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Virtual Trial Pilot Program

In an effort to help bring NASDA to underserved areas, NASDA will begin offering Virtual Trials to our underserved areas including countries not currently served by NASDA. Except where noted, all other NASDA rules and regulations apply. This pilot program will run through December 31, 2024.

Our goal is to:

- Start New Clubs in these regions
- Host an event without a licensed judge onsite
- Help the club best utilize the Scoring Master
- Evaluate club equipment
- Have up to two apprentice judges from the region
- Educate the club and community on NASDA procedures and events
- Help new clubs host Level I / II only trials while we continue to educate judges in that region
- Expose clubs / judges to specialty events, online events to continue to grow the sport in the community

Virtual Trials are held in the same formats at traditional in person trials with the following exceptions:

- There is no NASDA judge of record onsite
- A search area and hide placement walk through is recorded on video and submitted with event results
- All runs must be videoed individually and submitted with event results

Who is eligible to host Virtual trials?

Clubs in underserved areas are eligible to host virtual trials. Underserved areas are defined as a state or province where no NASDA events have been hosted within the past six months.

Virtual Hosting Exceptions

Clubs wishing to request an exception to host a virtual trial may do so by contacting Liz Carter at admin@nasda.dog.

Trial Sanctioning

Clubs wishing to host a Virtual Trial must select “Virtual Trial” on the Trial Sanctioning form. Photos and / or links to video of the following must be included with the trial sanctioning request:

- Quarry cages
- Sheds
- Shed odor
- Search areas / venue

Clubs may offer all virtual classes, specialty trials or individual classes.

What classes may be offered?

The following classes may be offered at Virtual Trials: Trailing & Locating, Urban Locating, Urban Challenge Games 1 / 3 / 5, Lost Item Challenge Games 1 / 3 / 5, Lost Item Recovery and Shed Dog.

What levels may be offered?

Virtual trials may only offer the Puppy Aptitude, Level I and Level II tests at this time.

Exceptions for the use of Live Quarry

Live quarry must be utilized per the rulebooks. In countries where the use of live quarry is prohibited by law, the regional substitution for existing dog sports may be used.

Virtual Run Videos

Virtual run videos must be uploaded to a service such as Vimeo or YouTube and a link to each video provided with each result in the Virtual Scorebook. Videos should be labeled as follows:

- Dog’s Registration
- Dog’s Call Name
- Class / Level / Trial 1 (i.e. 1, 2, 3)
- Trial Date

Videos should start as the team walks up to the start line and end 15 seconds after the “Yes” call has been made. All videos for a class / level should be recorded from the same position.

Judging Virtual Runs – No Apprentice Judge Present

A designated individual not competing in the class must operate the stopwatch and call “Yes” when the dog has found the hide. Time will continue on the video for an additional 15 seconds. This individual will maintain the scribe sheets for the class. The time will be recorded in the scorebook. No qualifying scores or points will be awarded during the event.

Judging Virtual Runs – Apprentice Judge Present

The apprentice judge must judge the class and record all results, including deductions, on the scribe sheet. All results will be recorded. These results are to be considered preliminary and subject to change upon NASDA official review. The apprentice judge will record these runs in their logbook.