

**Official NACSW™
NW3, Elite Trials
June 19-20, 2021**

TRIAL LOCATION:
Pittsburgh Technical College
1111 McKee Rd
Oakdale, PA 15071

Please note: It is not appropriate to contact **OR VISIT** the trial location prior to the trial date, nor should training take place on trial grounds once an event is approved/announced. Our locations are real life search environments where people work, go to school, etc. Pre-trial contact or visits risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location again in the future.

Trial Host:
Nose-It-All, LLC and Annette Kohan

NW3: June 19, 2021
Elite: June 20, 2021

There are no BSL restrictions.

Certifying Official: Sarah Woodruff

Judges: Tony Gravley and Greg Wilkie

Entry Cost:

Saturday NW3: \$165 per dog and handler team
Sunday Elite: \$185 per dog and handler team

Number of Entries

Saturday NW3: 35 entries
Sunday Elite: 28 entries

One dog per handler per level/element.

NACSW is requiring that all attendees adhere to social distancing - maintaining 6' of distance - at all trials until further notice even if your jurisdiction has relaxed their requirements or recommendations. Social Distancing requirements at an event are **MANDATORY**. There is **no option** to mutually consent to be closer together than 6'. Please be respectful that your proximity or request for proximity may make others uncomfortable.

Please review the document [COVID-19 Event Guidelines](#) that is located in Google docs and was emailed to the membership on 5/8/2020.

In addition to those guidelines the following changes and guidelines are in effect for this trial due to COVID-19. In Pennsylvania and Armstrong County:

- Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors in public spaces.
- Stay at least 6 feet from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Competitors are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.

Details regarding site specific COVID-19 restrictions that will be in effect at the time of the trial are not known at this time.

Details regarding restrictions and requirements as they exist at the time the final details email will be included in that email. You must comply with these mandatory restrictions. We will attempt to email competitors about any changes that occur after the final details email goes out, but we ask for your understanding that there are many tasks that must be accomplished during that time, so there may be new details when you arrive at the trial. You will not be required to bring with you any equipment of which you did not have advance notice. If a change such as this happens, we will provide the requisite equipment if we cannot provide you with advance notice.

PLEASE NOTE:

At this time, the State of Pennsylvania Health Department has no travel restrictions. Travelers should still practice appropriate public health measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 such as masking, physical distancing, and hand hygiene. These guidelines may be relaxed or be more strict at the time of the trial. Please refer to the following link for the current Pennsylvania travel restrictions.

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

TRIAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Trial Entry Open and Closing:

- Trial entry will open on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 12:00 PM EST. Entries will be awarded by random draw of all entries received between 12:00 PM EST, April 26, 2021 and 12:00 PM EST April 28, 2021. Trial entry will close when entries fill after the draw period or 12:00 PM EST, May 28, 2021.
- **Note:** We will not be taking payment until you are given a space in the trial. If you are given a space in the trial, you will receive information on how to submit payment. You will then have (5) days from notification to complete your payment to confirm your space in the trial.

Entry Method:

All entries will be on-line via the link provided to the NACSW™ trial entry form. Paper and phone entries will not be accepted. Completing the form is not a guarantee of entry. You will receive confirmation from chasethescent@gmail.com to let you know if your entry has been given a space in the trial.

Entry Requirements & Selection:

A Qualified Entry is one that meets all the following criteria:

1. Complete the on-line trial entry during the draw period listed above.
2. The Handler is a NACSW™ member for the 2020-2021 membership year.
3. The Dog is registered with the NACSW™.
4. Dogs participating in a trial must be at least one year of age.
5. The Dog has achieved the ORT title (passed all 3 odors) and prior title level at least 14 days before the trial opens for entries. This applies to all levels effective April 1, 2021.
6. Qualified entry for NW3 – Dog has earned a NW2 title and has not yet earned the NW3 Elite title level.
7. Qualified entry for Elite – Dog has earned a NW3 elite title and has not yet earned an ELT-CH title.

Trial spaces will be determined in the following manner:

