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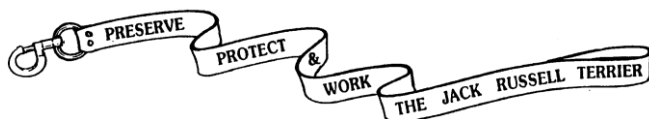


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IMPORTANT NOTICE
ALL 2025 JRTCA SANCTIONED TRIALS ARE OPEN TO
JRTCA MEMBERS ONLY.

**Any protest concerning violations of trial rules
must be submitted in writing to the Club Office
within 30 days following the trial concerned.**

INTRODUCTION

Trials provide an opportunity for Jack Russell Terrier owners to get to know each other, get together with terrier friends and in general have a good time with their terriers. They also provide the necessary opportunity to see breeding stock from around the country. This interaction between fellow breeders, as well as between breeders and other Jack Russell enthusiasts, fosters continued improvement in the breeding of quality terriers.

The JRTCA sanctions trials throughout the U.S. to ensure a fair and standardized competition and the safety of exhibitors and terriers. These rules have been established over many years, with the input of many people, both Trial Chairpersons and exhibitors alike. They are designed to ensure the integrity and consistency of sanctioned trials. It is in the best interest of the terriers, exhibitors, and trial organizers that these rules be followed. This booklet was designed to assist JRTCA members to better understand what to expect at a sanctioned trial and the rules governing the actual running of the trial. It is an attempt to enable every trial to run smoothly and be an enjoyable experience for everyone.

The JRTCA National Trial requires the combined efforts of a large number of individuals; there is no single organizer or individual responsible for its organization and execution. Therefore, there is no restriction on showing for the many individuals involved in the implementation of the National Trial. All terriers entered in the National Trial must be registered or recorded. (This requirement is for the National Trial only and does not pertain to other trials.)

The JRTCA Board of Directors reserves the right to offer additional classes, and there are some variations in the rules that are specific and necessary to the National Trial. Any variations to the rules will be clearly outlined in the flyers specific to the event. Please be sure to review the National Trial flyer carefully; it is your responsibility as an exhibitor to abide by the rules.

Please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the Trial Committee if you have any questions. Your suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

GOOD LUCK...AND HAVE A TERRIER-IFIC TRIAL

GENERAL RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

1. All sanctioned classes are open to Jack Russell Terriers only.
2. Exhibitors and owners of terriers entered must be current JRTCA members and not be a member of a conflicting JRT organization or register their JRTs in any all-breed registry or conflicting JRT registry. If an exhibitor is found to be in violation of this policy, entry will be disqualified and no refunds will be given. If a violation is confirmed after the trial, placements will be voided from all JRTCA records. Exhibitors must submit a completed entry form, including a signed waiver, for every trial they enter.
3. Entries **MUST** be within the 10" - 15" JRTCA height standard for all sanctioned classes (with the exception of pups who have not yet met the 10" height standard); measuring devices will be available on the trial grounds.
4. Puppies (under 12 months) are not eligible for a championship in any division but their own. Puppies are eligible to compete only if they have reached their four-month birthday (not 16 weeks). A puppy's age is the actual age the pup is on the day of the trial.
5. Bitches in season may not compete in any division. Pre-entry fees of bitches in season will be refunded with a veterinarian certificate, or as otherwise agreed upon by the Trial Chairperson.
6. Spayed or neutered terriers may compete in Miscellaneous Conformation. They may not compete in Puppy, Family*, Open or Working Conformation. *Note: For Family Classes, Brood Bitches and Stud Dogs entered may not be spayed/neutered. The offspring at their sides may be intact or spayed/neutered.
7. A terrier bred by a sanctioned JRTCA Judge may not be shown under that Judge in the conformation division.

8. Terriers owned or co-owned by the Trial Chairperson, or any member of their household, may not be entered in any phase of the competition, with the exception of Child and Youth Handling.

9. Terriers owned by judges may not be entered in the division or section in which they are judging but may enter the competition in any other division. (Exception - Ring 2 Nationals judge may have terriers shown in Ring 1)

10. Terriers owned by stewards may be entered in any division provided that they find a substitute to perform their duties or have someone else show their terriers.

11. Requests for the measurement of a terrier entered in any class number may be made only by another exhibitor in that same class number or by the Judge EXCEPT in Racing. Requests for the measurement of a terrier in Racing may be made by the Judge or by an exhibitor with a terrier entered in the same class number; OR, if classes are split by gender, may call for the measurement of a terrier of the opposite gender in the same age and height category. (Example: The owner of an under adult dog entered in Racing may call for the measurement of an under adult bitch as the potential exists for them to race each other in the Championship Races.) Exhibitors racing puppies may call for the measurement of a puppy in a different age category as long as it is in the same height category. The person making the request for measurement must name the terrier or terriers they wish to have measured, but requests for measurement of entire classes will not be honored. The measurement of the terrier will be considered the terrier's official height for the duration of the trial. Only JRTCA height cards issued after September, 1999 will be honored.

12. Excessive use of squeaky or fur-like baiting devices by exhibitors is prohibited in the Conformation ring and may result in the exhibitor being excused from the class. "Excessive use" will be at the Judge's discretion.

13. Exhibitors participating in the JRTCA Working Terrier classes, or Certificate Go-To-Ground and Super Earth must submit the

appropriate JRTCA certificates with pre-entries or at the time of post-entry. The Judge may require a copy of the certificate be presented to the Ring/Den steward at time of judging. Registered terriers may submit a copy of NHC application signed by a JRTCA Working Judge within 30 days of the date it was issued.

14. Puppies under the age of three months are not permitted on the trial grounds. Any person violating this rule will be excused from all classes entered and asked to leave the trial site. (This applies to RV's and Campers, if at the same address as the trial grounds).

15. All dogs must be leashed or crated except when competition requires off-leash work. No liberty leashes allowed.

16. Overly aggressive dogs, or an owner's failure to control their dog, may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Judges or the Trial Chairperson.

