# National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC® Official NACSW™ ODOR RECOGNITION TESTS

Odors Tested:Birch,Anise,Clove

Date: Sunday April 27, 2025 Test Site Hours: Test Site opens at 8:30 am

# Test Location: Diamond Creek/Canine Sports Center, 416 Old Middle Street, Goshen, CT 06756

Test Host: Laurey Weiner, Willoughby Training

Test Host / Secretary Contact Info: Laurey Weiner, www.willoughbytraining.com

## Certifying Official: Jean McCord

Judge: Stephanie Mount

Entry Cost: \$35.00 per entry

Number of Entries: 100

## ORT ENTRY INFORMATION

**Opening Date: Sunday March 9,2025** at 9:00 DST **Entries Close: Sunday April 20,2025** at 12:00 PM or when entry limits have been met

**Second Dog Policy:** One handler can run up to 2 dogs in the same odor group. The second dog will run at the end Please fill out a separate registration form for each dog to be tested.

## Entry Method

Entries and payment must be received at the Secretary's address by Sunday April20,2025 by noon. Mail overnight deliveries must have the signature waived box checked.

- \* Telephone, Fax, unsigned entries, and entries received without fees cannot be accepted.
- \* Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee.
- \* Entries must be made on the attached entry form.
- \* No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.
- \* Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms.
- \* Express mail entries must include signature permitting them to be left at the secretary's address without the recipient's signature.

## Entry Requirements

## A Qualified Entry is one that meets <u>all</u> the following criteria:

1. Complete entry during the specified entry time frame.

- 2. The Handler is a NACSW member for the 2024-2025 membership year(8/1/14-7/31/25).
- 3. The Dog is registered with the NACSW.
- 4. Dogs participating in an Odor Recognition Test (ORT) must be at least six months of age.

For Exhibit Only Dogs (FEO): Dogs running FEO are not eligible to receive titles. FEO results will not be included in the posted ORT results. If space remains after all qualified entries are accommodated on April 13,2025 then we will offer spaces for those who wish to run a dog (FEO). Dogs may only run FEO in odors that they are *not* already registered for.

For information on how to register or become a member go to www.NACSW.net

## **Trial Eligibility and ORTs**

The ORT Title must be earned at least 14 days before a trial opening date to be eligible for the first draw period.

All odors must be passed in order to earn the ORT title. It is not required that they all be passed at the same test.

## Notification

Acknowledgement of entry acceptance/confirmation will be made by email when entries are processed for those handlers that provide an email address. If you require a confirmation vis USPS you must provide a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry. Your payment receipt and notification is confirmation of your completed entry.

## **Basic Description of the Test**

To successfully pass an ORT a dog must identify the location of the target odor, and the handler must correctly call an "alert" within a **two minute 30 second (2:30)** time period. The Odor Recognition Test consists of a drill type exercise which requires 12 closed boxes typically set up in a pattern of two rows, spaced a **minimum of 36**" **apart.** The ORT is conducted on leash. Complete information can be obtained on the NACSW website. Handlers may test on all 3 odors at the same event.

All exhibitors should obtain and review a copy of the **NACSW K9 NOSE WORK® RULE BOOK.** You may get it from their website: <u>www.NACSW.net</u>

No dog will be given more than one space in the same odor test at a single event.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations made on or before Sunday April 13, 2025 will receive a full refund minus a \$10.00 processing fee. For cancellations of entries after April 20,2025 a 50% refund if the host can fill your spot. No refund will be issued after this date if the host can not fill your spot. No refunds will be issued for cancellations during the last 72 hours before the event.

Cancellations should be made by email to the secretary at www.willoughbytraining.com. The secretary is not responsible for lost email or phone calls that do not reach her. The secretary will confirm your cancellation by email.

All cancellations must be emailed to: Laurey Weiner at www.willoughbytraining.com

Entry fees shall not be refunded if a dog or handler is absent, disqualified, or excused by the NACSW official or judge.

