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“Unleashing potential, one scent at a time. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single sniff.”





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Trial Managers Workshop



Workshop Housekeeping

- **Objective of workshop: To plan, organise, and execute a successful SWUK Trial that is enjoyable for dogs, handlers and volunteers.**
- **Duration: 2 Parts (8 hours)**
 - 17th September 9:30am-1:30pm
 - 01st October 9:30am-1:30pm
- **These sessions will be recorded and a link will be sent after the workshop**
- **All workshop materials will be provided**
- **You can take your own notes but you will get a copy of this presentation**
- **There will be a break throughout this session to refresh your coffee pot!**
- **There will be time at the end of this session for Q&A's**





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Re-cap of week 01

- Admin for running a SWUK Trial
- Arranging a venue
- Registering a trial
- Receiving entries
- When is a trial full
- Entry payment received
- Requesting a Trial Pack
- Prepare Scented Articles
- Final preparations
- Trial admin to print for trial day





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On the day of your trial

- **TM's Checklist**
- **Venue Set-up | Video**





The Venue

- **Arrive early!!**
- **FOD PLOD**
- **Set up / unlock / refreshments & kettle / signage**
- **Set up search areas if possible (NOT scent!!) / Boundary markers / Start cones / Scribe station / admin point.**
- **Wall search v Vehicle search**
- **Awareness of potential areas of problems / interest eg newly repaired / novel kit / places**





Managing arrivals

- **Reactive dogs**
- **Public thoroughfare**
- **Signpost**
- **Inform briefing time**
- **Exercise areas**





TM Briefings

- **Welcome participants**
- **Overview of the event**
- **Introduce Judge(s) scribe etc**
- **Location of poo bin and water bowls**
- **Review the competition rules and format.**
- **Check for first timers at the level**
- **Brief Teams on flow of Trial / exercise area / Not walking too far / Mindful of space**
- **'You're Next' Area!**
- **Remind teams to confirm finds etc before leaving search areas**
- **Assist teams if necessary (Be aware of nerves etc!!)**
- **Opportunity for Q&A session for participants**





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TM Checks

- **Small or elderly**
- **Reactive**
- **Any special requirements**
- **May be new checks in future!**





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Running the white dog

- Show **INEXPERIENCED** Judge how things work.
- Looking for contamination
- Areas missed by white dog
- What if there is no white dog available?





Managing Judges

- **Be aware of where scents are! What is Level appropriate?**
- **Discuss with Judge & use blanks if necessary to practice putting out**
- **Consider:**
 - **Back corners / Air flow or lack of / Target odour convergence considered hard hides? In brush heads etc...**
 - **Know where scents will be hidden and support setting out**
- **Post search:**
 - **To be OBJECTIVE.**
 - **Articles found/Handling Marks & Deductions: Explain to competing Teams in situ IMMEDIATELY after search.**
 - **To use ONLY official deductions**
 - **Who's removing scent?**





Recording Results

- Record time in seconds (no less than .5 secs)
- Transferring results from judge/scribe 'NO FORMULA' scoresheets to FORMULA scoresheets on laptop
- Create true order on duplicate sheet.
- Scoresheet errors





Pitfalls & potential problems

- Dealing with slobber (boxes/dirty vehicles)
- Take plenty of scent for replacement needs or judge's dodgy scent!!!
- Distraction Scents at L4. Aware of dog allergies
- Protocol for fouling/trashing in Search Area
- Late arrivals
- Vanishing teams
- Who removes scent?
- Argumentative teams!!
- Any other challenges/problems to solve
- Group experiences to share





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Searching & after the trial

- **Double check scores & positions. Run results past the Judge(s)**
- **Re-Check latest Excellent points on the day 'Online'**
- **Presentation - 1st-4th / CleanSweep / Excellent / Trophy.**
- **JUDGES/SCRIBES GIFTS photos**
- **Judge feedback**





Wrap-up & clean-up

- **Ensure all scent materials, equipment, and waste are disposed of properly**
- **Clean up the competition area & return the venue to its original state**
- **Debrief with judges & volunteers to gather feedback for future events**
- **Secure venue**





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Back home

- Email results
- TM's Report!
- Facebook posts





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Future thinking

- **Tiers: 2/3/4**
- **More competitors**
- **More volunteers**
- **Different venues**
- **Social media**





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Q&A

