

**Official NACSW™
Elite/Elite Trials
SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2021**

TRIAL LOCATION: Churchill Elementary School – 520 Secretariat Ln | Oswego, IL 60543

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:
Deshpande Trials

ELT: Saturday - September 18, 2021
ELT: Saturday - September 19, 2021

Certifying Official: Laura Yurchak

Judges Amy Nielson and John Fisher

Entry Cost
ELT: \$165 per dog handler and team

Number of Entries
ELT: 28 entries

One dog per handler per level/element.

Event attendees are required to adhere to the NACSW [COVID-19 Event Guidelines and Rules](#)

In addition to those guidelines the following changes and guidelines are in effect for this trial due to COVID-19. Any travel and quarantine recommendations, restrictions and requirements for the trial location and local jurisdiction (Oswego, IL; Kendall County IL, Illinois Region 2, State of Illinois or Federal Guidelines). All attendees (competitors and volunteers) will be required to bring and wear face masks when not in your vehicle. Competitors are asked to remain in their vehicles as much as possible.. Competitors are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.

If there are any significant changes or updates after the draw period, entrants will be notified via email. Competitors are responsible for staying up to date on any jurisdictional requirements for their home location as well as the trial location including any travel guidance.

Easing of these guidelines may be possible depending on local health metrics and NACSW guidance. More information will be made available in the final details letters.

TRIAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Trial Entry Open and Closing

- The draw period for the trial will open on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 11:00am CST. Entries will be awarded by random draw of all entries received between 11:00am CST 7/28/2021 and 11:00am CST 7/30/2021
- Trial entry will close at the end of the draw if the trial and wait list are deemed full. If the trial and wait list are not full, the trial will remain open for entries until they are deemed full or the day of the trial.
- 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 48 hours 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 a confirmation from deshpandetrials@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 2021-2022 membership year (8/1/21 - 7/31/22).
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 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.net 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 August 3, 2021 are accommodated.
- 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 title or title requirements. These entries will be accepted pending completion of the requirements. **Note:** dogs must earn their ORT title and prior title level at least 3 days prior to the trial date to be eligible to compete. If the required title or ORT title 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.
- If the trial level and wait list are not full after all entries received during the draw period have been processed, entries will continue to be accepted in the order they are received until the trial and wait list are deemed full.
- 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 August 15, 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 August 30, 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 11:50PM CST August 2, 2021

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

You will then have 48 hours to complete your payment to confirm your space in the trial. Trial payments are payable to deshpandetrials@gmail.com via PayPal or credit card. PayPal and credit card are paid through the PayPal site - no PayPal account required.

A waiting list for alternates will be started as soon as entries fill.

Alternates will be contacted when a space opens.

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

The following cancellation policy applies:

- Cancellations prior to 8:00am Central Time on August 25, 2021: Full refund less \$25 processing fee (\$140 refund) if spot is filled. No refund if spot is not filled for any reason.
- Cancellations between 8:00am Central Time on August 25, 2021 and 8:00am Central Time September 3, 2021: 50% refund after \$25 processing fee (\$70 refund) if host can and does fill spot. No refund if host can not or does not fill spot.
- No refunds will be given after 8:00am Central Time September 3, 2021
- Host is not obligated to fill spots of dropped teams.

If you earn the title for the level you are entering after the refund period has ended then you must contact the trial host at deshpandetrials@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 deshpandetrials@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 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.

Site Specific Conditions

The trial site is at an Elementary School. The school is similar to other schools and you should expect shiny/vinyl floors, long walks, and stairs. Stairs will likely be utilized each day. Competitors **will NOT** have access to the elevators for any reason. All dogs and competitors must be able to traverse the stairs, which are wide with a sturdy hand rail. Due to access and social distancing needs, competitors should expect long walks to or from the search areas. Driving to search areas is not an option for anyone.

The school is a smoke free, gun free environment. Use of cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vape pens or any other such device or product is prohibited and subject to local fines and citations. The school is in a residential area that is active with families of children and pets. Competitors will need to remain in designated dog potty areas and taking dogs on long walks around the facility is not possible.

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 not be reactive dog parking, potty, or warm up boxes at this trial.

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Unentered Dogs

Unentered dogs must remain in the competitor's vehicle during the trial day and should not be allowed to "play", exercise, or train on the trial grounds. Potty areas will give priority to entered dogs.

RV Parking

NO RV, Camper, or oversized vehicle parking is possible at this trial site due to the rear parking lot we are utilizing. No exceptions can be made. If a competitor arrives to the trial in one of these vehicles, they will not be accommodated and may need to forfeit their space in the trial. We are not allowed to park in the adjacent larger parking lots.

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Running Vehicles or Generators in the parking lot

The parking is tight at this location. Intermittent running of vehicles is fine, but please use your best judgement and consideration of those around you before running your car with exhaust fumes. The Host, CO, or volunteers may ask you to turn your car off at any time if it is interfering with those around you.

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Smoking

Smoking is not allowed. The school and surrounding grounds are entirely non-smoking, including e-cigs, vape pens and other such products. As a general rule, if you cannot do it in the school, you cannot do it on the school grounds.

Hotels

A list of area hotels can be found on www.bringfido.com

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.
- Dogs that need space from dogs may wear a red bandana, provided by the dog's handler, to help signal others that the dog needs extra space from 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 deshpandetrials@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, The Deshpande Company DBA Deshpande Trials, Sujata Deshpande 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

Spectators are not allowed. Due to jurisdictional COVID-19 requirements, we need to restrict attendance at our event. Please leave guests at home. Contact the host at: deshpandetrials@gmail.com if you REQUIRE someone to attend with you for assistance. Additional guests in the parking lot are welcome, if they travel with you in your vehicle. Additional vehicles cannot be accommodated.

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. Competitors are not allowed to watch the trial at any time.

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 Sujata Deshpande at deshpandetrials@gmail.com