17. The abuse or severe disciplining of dogs on the trial grounds is prohibited. Anyone displaying such behavior will be asked to leave the trial site, and no entry fees will be refunded.

18. Dogs, other than JRTs, on the grounds may be excluded or permitted at the discretion of the Trial Chairperson.

19. Exhibitors are responsible to double check the classes they have entered and be on time. No refunds will be given for missed classes.

20. The owner/handler of a terrier entering any class does so at his/her own risk and agrees to abide by the rules of the JRTCA and the trial. A copy of the JRTCA Rule Book can be downloaded from the JRTCA website (www.therealjackrussell.com).

21. Unsportsmanlike conduct, or the use of foul and abusive language, will not be tolerated. Anyone demonstrating such conduct will be asked to leave the trial site and no entry fees will be refunded. In addition, such conduct will be subject to penalties which may include the suspension of membership, restriction from entering the JRTCA National Trial, and/or fines. Trial Chairpersons have the right

to refuse any entry at their discretion.

22. All dogs brought to the trial must be current on vaccinations. No dogs of any age may be brought to a trial who have suspicion of contagious or infectious disease.

23. Judges may not eat, smoke, vape, or use cell phones while judging their event.

24. THE JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL IN ALL DIVISIONS.

CONFORMATION RULES

1. All terriers are to be judged on the JRTCA Breed Standard, unless otherwise noted.
 2. Classes may be combined or split at the discretion of the Trial Chairperson.
 3. A terrier bred by a Sanctioned JRTCA Judge may not be shown under that Judge in the Conformation division.
 4. A question concerning the type of coat on any terrier may be made only by another exhibitor in that class, the ring steward or by the judge. Requests for review of coat made by spectators will not be honored.
 5. Spayed or neutered terriers may not compete in the Puppy, *Family, Open Adult or Working Conformation section classes. Miscellaneous Conformation section classes are optional and offered at the discretion of the Trial Chairperson. When optional classes are offered, they must be judged by a Sanctioned JRTCA Judge and follow the JRTCA sanctioned trial rules.
- * NOTE: For Family classes, Brood Bitches and Stud Dogs entered may not be spayed/neutered. The offspring at their sides may be intact or spayed/neutered.
6. No cross-entering within or between Open Conformation or Working Conformation classes.
 7. Exhibitors participating in the Working Classes must submit the appropriate JRTCA paperwork with entries. The judge may require a copy of the Natural Hunting Certificate be presented to the Ring Steward at the time of judging.
 8. Registered terriers may submit a copy of NHC Application, signed by a JRTCA Working Judge, within 30 days of the date it was issued.

9. Excessive use of squeaky or fur-like baiting devices by exhibitors is prohibited in the Conformation ring. "Excessive use" will be at the judge's discretion.
10. The only individuals permitted in the Conformation Ring, other than class participants, are the Judge, the Ring Steward, and, if asked for by the Judge or Ring Steward, the Trial Chairperson and Trial Photographer. Class participants include one handler per terrier. Terrier must be exhibited on lead.
11. Puppies, 12 months of age and younger, are not eligible to enter any Miscellaneous Conformation or Suitability classes except Spayed/Neutered 6-12 Month Puppy Class, if offered.
12. The Saturday Conformation judge may show terriers on Sunday at the discretion of the Trial Chairperson. (Optional) The Sunday conformation judge must not be near the conformation ring or area on Saturday.

GO-TO-GROUND RULES

1. Sanctioned Go-to-Ground is open to puppies, 4 to 12 months of age, and adults. Certificate Go-to-Ground classes are open to adult terriers which have earned and received a JRTCA Go-to-Ground Certificate.
2. Schooling prior to the competition is NOT permitted. Any violation of this rule shall result in disqualification from the Go-To-Ground competition at this trial. No entry fees will be refunded.
3. Exhibitors in Open or Puppy classes are expected to pick up score sheets for their terriers at the Secretary's stand for classes in which score sheets are used. At the time of the competition, the exhibitor will give the score sheet to the Den Steward for scoring by the Judge.
4. Exhibitors are encouraged to read the score sheets for classes in which score sheets are provided and class descriptions carefully, and review and abide by the JRTCA Rules for Go-To-Ground.
5. A line approximately two feet from the entrance hole will be designated as the starting line. Time starts when the terrier crosses the starting line. The terrier is to be released so that all four of the terrier's feet are on the ground before crossing the starting line. Any violation of this rule, accidental or intentional, shall result in disqualification of the terrier from the class in which the violation occurs. No entry fees will be refunded.
6. The Judge signals the release of the terrier. Do not release your terrier until the Judge signals. Any violation of this rule, accidental or intentional, shall result in disqualification of the terrier from the class in which the violation occurs. No entry fee will be refunded.
7. After the terrier is released, the handler shall remain at the starting line. Touching the terrier after release, before entering the tunnel, shall result in disqualification of the terrier from the class. Once the terrier has entered, the handler may not block the entrance hole by standing in it or in any other manner. Commands and

encouragement may be given. The Judge will signal to the exhibitor to pick up the terrier at the completion of their work.

8. Terriers, puppies, and adults registered or non-registered, which have previously scored 100% in the Novice Class at a JRTCA trial may not, under any circumstances, compete in these classes again, at any JRTCA Sanctioned Trial.

9. Puppies, 6 to 12 months who have earned 100% in the Open Puppy Class at this trial may, upon payment of the entry fee enter the Puppy Championship class at this trial **OR** may continue competing in Open Puppy Go to Ground class at future trials. Winners of the Puppy Championship Go to Ground class will determine the Puppy GTG Champion & Reserve. Open Puppy GTG is not open to any Puppy which has competed in Puppy Championship GTG.