- Spaces will be awarded by a random draw of all Qualified Entries received during the draw period listed above.
- In the event that you are having technical difficulties with the entry system, please email trialentry@nacswnet prior to the end of the draw period.
- No dog will be given a space in more than one trial of the same level at a single event.
- You may enter multiple dogs for entry in the draw. However, only one dog/handler per title level will be accepted into the trial. Entry will go to the dog selected in the draw – you may not swap to an alternate dog. If multiple dogs are selected in the draw, you may select which dog you wish to enter. Once a dog has been entered as a second dog/handler entry, you may not swap handlers after the draw to change the entry to a first dog/handler unless the trial is not full. Second dog/handler entries on the alternate day may be accepted after all first dog/handler entries received by May 28, 2021.
- If a trial level is not full after the draw of Qualified Entries, then there will be a Secondary Draw of any entries received that did not meet the ORT or title requirements. These entries will be accepted pending completion of the requirements. **Note:** dogs must earn the appropriate ORT and prior title level at least 3 days prior to the trial date to be eligible to compete. If the required title or ORT is earned less than 14 days prior to the event, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the host that the requirement has been completed.
- After all entries received during the draw period are processed, if the trial level is still not full, entries will continue to be accepted in the order they are received through the closing date or when entries fill.
- For Exhibit Only Dogs (FEO): Dogs running FEO are not eligible to receive titles or earn placement ribbons. FEO results will not be included in the posted trial results. If space remains after all qualified entries are accommodated on June 4, 2021, then we will offer spaces for those who wish to run a dog For Exhibition Only (FEO). Second dog/handler FEO entries on the same day will be offered spaces after June 11, 2021.
- The trial host of an event has the right to refuse entry of any competitor or dog for just cause as approved by the National Trial Committee. Just cause includes lack of adherence to NACSW™ rules and guidelines and the policies outlined in each event entry premium.
- Some trial entries may be given priority entry based on contributions to the organization and the trial process.

You will be notified via e-mail of the results of the random draw by 8:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on May 7, 2021. If you are given a space in the trial, you will receive information on how to submit payment

If you have a spam blocker on your email account, please configure it to allow email from chasethescent@gmail.com in order to ensure delivery of confirmation and information about this trial.

You will then have (5) business days from notification to complete your payment to confirm your space in the trial. Payment will be accepted by check or money order payable to "Annette Kohan". Please make a note on your check or money order indicating which trial that you are submitting payment for.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the short timeframe between entries and the trial, we will be strict about requiring that your payment be received within 5 days and will not do our usual multiple follow up emails before giving your space away. Thank you for understanding.

If you receive a spot and do not plan on to accept the entry, please email us at chasescent@gmail.com as soon as possible to let us know. We have no way of knowing if you have received the notification that you have won the NACSW entry lottery. This will allow us to keep our competitor and wait lists up to date. It also gives the next person on the waitlist time to make arrangements should you not want your spot.

A waiting list for alternates will be started as soon as entries fill. Alternates will be contacted when a space opens. Note: Depending on last minute trial logistics, we may opt to not fill all canceled spaces.

NACSW™ reserves the right to cancel a trial if minimum entry numbers are not met.

Be sure you read and understand the guidelines for this trial before entering. By submitting a registration for this NACSW™ Trial, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept the policies and liability information of NACSW™.

Cancellation Policy:

Except for titles earned and/or properly notified by 5:00 PM EST on May 28, 2021, as stated below:

- For cancellation of entries at or before 5:00 PM EST on May 28, 2021: Full refund minus \$20 processing fee if host can and does fill your space with a Qualified Entry. Please note: Due to time constraints, the host may opt to not fill cancelled spaces and no refund will be issued.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations after 5:00 PM EST on May 28, 2021, or at any time if host cannot or does not fill your space with a Qualified Entry.
- Refunds due to Positive COVID test. Host may issue a refund after 5:00 PM EST on May 28, 2021 minus \$20 processing fee if competitor tests positive for COVID or if the competitor has been exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID and can provide official documentation **AND** if host can and does fill your space with a Qualified Entry.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations during the last 72 hours before the event or for no-shows.
- No refunds will be issued based on COVID-19 mandatory restrictions that are disclosed in the confirmation or final details emails.
- No refunds will be issued due to any CDC, state or local government restrictions or changes that occur after final details emails have been sent unless the host can and does fill the spot with a Qualified Entry.
- **Note: If you are entered in another trial before this one and earn the title for the level you are entering (NW3 ELT) or (Elite CH) at that trial, you will forfeit your space in this trial. You may request that the host add you to the list of those wishing to run their dog For Exhibition Only (“FEO”), in which case you may be given a space in the trial if space remains after all Qualified Entries are accommodated. If you earn the title level after the refund period has ended then you must contact the trial host at: chasescent@gmail.com within 48 hours of earning your title and at least 72 hours before the trial you are registered for to let them know you are no longer eligible. If you contact the host within 48 hours of titling and at least 72 hours before their trial and (1) they are unable to fill your space then you won't be given a refund but will be allowed to keep your space in the trial and run your dog FEO or (2) they are able to fill your space then a refund will be issued minus the processing fee listed in the cancellation policy. If you fail to contact the host within 48 hours of earning your title and at least 72 hours before the trial you are registered for then you will forfeit your space, you will not be allowed to run as FEO, and no refund will be issued**
- All cancellations must be emailed to chasescent@gmail.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 competitors that must withdraw for any reason including but not limited to injury, illness, emergency, and personal or work-related reasons.
- If the trial 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 trial organizers, then the trial host will make their best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses.

