



**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED**

**ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 10am EST** via an online entry at [www.sotc.info/scentwork](http://www.sotc.info/scentwork) or at the Trial Secretary's mailing address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed. No hand deliveries.

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6pm EST** after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. 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.

**PREMIUM LIST**

	<p align="center"><b>SOTC</b>  <b>Syracuse Obedience</b>  <b>Training Club</b>  <small>Licensed by the American Kennel Club</small></p>	
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**Saturday & Sunday**

**Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master**

**Containers, Interiors, Exteriors\*, Buried and Handler Discrimination\* Elements**

No Excellent and Masters in Exteriors and Handler Discrimination and No Detective

**Saturday, April 29, 2023** Event # 2023257026 & 2023257027

**Sunday, April 30, 2023** Event # 2023257028 & 2023257029

**American High/Syracuse Studios**

(Formerly known as A V Zogg Middle School)

**800 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Liverpool, NY 13088**



**ENTRY LIMITS**

**125 entries per day per judge**

*To be held Indoors and Outdoors  
There will be limited indoor crating*

**Trial Hours:**

Saturday & Sunday – 8:00am to 6:00pm

Check-in from 8:00am-4:00pm daily Handler's

Briefing at 8:45am, first dog to follow

**Judges**

Dr. Nancy Almann, Ithaca, NY

Karen Cummings, East Syracuse, NY

Melinda L Vogt, Mount Vision, NY

Nathalie Lussier, New York Mills, NY

Stephanie A. Crawford, Binghamton, NY\* Provisional



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

**CERTIFICATION**

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

Gina DiNardo, Secretary

OFFICERS OF THE SYRACUSE OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

President ..... Terri Botsford  
 Vice President ..... Bari Tassinaro  
 Secretary ..... Natalie Gilman  
 Treasurer ..... Ann Jackson

TRIAL CHAIR	TRIAL SECRETARY	EVENT COMMITTEE
Terri Botsford 1280 Heathfield Ln Chittenango, NY 13037 <a href="mailto:tbotsford@sotc.info">tbotsford@sotc.info</a> 315-569-6067	Sue Eaton 6255 Reidy Hill Rd Lafayette, NY 13084-3413 <a href="mailto:scenworkTS@sotc.info">scenworkTS@sotc.info</a> 315-708-3370	SOTC Members: Terri Botsford, Sue Eaton, Kelly Mueller, Anne Colgan, Jean Rand, Naneese Bonnell, Ann Jackson and Janine Ramsden

**JUDGES' ASSIGNMENTS & CLASSES OFFERED**

Container Element		Exterior Element	
	Judge's Name, Judge's Number City, State		Judge's Name, Judge's Number City, State
<b>Novice</b>	Nathalie Lussier 102403 29 CLINTON ST, NEW YORK MILLS, NY 13417-1519	<b>Novice</b>	Melinda L Vogt 105891 1945 STATE HIGHWAY 205, MOUNT VISION, NY 13810-1108
<b>Advanced</b>	Nathalie Lussier 102403 29 CLINTON ST, NEW YORK MILLS, NY 13417-1519	<b>Advanced</b>	Melinda L Vogt 105891 1945 STATE HIGHWAY 205, MOUNT VISION, NY 13810-1108
<b>Excellent</b>	Karen Cummings 102347 7500 KIRKVILLE RD, EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057-9420	<b>Excellent</b>	Not Offered
<b>Master</b>	Karen Cummings 102347 7500 KIRKVILLE RD, EAST SYRACUSE, NY 13057-9420	<b>Master</b>	Not Offered
Interior Element		Buried Element	
	Judge's Name, Judge's Number City, State		Judge's Name, Judge's Number City, State
<b>Novice</b>	Stephanie Crawford 66279 85 Hiner Rd, Binghamton, NY 13904-1100	<b>Novice</b>	Stephanie Crawford 66279 85 Hiner Rd, Binghamton, NY 13904-1100
<b>Advanced</b>	Nancy Almann 102710 6304 WILLOW CREEK RD, ITHACA, NY 14850-9517	<b>Advanced</b>	Stephanie Crawford 66279 85 Hiner Rd, Binghamton, NY 13904-1100
<b>Excellent</b>	Nancy Almann 102710 6304 WILLOW CREEK RD, ITHACA, NY 14850-9517	<b>Excellent</b>	Melinda L Vogt 105891 1945 STATE HIGHWAY 205, MOUNT VISION, NY 13810-1108
<b>Master</b>	Nancy Almann 102710 6304 WILLOW CREEK RD, ITHACA, NY 14850-9517	<b>Master</b>	Melinda L Vogt 105891 1945 STATE HIGHWAY 205, MOUNT VISION, NY 13810-1108
The Detective Class		Handler Discrimination	
	Judge's Name, Judge's Number City, State		Judge's Name, Judge's Number City, State
<b>Detective</b>	Not offered	<b>Novice</b>	Nathalie Lussier 102403 29 CLINTON ST, NEW YORK MILLS, NY 13417-1519
		<b>Advanced</b>	Nathalie Lussier 102403 29 CLINTON ST, NEW YORK MILLS, NY 13417-1519
		<b>Excellent</b>	Not Offered
		<b>Master</b>	Not Offered

