

ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

Entries will be taken beginning October 6, 2021 at 9:00AM (EDT). The Closing Date for entries will be October 26, 2021 at 6:00PM (EDT).

Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender. If necessary, a draw for a wait list will be held from the remaining entries after limits have been reached.

PREMIUM LIST

Merrimac Dog Training Club
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

Novice A/B Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried Elements (Sat & Sun)
Advanced Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried Elements (Sat & Sun)
Excellent Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried Elements Trial (Sat & Sun)
Master Containers and Buried Elements Trial (Sat & Sun)



November 6, 2021 Event #2021022826
November 7, 2021 Event #021022828

November 6, 2021 Event #021022827
November 7, 2021 Event #021022829

Merrimac Dog Training Club
 15 Newsome Place, Hampton, VA 23661

ENTRY LIMITS

125 entries per trial or 8 hours per judge
To be held Indoors/Outdoors

Trial Hours:

Saturday - 9:00am to 6:00pm
 Sunday - 9:00am to 6:00pm
 Check-in from 8:30-9:00am Saturday and Sunday
 First Runs 9am

Judges: Sharon Yon – Melfa, VA

Diane Payne – Hampton, VA

**CERTIFICATION**

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.
 Elizabeth Staley, Secretary

OFFICERS OF MERRIMAC DOG TRAINING CLUB

President Mary Sweany
 Vice President Ginger Wade
 Secretary Joan Lutz, 148 Yaqui St, Virginia Beach, VA
 Treasurer Patty Swan

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON	TRIAL SECRETARY
Mary Sweany 7605 Crab Thicket Rd Gloucester, VA 23061 mary.sweany@gmail.com 757-817-8946	Elizabeth Staley 714 N Fifth St Hampton, VA 23664 sniffhappensva@gmail.com 419-306-7919

EVENT COMMITTEE

Mary Sweany, Holly Boyd, Elizabeth Staley,
 Lynda Fairchild, and MDTC members

JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS*

Sharon Yon #17793 Melfa, VA <u>November 6, 2021</u> All Excellent and Master Classes offered	Diane Payne #108558 Hampton, VA <u>November 6, 2021</u> All Novice and Advanced Classes offered
Sharon Yon #17793 Melfa, VA <u>November 7, 2021</u> All Excellent and Master Classes offered	Diane Payne #108558 Hampton, VA <u>November 7, 2021</u> All Novice and Advanced Classes offered

*Balancing of classes may occur based on entries.

VETERINARIAN ON CALL (OR IN ATTENDANCE)

Veterinarian Animal Emergency Center, 2025 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23693
Directions: From MDTC: Take I-664 N to I-64 West to Exit 256B (Victory Blvd). Continue 1.5 mi to US-17 S turn right. Continue .5 mi to clinic.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police- Hampton City
911LOCAL HOSPITAL – Sentara CarePlex (approx. 10 min from club)

COVID19 RULES AND POLICIES

MASKS. In following the guidelines from the CDC and governor, for **Fully Vaccinated** attendees, masks are optional. For unvaccinated attendees, masks are strongly encouraged.

This policy may become more restrictive as the trials draw closer if COVID numbers or guidelines change.

CRATING will be available indoors, but chairs may not be permitted if space is needed for other exhibitors to crate during the warmer temperatures. If asked to remove your chair to allow for other exhibitors to have crating space, you must comply with trial staff requests. You may also choose to work from your own car.

We may use apps (like Remind) for updates during the event weekend. More information will be available in the final confirmation.

Everyone attending the event will be required to sign a COVID19 Waiver after closing agreeing to MDTC COVID19 policies listed in this premium as well as any new policies that may arise due to a change in the local or national COVID19 situation. A link to this waiver will be included in final confirmations. Failure to sign this waiver will result in forfeiting your runs without refund.

Exhibitors not staying to work are encouraged to leave after their runs. Ribbons/labels will be made available near the end of each class for pick up.

DO NOT attend these events if you are not willing to follow these and other COVID19 guidelines including those from the VDH and CDC. The club may alter these based on the situation at the time of the event.

You WILL NOT attend these events if you are unvaccinated and have been exposed to someone with COVID19 and have not quarantined for the recommended time after exposure (currently 14 days).

You WILL NOT attend these events if you have any symptoms of COVID19 including but not limited to fever, shortness of breath, loss of taste, pain/pressure in the chest.

You WILL NOT attend if you have been diagnosed with COVID19 and have not yet been released by government or health officials to resume normal activity.

IF you are exposed to or test positive for COVID19 after closing and must withdraw, your entry fees will be refunded.

Move Ups between trials WILL be allowed.

DOG ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate.

Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete.

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog displays no sign of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Deaf and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Females in season may not participate, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from an injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance may not participate. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

ENTRY FEES

*An entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class. Entry fees include a \$3.50 per run AKC recording fee.