10. Terriers, 1 year old or older, registered, or non-registered, which have previously scored 100% in the Open Class, may continue to compete in the Open Adult Class until they receive their Trial Certificate. A terrier achieving 100% in the Open Adult Class is eligible to apply for a Trial Certificate when the terrier is registered or recorded with the JRTCA. No adult terrier may compete in the Championship Certificate class until the Trial Certificate has been applied for and issued.

11. To obtain a Trial Certificate after scoring 100% in an Open Class at a JRTCA Sanctioned Trial, the owner of the adult terrier shall submit a copy of the qualifying score sheet, signed and initialed by the GTG judge, along with a \$35.00 filing fee, to the JRTCA office. The score sheet is good for the life of the dog and may be submitted with the registration application if the terrier is not already registered/recorded with the JRTCA.

12. Once a terrier has received their Trial Certificate, they **MUST** compete in the Certificate Class and cannot go back into Open. **CROSS-ENTERING IS NOT PERMITTED BETWEEN CERTIFICATE CLASSES.**

13. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by a run-off; the best time shall determine the winner.

14. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to collect the score sheet or card if provided after the judging is complete.

15. Copies of JRTCA Trial Certificates **MUST** be submitted with pre-entries or provided to the Den Steward at the time of judging.

16. Terriers that are competing in the Youth Division, if entered in a regular Go-To-Ground class, **MUST** compete in their regular class prior to competing in the Youth Handling class.

17. The use of electronic timers at a JRTCA sanctioned trial is acceptable under the guidelines provided.

NOTE: If electronic GTG timer is used the following rules apply:

a.) The electronic timer is activated when a terrier crosses a beam at the starting end of the GTG tunnel. The starting line is to be set up two feet back from the entrance to the tunnel. When a competing terrier crosses the beam at that starting line, timing will commence. Another beam will be activated 18 inches from the quarry at the end of the tunnel. When the terrier breaks that beam, the electronic clock will be stopped. The electronic timing is then written by the judge on the GTG score sheet. **Electronic timers that make an audible beep can NOT be used at GTG or Super Earth.**

b.) If a terrier does not move directly past the starting line and break the electronic beam when released, the judge should make note on the score sheet of how long a time the terrier spent between its release and when it broke the starting beam. That time should be added to that terrier's time to quarry.

c.) All other JRTCA GTG Rules remain unchanged, i.e., those relating to the working performance of the terrier at the quarry.

18. Timing is as follows:

Pre-Novice Puppy - One minute to reach quarry; may leave earth and re-enter until quarry is reached; work quarry for 15 seconds without

a break in work and without leaving quarry.

Novice Puppy and Novice Adult - One minute to reach quarry; may leave earth and re-enter several times until quarry is reached; must work quarry for 30 seconds without a break in work and without leaving quarry.

Open Puppy and Open Adult - 1 second per foot of tunnel to reach quarry; may leave earth and re-enter once until quarry is reached; work quarry for one minute without a break in work and without leaving quarry.

Puppy Championship - 1 second per foot of tunnel to reach quarry; may leave earth and re-enter once until quarry is reached; work quarry for one minute without a break in work and without leaving quarry.

Adult Championship Certificate classes - 1 second per foot of tunnel to reach quarry; may not leave the earth; work quarry for one minute without a break in work and without leaving quarry.

SUPER EARTH RULES

1. Sanctioned Super Earth is open to Puppies, 6 to 12 months of age, and Adults. Certificate Super Earth classes are open to adult terriers which have earned and received a JRTCA Super Earth Certificate.
2. Schooling prior to competition is NOT permitted. Any violation of this rule shall result in disqualification from Super Earth competition at this trial. No entry fees will be refunded.
3. Terriers entered in Super Earth may also compete in their regular GTG classes.
4. Exhibitors in Open or Puppy classes are expected to pick up Super Earth score sheets, if provided, at the Secretary's stand. At the time of the competition, the exhibitor will give the score sheet to the Den Steward for scoring by the Judge.
5. A line approximately two feet from the tunnel will be designated a starting line. The terrier is to be released so that all four of the terrier's feet are on the ground before crossing the starting line. Time starts when terrier crosses the starting line. The judge signals release of the terrier.
6. After the terrier is released, the handler shall remain at the starting line. Touching the terrier after release, before entering the tunnel, shall result in disqualification of the terrier from the class. Commands and encouragement may be given. The judge will signal to the exhibitor to pick up the terrier at the completion of their work.
7. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by a run-off; the fastest time shall determine the winner.
8. The use of electronic timers at a JRTCA sanctioned trial for this event is acceptable under the guidelines provided in GTG rules.

9. Puppies, 6 to 12 months who have earned 100% in the Open Puppy Super Earth Class at this trial may, upon payment of the entry fee enter the Puppy Championship Super Earth class at this trial OR may continue competing in Open Puppy Super Earth class at future trials. Winners of the Puppy Championship Super Earth will determine the Puppy Super Earth Champion & Reserve. Open Puppy Super Earth Class is not open to any Puppy which has competed in Puppy Championship Super Earth.
10. Terriers, 1 year old or older, registered, or non-registered, which have previously scored 100% in the Open Adult Super Earth class must continue to compete in the Open Adult Super Earth class until they receive their Super Earth Certificate. A terrier achieving 100% in the Open Adult Super Earth class is eligible to apply for a Certificate when the terrier is registered or recorded with the JRTCA. No adult terrier may compete in the Championship Certificate class until the Super Earth Certificate has been applied for and issued.
11. To obtain a Super Earth Certificate after scoring 100% in an Open Class at a JRTCA Sanctioned Trial, the owner of the adult terrier shall submit a copy of the qualifying score sheet, signed and initialed by the Super Earth judge, along with a \$35.00 filing fee, to the JRTCA office. The score sheet is good for the life of the dog and may be submitted with the registration application if the terrier is not already registered/recorded with the JRTCA.
12. Once a terrier has received their Super Earth Certificate, it MUST compete in the Certificate Class and cannot go back into Open. CROSS-ENTERING IS NOT PERMITTED BETWEEN CERTIFICATE CLASSES.
13. Copies of JRTCA Super Earth Certificates MUST be submitted with pre-entries or provided to the Den Steward at the time of judging.