Judges and assignments may change to balance class sizes. All competitors will be notified if changes occur after closing.

**Move-ups between trials on the same day WILL NOT be offered.**

**Move-ups between days WILL be offered if submitted no later than ½ hour after the end of judging on the previous day.**

## VETERINARIANS ON CALL

Closed on the weekends, but maybe be open by April. Veterinary Service (on call) <b>Animal Emergency Center at VMC</b> 584 Bridge St., Suite 200, East Syracuse, NY 13057 (315) 446-7933 <a href="http://www.vmccny.com">www.vmccny.com</a> 10 miles - 13 minutes	<b>Companion Animal Hospital (Cornell)</b> 930 Campus Rd Ithaca, NY 14850 607-253-3060 57-66 miles 1-1 ½ hours	<b>Urgent Veterinary Care</b> 207 Genesee St Auburn, NY 13021 (315) 515-3074 Info about their emergency care: <a href="https://urgentcare.vet/services/">https://urgentcare.vet/services/</a> 37 miles, 50 minutes
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Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian’s recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases. Exhibitors must assure that their dogs have appropriate vaccinations and proof of rabies vaccinations.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police- 911		
<b>Upstate University Hospital</b> 750 E. Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210 (315) 464-5540 Toll free: 1-877-464-5540 <a href="http://www.upstate.edu/hospital/">www.upstate.edu/hospital/</a> (6.5 miles - 13 minutes)	<b>Crouse Hospital</b> 736 Irving Ave, Syracuse, NY 13210 (315) 470-7111 <a href="http://www.crouse.org">www.crouse.org</a> (6.7 miles - 13 minutes)	<b>St. Joseph’s Hospital</b> 301 Prospect Ave, Syracuse, NY 13203 (315) 448-5111 <a href="http://www.sjhsyr.org">www.sjhsyr.org</a> (5.8 miles – 11 minutes)

## THERE WILL ONLY BE A HANDLER DISCRIMINATION DIVISION FOR NOVICE AND ADVANCED ONLY

Handler Discrimination classes are titling classes in which the targeted scent is that of the handler themselves. Handlers are required to provide their own scented articles in a plastic bag, for the Novice class, one cotton glove or cotton sock, for Advanced, Excellent, and Master, cotton balls or cotton swabs. Three qualifying scores are required to earn titles in each class.

## 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), or an AKC Canine Partners listing number, or are registered with AKC’s Foundation Stock Service (FSS).

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. Each entry is \$25. **Online Entry can be found at <https://SOTC.info/Scentwork>.**

**Mail entry forms and fees to: Sue Eaton, 6255 Reidy Hill Rd, Lafayette, NY 13084** Make checks payable to **SOTC Inc.** No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary’s address. Inquiries may be directed to **Sue Eaton at [scentworkTS@sotc.info](mailto:scentworkTS@sotc.info)**. No entry should 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 Trial Secretary will add a \$30.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check or credit card.

## GUARANTEED ENTRIES FOR SHOW WORKERS

Entries from individuals who have been identified as "Workers" and assigned tasks before the Entry Open date will receive priority to the maximum allowed by Chapter 3, Section 26, of the Scent Work Regulations as amended November 2019. For these trials, a maximum of 15% guaranteed entries per trial for Show Workers will be set aside.

## WAIT LIST INFORMATION

**SOTC** is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries before and after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **20 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 **March 29, 2023 at 6pm**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on March 29, 2023. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry less the \$5 admin fee. Any wait listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund.

## 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.

The **Handlers' Briefing** will take place 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 Handlers' 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 Handlers' 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 blank containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to two (2) 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. Please be mindful of the condition of the boxes.

## SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

**Search Area Conditions.** Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

**Search Area Sizes** will be as per AKC Scent Work Regulations.

## ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

**Trial Site.** It is not appropriate to visit the trial location prior to the trial date. 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.** Spectators are limited dependent on the search area. Please ask the Gate Keeper, Scribe or Judge prior to entering. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any persons who have already completed their runs in the class may choose to watch the search from the spectator area. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. 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 asked 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. Crates may be left overnight; however, **SOTC** and the School will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site. Please be sure to leave the crate area in the same condition as you found it, if not even better.