This cancellation and refund policy applies to handlers that must withdraw for any reason including but not limited to injury, illness, emergency, and personal or work-related reasons.

If the event cannot take place or be completed by reason of fire, civil disturbances, an Act of God, public emergency, or any other cause beyond the control of the event organizers, then the event host will make their best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses.

## LOCATION DETAILS

## ADA Site Specific Conditions

Testing will be on the second floor accessed only by stairs from outside. The training room is climate controlled with rubber matted floors. There are separate entrance and exit doors to the testing area. Restroom is on the first floor. There is a kennel on the main level. Dogs maybe discharged until 11:00 am.

Modeled after real-life detection work, NACSW events are held in many different locations, with a variety of terrain, under varying weather conditions. Dogs and handlers need to be able to safely negotiate a variety of surfaces, including, but not limited to, tile, linoleum, carpeting, gravel, asphalt, uneven surfaces, and slippery footing. Handlers should be prepared to deal with a variety of weather conditions, including heat, cold, rain and snow. Events frequently require covering extensive distances to get to and from the parking area to each of the search areas and generally require that this be done across natural, uneven surfaces. Handlers should be prepared for physical demands and must be able to navigate the terrain with their dog accordingly. Handlers should expect to spend most of the day outside or in their vehicles as there are rarely indoor crating options at events. Please be prepared for you and your canine partner to deal with all of these varying environmental challenges. Handlers should familiarize themselves with potential regional risks and health concerns that may affect themselves or their dogs. Handlers agree that they are entering this event at their own risk.

# Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, the details below may need to be modified at the last minute.

## Parking:

The parking lot is dirt and gravel, some grass with limited shade. The lot does not allow for extra space between vehicles.

## **RV Parking:**

There will be no RV parking available.

## Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot:

The parking is tight in this location and running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is not allowed at this event.

## **Reactive Dog Parking:**

There will not be specific reactive dog paring at this event.

## **Unentered Dogs:**

Unentered dogs must remain in the handler's vehicle during the event day. There will be ample potty areas, but unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play" exercise or train on the event grounds.

### Facility/Site Prohibitive Restrictions:

Smoking is only allowed in your vehicle or in designated areas away from the training building.

## Hotels:

A list of area hotels and directions can be provided with entry confirmations if requested.

## DOG INFORMATION

## Dog Policies

- All dogs must always be on a 6' leash when not searching. NO flexi-leashes while not participating in a search.
- Reactive and/or spatially challenged dogs should wear a red bandana (to be provided by the dog's handler) to help signal others that the dog needs extra space from other dogs.
- Dogs will be toileted in designated areas and handlers must pick up and dispose of waste.
- Dogs and handlers must stay in designated areas to avoid contaminating search space, interrupting a search, or from viewing any part of the search.
- Handlers should expect to keep their dogs confined in a crate or vehicle when not searching. The logistics
  of an event typically do not allow for dogs to hang out on leash in between searches. Handlers should plan
  to provide their own shade using canopies or shade cloths.
- Refer to location details (above) for information on unentered dogs.

## Females in Season

Females in season will be allowed to run wearing "pants" at the very end of the day after all other dogs have tested. Handlers with females in season should park and toilet their dogs away from the other dogs if the location logistics permit. Handlers must email Laurey Weiner, <u>www.willoughbytraining.com</u> so plans can be made for the dog.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### **COVID-19 Information**

Event attendees are required to adhere to the NACSW <u>COVID-19 Event Guidelines and Rules</u> In addition to those guidelines the following changes and guidelines are in effect for this test due to COVID-19. There are currently no travel or mask restrictions for this area.

### **ADA Requests**

If you are an individual with a disability and would like to request accommodation(s), please email ADA@nacsw.net. Please include your name, ORT date, ORT host name, and your requested accommodation(s).

### **Rules**

Complete rules are available at <u>www.NACSW.net</u>. It is the responsibility of each handler to read and understand the current NACSW<sup>™</sup> Rule book prior to participating in a NACSW event.