14. Timing for all Super Earth classes: 1 second per foot of tunnel to reach quarry; may leave and re-enter the earth multiple times until quarry is reached; work quarry for one minute without a break in work and without leaving quarry.

AGILITY RULES

1. All terriers must be at least one year of age to compete or practice on any equipment.
2. Obstacle familiarization, if offered, is payable at the gate. This will not be offered at nationals.
3. Dogs may run naked or wear one flat collar without tags. No other accoutrements are allowed.
4. No food or toys are allowed within 10 feet of the ring. Exceptions are that toys are allowed for the class A Way to Play and obstacle familiarization.
5. A Beginner Agility certificate may be earned prior to competing in Advanced Agility and for Agility High Score Champion and Reserve.
6. Move ups from Beginner Agility to Advanced Agility are allowed from trial to trial. (Example: 2nd Beginner leg is earned at Saturday's trial, the team could move to Advanced Agility for Sunday's trial). As a JRTCA certificate has not been issued, both qualifying score sheets must be presented to move up.
7. Advanced Agility competitors may cross enter the Beginner Agility class For Exhibit Only (FEO) to be used as a warmup run. No ribbons will be awarded, and no paperwork completed for an FEO run.
8. Teams with two scores of 190 or greater in the agility classes (Beginner and Advanced) are eligible for agility certificates.
9. Teams with one qualifying score of 200 in Jumpers are eligible for the Jumpers certificate.

10. Teams with one qualifying score in a Point Accumulation Game are eligible for the Agility Games certificate.
11. Agility High Score Champion and Reserve are to be awarded to the highest scoring terrier and runner up with the best combined scores in Advanced Agility, Jumpers, and the Point Accumulation Game.

Judges scoring rules:

1. Time faults are assessed as one fault for every full second over course time.
2. No refusals are called at jumps, tunnels, and weaves.
3. Only down contacts are judged.
4. 5-point deductions:
 - a. Off course: assessed once with initial off course. Judging resumes once dog is back on course.
 - b. Back jumping
 - c. Refusal at a contact obstacle
 - d. Knocked bar
5. 15-point deductions: All are failure to perform
 - a. Missed down contacts
 - b. Omission of a numbered obstacle
 - c. Weave poles: either a skipped pole that was not fixed or not finishing obstacle
6. Automatic elimination and a score of zero:
 - a. Handler touching or performing obstacles
 - b. Handler touching terrier with purpose
 - c. Handler using food or training devices in the ring. (Exception: A Way to Play)
 - d. Handler verbally or physically abusing terrier
 - e. Terrier exhibiting excessive fear, shyness, or aggression

- f. Terrier exhibiting lameness
 - g. Terrier eliminates in the ring
 - h. Terrier leaves ring while being inattentive
7. Any scores that are non-qualifying may be used for placement and High Score Champion and Reserve. Any score that is an elimination is not eligible for placement or High Point Champion and Reserve.

CLASS LIST: ***NO ON LEAD classes are allowed***

1. A Way To Play: For the true beginner looking for experience in the ring, though this class can be used to explore a new experience with your partner. Class is judged based on performance of the obstacles on the field and points are earned for successfully completed obstacles: jumps are one point, tunnels are 3 points, contacts/combinations are 5 points. Toys/Lures are allowed and coaching by experienced competitors and the judge is encouraged. No food is allowed. Teams have 60 seconds to accumulate points. Can be cross entered with beginner agility. Non-certificate class.
- a. Rules:
 - i. Teams have 60 seconds to earn 15 points. A buzzer or whistle will sound at the end of 60 seconds and teams have 5 seconds to reach the finish obstacle (either table or designated jump).
 - ii. Teams must successfully complete at least one 5-point obstacle, one 3-point obstacle and one 1 point obstacle. Recognize that this does not equal 15 points.
 - iii. 5-point obstacles are contacts, spread jumps, and combination obstacles.
 - iv. 3-point obstacles are tunnels

- v. 1-point obstacles are single bar jumps.
 - vi. Teams make up their own course earning points for every successful completion of an obstacle. Back-to-back obstacles are allowed (exception is a double, triple or broad jumps), and every obstacle may be completed twice for points.
 - vii. Must complete the finish obstacle to stop time and earn a score. Teams stop accumulating points at the sound of the horn or whistle.
 - viii. No certificate can be earned for this class. Teams can enter this class for as long as they like until a beginner certificate is earned.
2. Beginner Agility: (Previously Agility 1) 1.75yd/sec, 11-14 obstacles.
- a. Course Requirements:
 - i. Complete at least one contact, minimum of two tunnels and single bar jumps.
 - ii. No weaves or teeter for this class.
 - iii. If teeter is only contact available on obstacle list for a trial, then no contact obstacle is required.
 - iv. Have at least one side change
 - v. Nest with Advanced Agility
3. Advanced Agility: (Previously Agility 2) 2.25yd/sec, 15-18 obstacles
- a. Course Requirements:
 - i. Must complete at least two up to three contact obstacles. Can be either same obstacle or different ones.
 - ii. Must complete either one set of 12 weaves OR two sets of 6 weaves.