**Exhibitors are responsible** for cleaning up after their dogs. 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

### High in Trial (HIT) and High Combined (HCD)

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

*First Place-Blue*  
*Second Place-Red*  
*Third Place-Yellow*  
*Fourth Place-White*  
*Qualifying Score-Dark Green*

Only teams that enter all elements offered (Container, Interior, Exterior and Buried), at the same level (Novice and Advanced only) and QUALIFY in all four elements are eligible to win High in Trial (HIT). HCD is the same as HIT except Handler Discrimination is included. There is no separate HIT for the Novice A and Novice B sections and since there will not be Exterior and Handler Discrimination classes for Excellent and Master Levels, there will be no HIT or HCD for those levels.

The HIT and HCD are 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 added together and the faster-finishing team will win.

Teams winning High In Trial will each earn a special rosette.

A **New Title rosette** will be awarded to each dog and handler team finishing a title, including elite titles.

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. The American Kennel 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 assume no responsibility for injury to children. The American Kennel 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 American Kennel Club or any official thereof.

**Collars, Leashes and Harnesses.** During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collars or harnesses 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

**All entries that are canceled before closing will receive a full refund less a \$5 administration fee. Those who mailed a check, we will destroy the check and there will be no \$5 administration fee, EXCEPT partial refunds will be less a \$5 administration fee.**

**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 not eligible for a refund.

**Bitches in season** will be refunded the full entry fee less a \$5 administrative fee. A veterinarian's certification 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:** At check-in you will receive your armband number. Once the time and location for check-in is determined all exhibitors will be notified by email. **Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.**

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



### HOST HOTEL INFORMATION

Ramada  
6555 Collamer Rd  
(Carrier Circle) East Syracuse

315-760-6300  
Must call and mention SOTC to get the no pet fee.

Candlewood Inn  
6550 Baptist Way  
(Carrier Circle) East Syracuse

315-432-1684  
Must call and mention SOTC to get the no pet fee

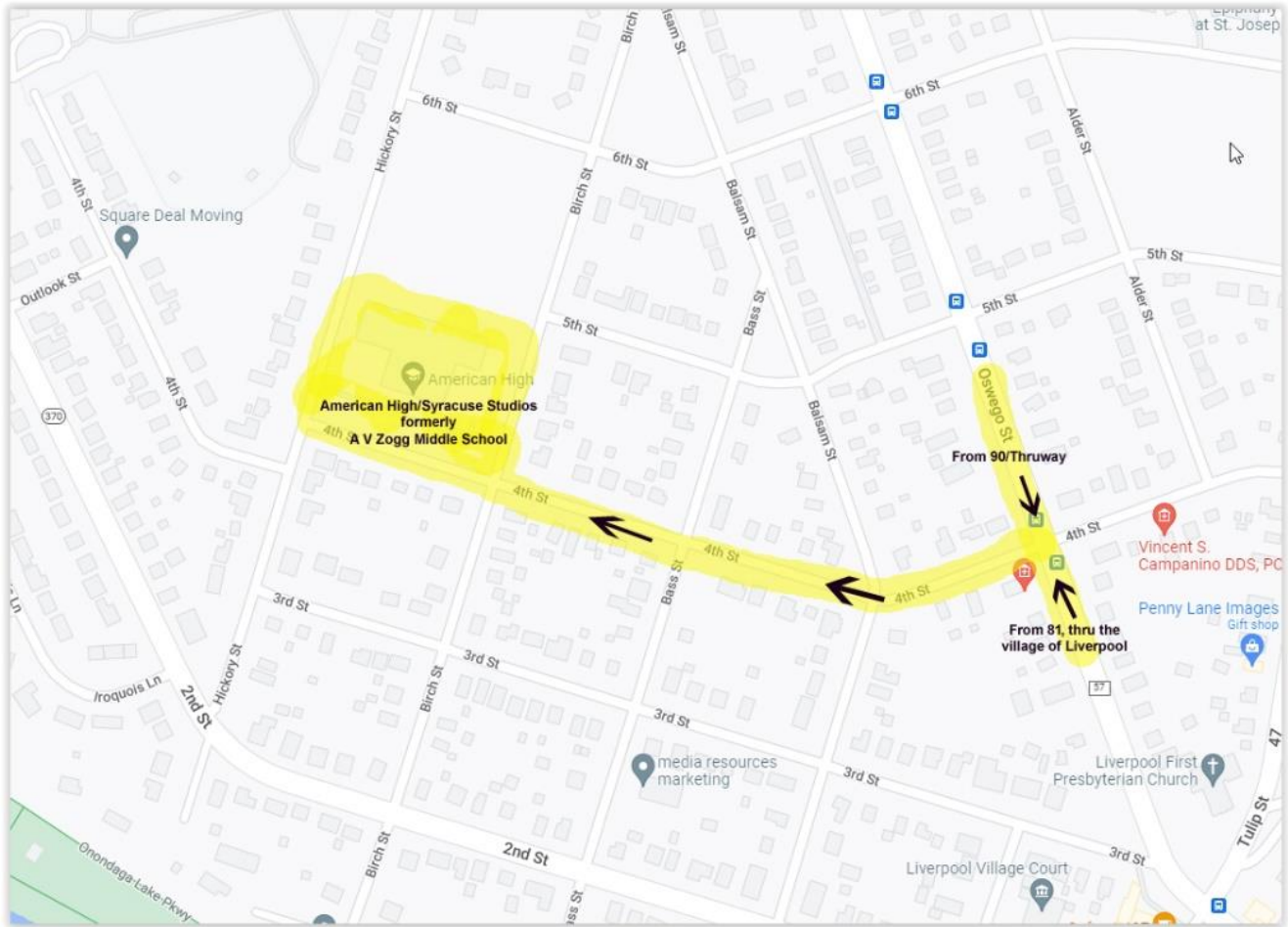
There are lots of other motels and hotels in the area. These are just the two at which SOTC has a special rate.

