.
3. A Champion status can be achieved in the Advanced Series after completing all tasks twice (at separate events).

Advanced Tracking/Article Search

1. This is a PASS or FAIL task. The tracking and article search must be completed within the same day in order to earn credit towards a Tracking and Article Search Champion title issued by NADSR. Failure to complete any task will result in a failure.
2. Tracking Session
 - a. Dogs are required to compete on a long lead. Tracking harnesses may be used.
 - b. In this event, a live person must be tracked.
 - c. The dog must stay on track until the task is completed or until the maximum amount of time has elapsed.
 - d. The dog must find the one laying the track in a friendly manner.
3. The Judge should remain about 25 yards behind the handler.
 - a. The dog is required to track five 100-yard legs. One 100-yard leg must be entirely across a hard surface. Another must be across a minimum of 25 ft. on a hard surface (e.g. cross a street).
 - b. The dog is given 5 minutes for each leg, a total of 25 minutes.
 - c. The track must be laid a minimum of 2 hours before the search begins.
 - d. One article will be dropped for each leg. The article must be dropped within 1 foot of the track. The dog must find at least 3 of the 5 articles dropped.
4. Article Search Session
 - a. Dogs must compete OFF lead.
 - b. The handler must notify Judge of how the dog will alert; sit, bark, down, ect.
 - c. Three 25ft. search areas will be used in this session. Each search area will be divided by a 12ft. area. The search area will be marked clearly with flags. One article will be placed in each search area.
5. The dog is required to locate all three (3) articles.
6. The handler may not enter the search area or direct the dog in any way. The dog will be disqualified.
7. The dog is given a maximum of 1 minute per search area.

Titles will be given as Follows:

TRACKING/ARTICLE SEARCH CHAMPION

Must complete and receive Certificates of Completion as follows:

Novice	Advanced
Tracking/Article Search I	1st Completion
Tracking/Article Search II	2nd Completion
Tracking/Article Search III	

NADSR will issue a TRACKING/ARTICLE SEARCH CHAMPION TITLE

NOVICE SERIES CHAMPION

Must complete and receive Certificates of Completion as follows:

Novice Obedience	Novice Tracking/Article Search
Level I	Level I
Level II	Level II
Level III	Level III
Novice Agility	
Level I	
Level II	
Level III	

NADSR will issue an NOVICE SERIES CHAMPION TITLE

ADVANCED SERIES CHAMPION

Must complete and receive Certificates of Completion as follows

Novice Series Champion Title
Advanced Obedience 1st completion
Advanced Obedience 2nd completion
Advanced Agility 1st completion
Advanced Agility 2nd completion
Advanced Tracking/Article Search 1st completion
Advanced Tracking/Article Search 2nd completion

NADSR will issue an ADVANCED SERIES CHAMPION TITLE

OR

Must Have

Obedience Champion Title

Agility Champion Title

Tracking/Article Search Champion Title

NADSR will issue an ADVANCED SERIES CHAMPION TITLE

ALL CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION IN 'ADVANCED' MUST BE WON AT EVENTS ON DIFFERENT DATES!

All Championship titles given by NADSR will include a picture of dog and/or owner.