- iii. Must complete at least one spread jump (double, triple, broad or wall)
 - iv. Must complete 2-3 tunnels
 - v. Nest with Beginner Agility.
- 4. Jumpers: 2 yds/sec, 15-18 obstacles
 - a. Course Requirements:
 - i. Single bar jumps, with or without wings, is acceptable.
 - ii. Minimum of one up to three spread jumps
 - iii. Maximum of 3 tunnels
- 5. Point Accumulation Games: Club must choose one Point Accumulation Game and publish in trial flyer. These are games that are considered handlers choice. Each one has a slightly different set of rules that has been adjusted to fit our “small” dogs from the venue where it is usually played. We have endeavored to choose games that utilize the obstacles that are easily available to JRT clubs. If your club would like to use another game, then please let us know. Rules and requirements, along with briefing, should be posted for competitors.
 - a. Full House: (CPE)
 - i. 35 second opening, 5 seconds to reach the finish obstacle.
 - ii. This is a time management game which requires the team to reach the finish obstacle prior to 40 seconds. For every second over 40 seconds, the team will lose one point.
 - iii. A qualifying score is 25 points or above within the time limit.
 - iv. Each obstacle can be completed twice for points.
 - v. Teams must complete a minimum of one 5-point obstacle, two-3 point obstacles, and 3 single bar jumps. This does not equal 25 points so more

obstacles must be performed.

- vi. Course requirements:
 - 1. 5-point obstacles are contacts, weaves, and combination obstacles. (Recommend have 2-3 from this group)
 - 2. 3-point obstacles are tunnels and spread jumps. (Recommend have 3 from this group)
 - 3. 1-point obstacles are single bar jumps. (No minimum required)
 - 4. Either the table or a single bar jump must be designated as the finish obstacle)
- b. Non-Traditional Jackpot (Combo of ASCA and CPE)
 - i. Team has a total of 55 seconds to gather points and get to the finish obstacle. There will be two horns/whistles. The first will sound at 35 seconds and the second at one minute. If the second horn sounds, then the team receives a nonqualifying score for going over time.
 - ii. A qualifying score is 44 points or above within the time limit.
 - iii. Obstacles can be completed twice for points in both the opening and closing.
 - iv. Course requirements:
 - 1. A fun short distance handling situation or game requirement should be included. Distance should be between 3-6ft and be completed either in the opening or closing depending on judges briefing.
 - 2. 5-point obstacles are contacts, weaves and combination obstacles. (Recommend have 2-3 from this group)
 - 3. 3-point obstacles are tunnels and spread jumps. (Recommend have 3 from this group)

4. 1-point obstacles are single bar jumps. (No minimum required)
 5. Either the table or a single bar jump must be designated as the finish obstacle
- c. Jackpot (Combo of ASCA and CPE) **This is the recommended game for Nationals**
- i. Team has a total of 55 seconds to gather points and get to the finish obstacle. There will be two horns/whistles. The first will sound at 35 seconds and the second at one minute. If the second horn sounds, then the team receives a nonqualifying score for going over time.
 - ii. A qualifying score is 44 points or above within the time limit.
 - iii. Obstacles can be completed twice for points in both the opening and closing.
- iv. Course requirements:
1. There are two parts to Jackpot:
 - a. Opening: Back-to-Back obstacles are allowed. Failure to perform an obstacle result in zero points. All gamble obstacles can be used for points, though no two obstacles in forward flow are allowed. Gamble obstacles used in backwards flow are allowed (i.e. the gamble can be completed backwards without negating the gamble). Teams stop accumulating points at the sound of the horn/whistle and move on to the closing.
 - b. Closing: must be competed with handler behind the line as numbered and within the time limit. There should be 3-4 obstacles and include tunnels and any type of jump. Distances for adult and veteran terriers: 8-

15', and for seniors 5-8'.

2. 5-point obstacles are contacts, weaves, and combination obstacles. (Recommend have 2-3 from this group)
 3. 3-point obstacles are tunnels and spread jumps. (Recommend have 3 from this group)
 4. 1-point obstacles are single bar jumps. (No minimum required)
- d. Snooker: A point accumulation game that is strategic to earn as many points as possible with a top score of 51 points within the allotted time allowed. There are two parts to the game, the opening and the closing. In the opening, it is a handlers choice course to earn points, whereas the team will complete a red colored single bar jump followed by a number obstacle. If the red is faulted then another red needs to be completed before completing a number obstacle. In the closing, the team will follow a course numbered 2-7.

Course Requirements:

1. There will be 4 red single bar jumps on course.
2. Three red jumps must be completed prior to starting the closing.
3. The obstacles numbered 2-7 can include 6 weaves, combinations and contacts.
4. Total game time is 55seconds.
5. In the opening if a numbered obstacle is faulted, then the points earned will be zero points and the team can continue the run.
6. In the closing the judge will excuse the team when/if a numbered obstacle is faulted.
7. To keep their earned points the team must complete the finish jump/table.
8. To qualify the team must earn 30points.

9. One qualifying score can be used to earn the Point accumulation title within the JRTCA.

List of Equipment:

Contacts:

Dog walk: Prefer 12' with 42" contact zones. (Will accept 8' with 42" contact zones). Should be 3-4 ft off ground.

Teeter: Drop should be 3-4 seconds with 42" contact zones

A Frame: 5' with 42" contact zones.

Jumps:

Single Bar: with or without wings

Panel

Spread jumps: double, triple, broad, wall

Tunnels: Maximum 3 per course. Must be longer than 10 ft and big enough to fit a 15" terrier. Does not need to be a 24" opening tunnel.

Weaves: Minimum of one set of 6 poles

Table or single bar jump to designate as finish obstacle

Field size Total square feet should be a minimum of 75 x 75 to a maximum of 100x 100. Can be any shape.

Not allowed in JRT agility: chute and tire.

Categories:

1. Follow the JRTCA guidelines for under and over JRT grouping.
2. There will be Adult, Veteran, and Senior categories.
 - a. The Under category will jump 8".
 - b. The Over category will jump 12" as an Adult and owners' decision of 8" or 12" as a Veteran.