Novice and Advanced classes\$25
Excellent and Master classes.....\$35

Mail entry forms and fees to:

MDTC Scent Work
Elizabeth Staley, Trial Secretary
714 N Fifth St
Hampton, VA 23664

Please make checks payable to **Merrimac Dog Training Club (MDTC)**.

Entries will be accepted by e-mail (sniffhappensva@gmail.com) 24 hours after opening. Entries via email must be complete, signed and **paid via paypal** at www.paypal.me/mdtc please label your payment for November SW trials and with the dog's call name. **There is an additional \$10 administrative fee to use email/paypal entry service** (ie: \$100 total entry fees must pay \$110 if sent via paypal). No entries will be accepted via phone or fax. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Elizabeth Staley at sniffhappensva@gmail.com. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Club will add a \$35.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check and all returned fees must be paid via cash, money order or paypal. **Entries or payment sent to the wrong email/paypal are not valid and will be treated as mail not received. Paypal fees sent to the wrong address may not be able to be returned. Please verify you are sending paypal fees to MDTC by using the web address/link above!**

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

MDTC is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **50 entries per day** will be placed on the club's wait list. All entries, including wait-listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to **October 26, 2021**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on October 26, 2021 for the withdrawn entry. Any wait-listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund. Wait list will remain active until November 5, 2021 at 4pm after which no changes will be made.

There will be NO DOS entries.

CLASSES OFFERED & JUDGING TIMES

Saturday Trials 1 and 2				SUNDAY Trial 1 and 2			
Container	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent Master	Container	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent Master	Container	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent Master	Container	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent Master
Interior	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent	Interior	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent	Interior	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent	Interior	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent
Exterior	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent	Exterior	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent	Exterior	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent	Exterior	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent
Buried	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent Master	Buried	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent Master	Buried	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent Master	Buried	Novice A/B Advanced Excellent Master
Handler Discrimination	NONE	Handler Discrimination	NONE	Handler Discrimination	NONE	Handler Discrimination	NONE
Optional/Special Classes				Optional/ Special Classes			
NONE				NONE			
Judging begins at 9:00am				Judging begins at 9:00am			

STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include crating, warm-up and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

Due to COVID19 The **Handler's Briefing** may take place virtually, online or in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler's Briefing the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. NO DOGS are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.

A **warm-up area** will be available consisting of ONE marked container of each odor being tested at the trial and may also consist of blanks containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to (2) two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior to their run, or for recovery after the run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog.

SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

Search area sizes will be in accordance with the Regulations for AKC Scent Work.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

Trial Site. It is not appropriate to visit the trial location prior to the trial date unless you are enrolled in a class at MDTC or a club member. Many search locations are real-life environments, and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.

Possession of Odors and Training. Chapter 5. Section 26 of the Scent Work Regulations state "No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area".

Spectator Area. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in the class may choose to watch the search from the spectator area. But **MUST** follow COVID rules. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be ask to leave the area by the judge. Spectators are forbidden to discuss details of the search until the completion of the class.

Crating space will be available on a limited basis. Priority on indoor crating will be given to workers. We will try to accommodate as many indoors in crating as we safely can. This may mean that we cannot allow chairs in the crating area due to space limitations. MDTC requires a tarp to be placed on the floor underneath your crates. Crates may be left overnight; however, MDTC will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

<i>First Place</i>	<i>Blue</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Red</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Yellow</i>
<i>Fourth Place</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Qualifying Score</i>	<i>Dark Green</i>

A **New Title rosette** will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing a title. Special rosettes for elite titles!

High in Trial & High Combined Division

Only teams who participate and qualify in all odor search elements offered (Container, Interior, Exterior and Buried), and qualify in each are eligible to win **High in Trial**. One You must compete in all 4 elements at the same level (ie: Advanced) to be eligible for HIT.

High In Trial winner is chosen per level; there is no separate High In Trial for the Novice A and Novice B sections.

The High in Trial is determined by adding the team's faults across the elements. If there is a tie based on faults, then the team's times across the elements will be summed and the faster-finishing team will win.

Teams winning High In Trial will earn a rosette.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work, by downloading them here: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf>

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. **It is expressly understood** that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. Merrimac Dog Training Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. Merrimac Dog Training Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the Merrimac Dog Training Club or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. A wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

All dogs must be on leash at all times, and retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed.

REFUNDS

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are eligible for a 75% refund with a signed note or email from your vet. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

Bitches in season will be refunded the full entry fee. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

RINGSIDE

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN: Please check your dog in on the run boards for each of your classes at the beginning of each trial. Boards will be located near the staging location for the search areas.

Exhibitors MUST check-in for each class they are entered.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

"Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations."

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION

Candlewood Suites, 401 Butler Farm Road, Hampton, VA, (757) 766-8976.

Pets allowed with a nonrefundable fee of 15 dollars for the first night and 10 dollars for every additional night up to a total of 150 dollars. Pets must weigh under 80 lbs. Pet agreement must be signed at check in. Vaccination record may be required.

RV Camping on-site not available.

ADDITIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION

Red Roof Inn
1925 Coliseum Dr.
Hampton, VA
(757) 838-1870
Pets are free.

Extended Stay Hotels,
1915 Commerce Dr,
Hampton, VA
(757) 896-3600.
Pets \$25 +tax per night

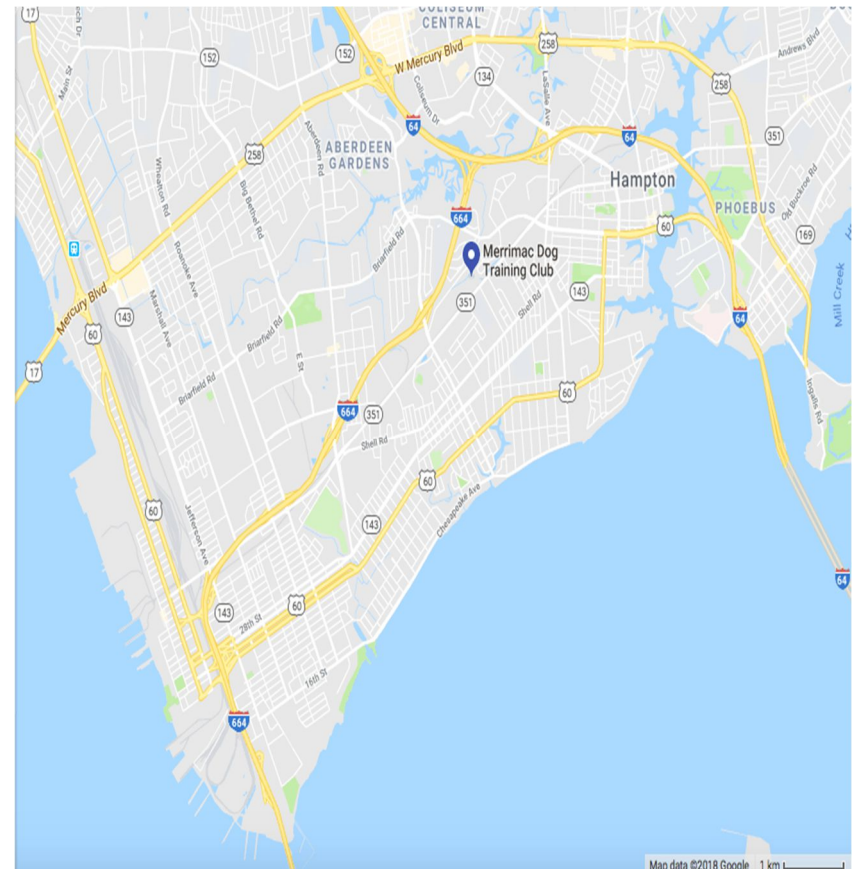
DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

From Monitor-Merrimac Tunnel - take Powhatan Parkway/Power Plant exit. Go right at end of exit and take first left onto Salters Creek Rd. Go approx .6 miles and turn right on Newsome Place. Merrimac Dog Training will be on right.

From 64 east or west take 664 exit. Take exit 2 Powhatan Parkway/Power Plant and go left at end of ramp. Take 2nd left turn lane onto Salters Creek Rd and go approximately .6 mile and turn right on Newsome Place. Merrimac Dog Training will be on the right.

There is no longer access to Newsome Place from West Pembroke Ave. Must enter from Salters Creek Rd.

MAP



Other Campgrounds (within 20 minutes of show site):

Gosnold's Hope Park - 901 E. Little Back River Road, Hampton, VA 23669 - (757) 850-5116
Newport News Park - 13560 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23603 - (757) 886-7912

AKC SCENT WORK ENTRY FORM



AKC Official Entry Form

Send to:
MDTC Scent Work
Elizabeth Staley
714 N Fifth St
Hampton, VA 23664

	Container	Interior	Exterior	Buried
Saturday, T1 11/06/2021	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
2021022826	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Saturday, T2 11/06/2021	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
2021022827	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Sunday, T1 11/07/2021	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
2021022828	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master
Sunday, T2 11/07/2021	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
2021022829	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master

Entry fees: \$25 Novice and Advanced Classes, \$35 Excellent and Master Classes.

Total due: _____

Make Checks payable to MDTC, mail to MDTC Scent Work, 714 N Fifth St, Hampton, VA 23664
Club will add a \$35.00 collection fee for each returned check. \$10 admin fee if paying with PayPal.

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number	
		<input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign	
Call name	Date of birth	Sex	
Breed	Variety		
Owner			
Owner's Address			
City	State	Zip	
Telephone	Email		
Handler name (if different from owner):		Junior Handler # (if applicable):	

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED. Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known.

Be sure to read the Agreement and sign. No form will be processed without your signature!

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site,
www.akc.org

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, hREGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

INSTRUCTIONS

Entrants must run in the same difficulty level in all elements to be eligible for High in Trial.

Dogs must complete lower level titles prior to entering the upper level classes..

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE X: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____ Phone #: _____