**RV Parking** is not available on the school grounds. The local Wal-Marts do not allow RV parking, but the Cracker Barrel on 8400 Pardee Rd, Cicero, NY 13039 does. Call them to be sure their policy hasn't changed: 315-698-4311. **If you're driving an RV that is over 10'9" tall, do not take 370 West. This has a low bridge that you will not fit under. Take the 90/Thruway.**

### DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

**From Rt 81**, take exit 24 A to 370 West (also known as Liverpool Parkway or Onondaga Lake Parkway). Go through the village of Liverpool, stay on Oswego St (57) take left on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. **If you're driving an RV that is over 10'9" tall, do not take 370 West. This has a low bridge that you will not fit under. Take the 90/Thruway.**

**From 90/Thruway**, take exit 38, take a right on Oswego Rd (57), take right on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.





**SOTC Scent Work Trial**

**April 29 & 30, 2023**

Saturday and Sunday

2 Trials/day on Saturday & Sunday

Trials will run concurrently, which

means you will go from one trial right

into the next.

Online entry form can be found at  
[www.sotc.info/scentwork](http://www.sotc.info/scentwork)

**Entry Fees: \$25 per class. Make checks payable to SOTC, Inc and mail to: Sue Eaton, Trial Secretary, 6255 Reidy Hill Road, Lafayette, NY 13084-3413**

	Container	Interior	Exterior	Buried	Handler Discrimination
Saturday, April 29, 2023 Trial 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<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"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
Saturday, April 29, 2023 Trial 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<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"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
Sunday, April 30, 2023 Trial 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<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"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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# of Entries \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Due**

*Trial Secretary will add a \$30.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check or bad credit card.*

**Class Eligibility:** **Novice A** Classes are open to dogs who have not completed any title for that particular element, who have not completed a comparable title with another organization, and whose handlers are neither Scent Work judges, nor have ever worked as professional detection dog handlers. **Novice B** Classes are open to all dogs. Advanced Classes are open to dogs who have achieved the Novice title for that particular element. Excellent Classes are open to dogs who have achieved the Advanced title for that particular element. Master Classes are open to dogs who have achieved the Excellent title for that particular element. Dogs that have previously earned the same or higher level AKC Scent Work titles may enter lower level classes. Dogs may only enter classes for which they are eligible, according to the above guidelines. Each dog may only enter a class once in each event. A class is defined as a particular difficulty level within a particular element. For example, a dog who has its Advance Interior Title, may run in both Novice Interior and Advanced Interior in the same trial, but may not run in Novice Interior twice in the same trial.

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number	
		<input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign	
Call name	Date of birth	Sex	
Breed	Variety		
Breeder			
Sire			
Dam			
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 on the next page. 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](http://www.akc.org)

**State and Local COVID-19 guidelines do change, and as a result, a COVID waiver may be required to be signed at the trial and/or a Mask may need to be worn. Syracuse Obedience Training Club Covid Guidelines about how this trial is run will be based on National, State, and Local COVID restrictions at the time and will be outlined in your confirmation email if needed.**

**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, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

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

**SIGN HERE X:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of Emergency – Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_