- c. Seniors will jump 4” regardless of height of terrier.
- 3. At sanctioned JRT events, one High Score Champion and Reserve should be offered as all terriers competing will jump their appropriate height. IF entries warrant splitting of heights, then the club can offer more High Score Championships and Reserves.
- 4. At Nationals, there will be a High Score Champion and Reserve for each category.
- 5. At Nationals, Seniors will run two Jumpers’ courses, one with weaves, and play the Point Accumulation Game for their High Score Champion and Reserve.
- 6. Scoring for High Score Champion and Reserve:
 - a. Advanced Agility and Jumpers are each worth 200 points.
 - b. These points will combine with Point Accumulation Game points earned for the High Score Champion and Reserve.
 - c. Jumpers must be a qualifying score (200 Points) to earn a High Score Championship, though it does not stop the team from earning a Reserve High Score Championship.
 - d. In the event that all teams earn faults in the Jumpers class, a Championship can still be awarded to the highest combined point accumulation of the three classes.
 - e. All ties will be broken by the fastest accumulated time of the three classes.
- 7. A Way To Play and obstacle familiarization will not be offered at Nationals.

8. Traditional Jackpot will be the game played at Nationals.

OBEDIENCE RULES

1. To earn a qualifying score, the terrier needs to earn 170 out of 200 points and receive no less than 50% of the given points for each exercise. Half points may be used to determine a qualifying score.
2. Any terrier receiving three qualifying scores in the same class, under two different Judges, is eligible for a JRTCA Obedience Certificate; the terrier must be JRTCA registered or recorded, and the owner must be a current member of the JRTCA. The Certificate may be obtained by submitting signed score sheets along with a \$35.00 check (payable to JRTCA) to: JRTCA, P.O. Box 4527, Lutherville, MD 21094.
3. Leashes for Sub-Novice need to be a minimum of 6 feet in length. Collars should be well-fitting buckle or limited slip martingale collars, no pinch collars, chokers or race leads.
4. All terriers must be at least 6 months of age to compete in Obedience. Titles are only issued to registered and recorded dogs 1 year of age and older.
5. A complete set of Obedience Rules can be found on the JRTCA site to download. Or contact committee member at mousemoorjr@cs.com
6. Our Sub Novice Class is split into "A" & "B". The A class is for competitors that do not hold a Sub Novice or Beginner Novice or Starter Novice title in any venue.

1. GENERAL OBEDIENCE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules apply to Obedience Classes at sanctioned JRTCA Trials.

1.1 Eligibility

- A) Any terrier 6 months and older may be entered.
- B) Females in heat are not allowed to compete.

- C) Dogs with disabilities are allowed to compete, provided they are not in pain.
- D) Dogs with bandages, stitches or open sores/wounds are not allowed to compete.
- E) Dogs who are obviously lame and not moving soundly are not allowed to compete.

1.2 Ring Size

Rings should be approximately 40 feet x 50 feet and should not be less than 30 feet x 40 feet.

1.3 Equipment

Rings can and should be enclosed, if possible, with ring gates, snow fencing, or be otherwise enclosed (e.g., indoors) to provide a safe environment from which terriers cannot escape.

Trial hosts must provide all jumps, score sheets, and other equipment necessary to properly host a trial. If not, they must be certain that judge will supply the necessary equipment for Obedience.

2. JUDGING GUIDELINES

Consistent judging is critical. Judges are expected to have full understanding of all judging guidelines. As with any dog sport, there may be areas of interpretation and judges are required to make those interpretations fairly and consistently.

Exhibitors are also expected to be familiar with judging guidelines. Judges may, but are not required to, discuss an exhibitor's scoring after the class is finished. Judges are not to enter into any discussions with an angry or argumentative exhibitor. If an Exhibitor feels that his/her performance was not scored fairly, they may file a complaint with the Trial Chair.

2.1 Scores and Qualifying Performance

After the last exercise has been performed, and the score sheet completed and signed, the judge shall inform each team whether their performance was qualifying or non-qualifying. Each team enters

the ring with a score of 200. As errors are made, deductions are noted on the scoresheet. A final score of 170 or better is considered a qualifying performance, provided the team has scored at least 50% of the individual point values for each exercise. Half-point deductions will be made, and precision is important. Dogs who exhibit fear or aggressiveness; eliminate or become ill in the ring will not receive a qualifying score. Handlers who discipline their dogs while in the ring will be excused. A judge will not require a handler or dog to do anything not outlined in this rulebook nor will a judge penalize a handler or dog for anything not outlined herein.

2.2 Deductions

- A) Minor deductions: ½ point and 1 point
- B) Substantial/major deductions: 2-5 points
- C) Additional cues: 3 points
- D) When hand signals are used, either alone or in combination with a verbal cue, the hand must be returned to a natural position within a reasonable time after giving the signal. If, in the judge's opinion, the hand signal is held and appears to be used as a lure, a non-qualifying score will be given for the exercise.
- E) Other deductions as described for each exercise.
- F) If the dog takes a jump when not directed, a 5 point deduction shall be given.

2.3 Judge's Instructions

- A) Before beginning each exercise, the judge will ask the handler "Are you ready?"
- B) Once the handler has indicated she/he is ready, the judge will instruct the handler "Forward" for all exercises that begin with heeling. For other exercises, the judge's first instructions are noted in the exercise description.
- C) Judging begins once the handler has indicated he/she is ready.
- D) When the team has completed all features of an exercise, the judge will say "Exercise Finished" and judging for that exercise is complete.

2.4 Jump Heights

Height at withers	High/Bar Jumps	Broad Jump	# Boards
12.5" and under	8"	16"	2
Seniors	4"		1
Over 12.5" up to 15"	12"	20"	2

Note: At the discretion of the handler, dogs 9 years and older may jump 4" lower than regular jump heights indicated on the above chart. This must be announced to the judge before judging of the individual team begins.

Jump height will be the only modification in other circumstances other than age. No omission of exercises or changes in distance for performing or time will be allowed.

2.5 Jump Construction

- 1) The bar jump will consist of a bar between 2 and 2 ½" square with the edges rounded to remove any sharpness. Or a plain white jump rail 4-5 feet in length. The posts must be adjustable for each two inches of height. For safety, the jump must be built so that the bar may be knocked over without affecting the uprights.
- 2) The high jump (for open only) will be four or five feet wide and painted white. The uprights of the high jump will be four feet high. There must be a sufficient number of boards to accommodate all possible jump height adjustments. The high jump may be made of wood or plastic.
- 3) The broad jump must have nesting hurdles. They must be approximately 8" wide, 4-5' in length and must all be painted white. The broad jump may be made of wood or plastic.