LOCATION DETAILS

Trial Conditions:

Modeled after real-life detection work, NACSW trials 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. Trials 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 the physical demands and must be able to navigate the terrain with their dog accordingly. Participants should expect to spend most of the day outside or in their vehicles as there are rarely indoor crating options at trials. 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 trial at their own risk.

This trial location is a Technical College. There may be unavoidable long walks to access some of the search areas. Competitor parking will be on an asphalt parking lot. The travel to search areas may require you to navigate asphalt and concrete paving, carpeted hallways and ramps. (Driving to and from search areas may or may not be possible. Determination will be made the day of the trial.) Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, the expected search areas, parking, and pathways to the search areas may be modified at the last minute.

Reactive Dog Parking:

There will be reactive dog parking at this trial location. If you will require reactive dog parking, please contact us at chasethescent@gmail.com.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

Unentered Dogs:

QUIET and well-behaved unentered dogs may be brought onto the trial grounds. Unentered dogs must remain in the competitor's vehicle during the trial day. There will be ample potty areas, but unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play," exercise, or train on the trial grounds.

RV Parking:

There is RV parking available. No overnight RV parking is permitted. You **MUST** contact us at chasethescent@gmail.com to make sure there is enough RV parking space.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

Running Vehicles or generators in parking lot:

Running of vehicles or generators in the parking lot will be allowed weather permitting.

Please note: Running vehicles to heat or cool the inside of vehicle will be allowed but for short periods ONLY to maintain a comfortable temperature. Vehicles SHOULD NOT be run for the entirety of the trial day. If any complaints are made, you may be asked to move to a different location.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

Smoking:

Smoking is not permitted on this trial site.

Hotels:

A list of area hotels will be provided with entry confirmations.

DOG INFORMATION

Dog Policies:

- All dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times when not being tested. NO flexi-leashes while not participating in a competition 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 testing space, interrupting a test, or from viewing any part of the testing.
- Competitors should expect to keep their dogs confined in a crate or vehicle when not competing. The logistics of a trial typically do not allow for dogs to hang out on leash in between searches. Competitors 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:

Will be allowed to run wearing "pants" at the very end of the running orders after all other dogs have been judged. Females in season will be parked and pottied in areas separate from the other dogs while at the trial if the location logistics permit. Handlers must contact chasethescent@gmail.com so plans can be made for the dog.

OTHER INFORMATION

Rules:

Complete rules are available at www.NACSW.net. **It is the responsibility of each competitor to read and understand the current NACSW™ Rule book prior to participating in a NACSW™ event.**

Liability:

By registering for the trial, the competitor hereby assumes all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to her/himself or to her/his property or to others, resulting from the actions of her/his dog. The competitor expressly agree that the NACSW™, Nose-It-All, LLC, Lisa Basial, Noelle Weeks, Annette & Ray Kohan 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 or injury to property, whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member of said groups, or any other cause, or causes. The competitor also agrees to assume all financial liability that may be incurred by the NACSW™ due to the actions of themselves or their dogs regardless of the cause.

Sportsmanship:

All competitors/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 testing and kept secret from other competitors. 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.

NACSW™ Results:

Results for each search and overall will be posted after all searches are completed and scores are verified for you to record your results for your own records. It is your responsibility to ensure your scores are accurate prior to leaving trial grounds. If a discrepancy cannot be verified at the trial, you may be instructed to submit a score card review request. It is not the responsibility of the host or NACSW™ to return score sheets that are left behind or to mail ribbons that are not picked up.

Spectators:

To minimize the number of people on site, anyone not volunteering, competing, or officiating should stay home except in the case where someone **requires** support to travel to the event. Spectating is currently not allowed. An adult accompanying a minor must be present during the searches. Everyone at the trial site must sign the waiver provided by the host and comply with all event requirements.

Videotaping and Photography

At this time, if there is an in person walk through, competitors may be allowed to take videos and photos of the search areas in order to help familiarize themselves with the search area. Due to site privacy issues or time constraints, competitors may not be allowed to photograph or video a search area during the walk through. At the host's discretion, a photographer and/or video service may be present during the trial to offer photos and/or videos for sale to the competitors.

As a condition of your entry, you agree to allow NACSW™, or their agents, to video you and your dog during the entirety of the NACSW™ event. These videos are the property of NACSW™. All competitors, through entry at any NACSW™ event, waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast or photography of such event.

Questions

All trial related questions, contact us at: chasethescent@gmail.com.