### **Liability**

By registering for the event, the handler hereby assumes all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to her/himself or to her/his property or to others **or the property of others**, resulting from the actions of her/his dog. The handler expressly agree that the NACSW, Laurey Weiner dba Willoughby Training, Diamond Creek LLC and its assignees or any other person, or persons, of said groups, shall not be held liable personally, or collectively, under any circumstances, for injury, and/or damage to her/himself, for loss, injury, **or damage** to property, whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member of said groups, or any other cause, or causes. The handler also agrees to assume all financial liability that may be incurred by the NACSW, Laurey Weiner, Diamond Creek LLC **and its** 

assignees or any other person, or persons, of said groups due to the actions of themselves or their dogs regardless of the cause.

## **Sportsmanship**

All handlers and spectators are expected to follow the rules of the NACSW and demonstrate good sportsmanship. This includes making sure the hide placements are unknown to the handler prior to searching and kept secret from other handlers. Please do not discuss hide placement or any details of a dog's performance that may provide information or clues to other handlers or may be overheard.

## **Results**

During the odor re-sets, the official results sheet will be brought out to the parking area for handlers to photo or review. We recommend you verify your results on the official results sheet and let your host or judge know if you have any questions regarding your results.

### **Spectators**

There is no general spectating at an ORT. Handlers in an ORT may not be spectators for other handlers regardless of relationship (with the exception of a minor testing after the accompanying adult tests). Only immediate family members/friends of the dog/handler team being tested may spectate that team. Contact the host at <a href="http://www.willoughbytraining.com">www.willoughbytraining.com</a> if you require someone to attend with you for assistance.

Spectators are reminded that the hide placements must not be discussed, nor should they speak with any handlers about what they saw until after the event is complete.

No dogs will be allowed in the spectator area. No unentered dogs with spectators are allowed at the event. An adult accompanying a minor must be present during the searches.

Everyone at the site must sign the waiver provided by the host and comply with all event requirements. Handlers are not allowed to watch the searches at any time.

#### Videotaping and Photography

If the site allows public video to be taken, handlers may wear visible head or chest cameras to record their searches. You will not be allowed extra time at the start line to get your camera functioning. Please be sure it is ready to go prior to arriving at the search area. At ORTs, handlers may bring a spectator to video or photograph their searches. Videos may not be made public until completion of the event day.

### **Volunteering**

Handlers testing may not volunteer inside the test area even if they are finished with their search. Anyone who is not testing is welcome to volunteer. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, please contact Laurey Weiner, <u>www.willoughbytraining.com</u> with questions. Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated.

### **Emergency Veterinary Hospital**

The closest emergency veterinarian(s) to the event location: Pieper Veterinary 730 Randolph Road Middletown, CT. 860-347-8387

### **Questions**

All Test related questions, contact Laurey Weiner, www.willoughbytraining.com

Details regarding check-in time and briefing will be sent approximately 1 week before the ORT.

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Questions: Contac	t: Laurey Weiner, <u>w</u>	ww.willoughbytraining.com	
Odor:  □ Birch	□ Anise		
Test date(s):Sunda	y April 27,2025		
Dog's Call Name _			_
Breed(s)		Dog's NACSW #	
Handler's Name			_
Handler's NACSW	/ Membership #		
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone where you	can easily be reache	ed	
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# An ORT must be taken and passed at least 14 days before a trial opening date to be eligible for the first draw period.

#### Please contact your host at least 1 day before the ORT if your female dog will be in season.

All confirmations will be sent via e-mail with attachment within 7 days of receipt of complete registration form and payment. If you require confirmation via USPS, you must provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

I/We hereby assume all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to myself or to my property or to others, resulting from the actions of my dog. I/We expressly agree that Laurey Weiner, Diamond Creek LLC and/or NACSW or any other person, or persons, of said groups, shall not be held liable personally, or collectively, under any circumstances, for injury, and/or damage to my person, for loss or injury to my property, whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member of said groups, or any other cause, or causes.

Signed:	Date:
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