2.6 Interference and Double Handling

Exhibitors and spectators are not allowed to interfere or assist in any way with a team that is working in the ring. Instances of interference and/or double handling will result in the working team's performance being judged as non-qualifying if the assistance is perceived to assist the team, or the judge may ask the team to

repeat their performance if the situation appears to be intended to adversely affect the working team. Exhibitors who are found to be interfering with a working team's performance will be asked to leave the grounds and receive a non-qualifying score that day. Any involved spectator will be asked to leave the grounds as well.

2.7 Unusual Conditions

If, during a team's performance in the ring, an unusual condition arises that could negatively affect the team's performance, the judge may have the team perform that portion of an exercise again.

2.8 Ties

The tie performance is a continuation of a team's original performance. All Misbehavior rules apply to the tie performance. Refer to the Misbehavior section of this chapter for a description of the behaviors identified as "misbehaviors". In the case of a tie in Pre-Novice or Novice class, each team will again perform the On-Leash Heeling Pattern exercise. In the Open class, each team will again perform the Off-Leash Heeling Pattern exercise.

2.9 Score Sheets

The judge will determine the number of points deducted from each team's performance. Before determining placements, the judge must double check to ensure scores were calculated properly. The judge must clearly mark each score sheet as qualifying or non-qualifying score and sign it. Since JRTCA competitors are responsible for their own paperwork to submit for certificates, they will obtain their score sheet from the judge or a steward at the conclusion of the trial.

2.10 Physically Challenged Handlers and Dogs

Dogs and/or handlers with disabilities are allowed to compete provided the dog does not appear to be in pain. The judge has a right to refuse entry into the ring if a dog appears in pain. The judge will excuse from the ring any dog that becomes lame during any of the exercises.

2.11 Judging Order

Exhibitors shall check in with the judge or a desk steward to be sure their entry and score sheet is correct. Although accommodations shall be made within reason for dogs to be judged throughout the trial days' time frame posted in the agenda, judges are not required to delay judging for any dog that is not presented at the ring in a timely manner. If there is a conflict with an entry in another class, the handler must inform the judge or a desk steward at check in. Absent dogs will not be permitted to run after judging has officially concluded for the day. No entry fees will be refunded in this instance.

2.12 Leash

All dogs must be kept on leash except when in the Obedience ring, warm up or exercise area. Dogs must be on leash when brought into the ring and when leaving the ring. The leash be made of fabric or leather and not exceed 6 ft. in length. For the Pre-Novice class only a 6 ft. leash is required. Otherwise, it must be long enough to provide adequate slack when held. Slip leads (e.g., racing leads, leashes with choke collar as a part of the leash) are not permitted, nor are conformation type slip leads or Flex-type leashes.

2.13 Collars

Collars may be flat, buckle type collars or limited slip martingale type collars. No choke collars, head collars, prong collars or electronic collars are allowed. Body harnesses are also allowed, but a dog may only wear either a collar or a harness, NOT BOTH. Equipment must be properly fitted and while they may have tags on them, the tags must not interfere with the dog's movement. Dogs may not have decorative items around their neck nor on their collars.

2.14 Heel Position

The dog should be at the handler's left side and straight in line with the direction the handler is facing. The dog should be close to the handler but should not be so close as to crowd the handler and prevent the handler from moving naturally. The area from the dog's head to its shoulder should be in line with the handler's left hip. Heel position applies to instances where the dog is sitting, lying down, standing, or moving next to the handler.

2.15 Hands

Hands and arms must be held in a natural position at all times. In the event a handler chooses to have a hand signal, the hand must be returned to a natural position after giving the signal. At no time may it appear that the handler is using their hands/arms to pretend to lure the dog, as with food.

In all exercises in which a dog is required to heel on lead, one of the options listed shall be followed: (1) The handler's arms and hands shall move naturally at his/her sides while in motion, with the leash held in the left hand, or (2) The hand(s) holding the leash will be held against, and centered in front of the body, in the area of the waist. The forearm(s) shall be carried, as much as possible, against the body.

In exercises in which the dog is required to heel off leash (free), one of the options listed shall be followed: (1) The handler's arms and hands shall move naturally at his/her sides while in motion and hang naturally at his/her sides when stopped, or (2) the handler's right hand and arm shall move naturally at his/her side while his/her left hand shall be held against and centered in front of the body in the area of the waist. The left forearm shall be carried, as much as possible, against the body in any of the above situations, the hands and arms may be adjusted during the fast portion of the exercise in order to maintain balance.

Hand position, other than during the fast, must remain constant during the heeling exercise, except if a hand signal is used to begin heeling. In that case, an acceptable hand gesture is allowed instead of a verbal command. After the hand gesture is made, the hand must return to one of the acceptable positions. There shall be a minor to substantial deduction if the hands and arms are not carried in one of the positions stated above, in all exercises in which the dog is to "come to" or "return to" the handler and "sit in front", the handler's arms and hands shall hang naturally at his sides while the dog is coming in and until the dog has sat in front. A substantial deduction shall be made if a handler's arms and hands are not hanging naturally at his sides while the dog is coming in and until the dog has sat in front.

2.16 Cues

Handlers may use hand and verbal cues simultaneously for all exercises. Once a cue has been given by hand, verbal, or hand/verbal, additional cues will be penalized with a three-point deduction, regardless of the additional cue given. The dog's name may be used preceding any cue without penalty and may be used as a cue in and of itself. Loud verbal cues are to be penalized. Once an error has been made those results in a non-qualifying score, the handler may not give additional cues to perform that portion of an exercise again.

