

Tier 2 Trial Manager/Judge Workshop

Become an approved Tier 2 SWUK Trial Manager

If you have undertaken a SWUK online workshop for Tier 1 Trial Managers you will already have the necessary admin in place to broaden your horizons with this Tier 2 face to face workshop. You will attend this workshop alongside prospective Tier 2 judges as it is imperative that the judge and trial manager work in harmony with each other.

This workshop is designed to look at each level within Tier 2 (Levels 5-10) guiding you through everything you need to know to be able to provide a hassle free more advanced trial. In order to be a Tier 2 Trial Manager you must have undertaken and completed a Tier 1 Trial Manager Workshop and within two years of completion have held at least 1 SWUK trial.

NB. Tier 2 Trial Managers are permitted to Judge as long as the following criteria has been met:

- qualified as a competitor in the Level you are going to judge
- or
- if candidate does not have dog with whom they are competing they must first have taken an assessment to show competency in setting an appropriate test, delivering fair judgement and applying any necessary deductions. Assessment will be by independent judge, candidate to shadow judge and be deemed competent at a live trial (Option to do via Facetime if necessary).

TM's permitted to judge at Tier 1 to have passed assessment not below Level 4.

TM's permitted to judge at Tier 2 to have passed assessment not below Level 7.

Key topics include:

- Providing a safe and relaxed trial environment
- How to manage handler and dog teams
- Understanding roles and responsibilities of the judge
- Equipment
- Inputting scores/Understanding marking system
- Working with other members of the Trial Team
- Pre & post trial briefings
- Avoiding pitfalls

Tier 2 Trial Manager/Judge Workshop

Become an approved Tier 2 SWUK Judge

If you are already trialing and judging at Tier 1 you will know how exciting it is to achieve qualification in to the Tier 2 levels where you can enjoy the challenge of more varied search areas with an abundance of hiding places for that target scent.

We are always on the look out for more judges to help at trials. Without judges, scribes and trial managers there would be no trials for us all to enjoy.

This workshop is designed to take you through each level at Tier 2 (Levels 5-10) to get you trial ready.

Tier 2 Judges/TM Workshop:

In order to Judge you must:

- have previously undertaken a Judges Part 2 Workshop. You do not need to retrain if you are actively judging having taken a Judges Part 2 Workshop prior to May 1st 2023.
- have completed this Tier 2 Judges workshop

Plus you must:

- have qualified as a competitor in the Level you are going to judge
- or
- have been assessed by an independent judge. If candidate does not have a dog with whom they are competing, they must first have taken an assessment to show competency in setting an appropriate test, delivering fair judgement and applying any necessary deductions. Candidate is to shadow judge and be deemed competent at a live trial. A non-refundable assessment fee of £15 will be required per candidate. (Option to do via Facetime if necessary).

NB. Permitted to judge at Tier 1 as long as assessment passed not below Level 4.

NB. Permitted to judge at Tier 2 as long as assessment passed not below Level 7.

Key topics include:

- How to set an appropriate test
- Different hides affecting movement of scent
- Contamination and decoys
- Equipment
- Scoring the trial
- Working with other members of the Trial Team
- Pre & post trial briefings

- Dealing with competitors and their dogs
- Avoiding pitfalls

Getting the opportunity to watch the variety of methods of handling and the natural seeking capabilities of such a wide selection of dogs never gets boring. Judging at these levels will doubtlessly bring ideas to create challenges and exercises to improve your own skills and knowledge for working with your own four legged friend. You will become well practiced in setting tests appropriate to the level of trial you will be judging including where and where not to hide scent plus becoming more aware of environmental effects on scent and the handler and dog teams.

This will be a practical face to face workshop where participation with your own dog is encouraged to help set up realistic trial scenarios. At regular times throughout the day your dog will need to have rest and take breaks in your vehicle. Individuals will be responsible for ensuring the comfort and safety of their own dogs. An exercise area will be available.

All venues for workshops and trials have been risk assessed, toilets and kitchen facilities will be available along with light refreshments of tea/coffee/biscuits. You will need to bring your own lunch and plenty of snacks for your dog.

Please complete the booking form below to secure your place on this workshop.
Further details will be provided before the course commences.
Any questions please get in touch with Justine.

NB.

Any previously qualified judges can take the relevant workshop as an optional 'refresher' at £25 (We hope the refresher will provide the participant with a confidence and energy that will get the best from dog/handler teams to be tested).

PLEASE CONTACT JUSTINE DIRECTLY TO GET THIS CONCESSION