2.17 Praise and Encouragement

Handlers are allowed to praise and encourage their dogs during an exercise. The praise and encouragement must be calm, quiet, and pleasant. Repeating a verbal cue to perform an exercise is not considered praise or encouragement and will be penalized as an additional cue. Overly exuberant, loud and/or unpleasant praise and encouragement will be penalized. Handlers may not pat their legs or clap their hands as encouragement.

2.18 Food Rewards

- 1) Handlers are allowed to reward their dog with a food treat at the completion of all features of an exercise after the judge has said "Exercise finished" if they so choose. This must be done before the team begins to move forward to the next exercise as directed by the judge.
- 2) Handlers may not lure a dog with food nor pretend to have food in their hand. Food rewards are to be kept hidden in the handler's pocket only. No bait bags, fanny pouches, etc. are allowed, and handlers may not have food in their mouths.
- 3) Handlers must use food that can easily and quickly be swallowed by the dog and may not use food rewards that might create crumbs while the dog is swallowing it.
- 4) A 5 point deduction will be taken in the event the handler or dog drops the food on the ring surface.
- 5) Handlers who lure or appear to lure a dog will receive a non-qualifying score.

6) Handlers may not enter the ring with food in their hand. This should be considered luring, and the team will receive a non-qualifying score.

2.19 Handling Between Exercises

In the Novice class, the handler may gently take the dog by the collar and guide the dog to the place indicated by the judge for the next exercise. This is not allowed in the Open class, and deductions at the

judge's discretion will be taken for physical guidance in between exercises, as it is expected the dog be under verbal control in this class. Dogs who are not under verbal control between exercises in Open will receive score deductions.

2.20 Misbehavior

Any dog who exhibits fear, nervousness or timidity or any uncontrolled behavior such as snapping, barking, or running away from the handler will be penalized, to the maximum penalty of a non-qualifying score. This applies in between exercises as well as during exercises. If a dog leaves the ring during the transition from one exercise to another and the handler is successful in calling the dog back, a substantial/major deduction must be taken. If the dog leaves the ring during the performance of an exercise, a penalty must be taken to the maximum penalty of a non-qualifying score. A dog that eliminates or becomes ill in the ring will receive a non-qualifying score and be excused from the ring.

Handlers who deliver harsh corrections inside and/or outside the ring will be excused from the day's events and asked to leave the grounds.

2.21 Exhibitor Requests to be Excused

The judge should honor any exhibitor's request to be excused from the ring and should note this on the score sheet.

3. OBEDIENCE CLASSES AND INDIVIDUAL EXERCISES

3.1 Classes and Eligibility

There is no requirement in the JRTCA that a dog must progress from Pre-Novice to Novice to Open, earning three qualifying scores in a

class before being permitted to enter the next higher one. Dogs may be entered in any class for which they are eligible, except where cross entering is not permitted.

3.1.1 Pre-Novice Obedience “A” is open to dogs that do not hold a Pre-Novice title, or dogs that do not show Obedience in other venues. Not eligible for the Championship.

Pre-Novice “B” class is open to dogs that have a good knowledge of obedience or hold a Pre-Novice title. This class is only eligible for the championship.

Eligible for a Pre-Novice “B” Obedience Certificate upon completion of 3 qualifying scores.

3.1.2A Novice Obedience Eligible for a Novice Obedience Certificate upon completion of 3 qualifying scores. May cross enter into Pre-Novice “B” and Open.

3.1.3A Open Obedience Eligible for an Open Obedience Certificate upon completion of 3 qualifying scores. May cross enter into Novice and Pre-Novice “B”

3.1.4 Brace Obedience Two dogs performing Pre-Novice exercises together judged on Pre-Novice criteria. Dogs may be on two leashes or coupled. Braces to be judged on precision. The brace that works as one stands the best chance of winning. One score sheet for two terriers. Dogs may cross-enter any other Obedience class for which they are eligible as outlined above. This is an optional class that is not eligible for a certificate.

3.2 Placements

Qualifying scores shall be considered first for placements, in descending order. If there are no qualifying scores or fewer than seven entries per class, non-qualifying scores shall be considered to fill the remaining placements.

3.3 Obedience Trial Championship and Reserve

The dogs with the two highest combined scores from the Pre-Novice “B”, Novice Obedience, or Open Obedience Classes will be Obedience

Trial Champion and Reserve. Ties shall be broken by each team again performing the Off-Leash Heeling Pattern exercise.

Addition—Note: Two of the three classes are acceptable for Championships.

3.4 Scoring

All dogs are to enter and leave the ring on leash for all classes. Any dog leaving the ring without a leash for any reason will be excused and will receive a non-qualifying score.

For a qualifying score a team must earn a minimum of 170 points total AND at least 50% of the points for each individual exercise.

Non-qualifying scores will count for class placements.

OPEN OBEDIENCE: Judge or Club should provide a marker for the go out. Two ring gates with an upright in the center would be ideal. If that is not available either a cone or visible mark on the floor is appropriate. But only one marker should be used.

NOTE: A complete set of rules, guidelines, and class exercise descriptions is available on the club web site. You may also request a copy from the Trial Committee or from the Obedience Chairperson.

RALLY-O RULES: A complete set of Rally-Obedience Rules can be downloaded from our JRTCA site or contact committee member at mousemoorjr@cs.com

There is a complete rule book for each venue. Trial should have both printed for reference. Trial Chair should send a copy to the hired judges.

RACING RULES

1. **SAFETY FIRST: ALL TERRIERS MUST BE MUZZLED!** Plastic muzzles or close-ended cloth muzzles only. Black, brown, clear, or white muzzles are acceptable; no colored basket or softie muzzles are allowed. No figure eight, open-ended or Baskerville open-ended muzzles are allowed.
2. Good sportsmanship is encouraged and expected. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
3. **QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP RUN OFFS**
 - A. Terrier must place first in a flat or hurdle race final to qualify for championship run offs. First to the hole is not necessarily first through the backside of the barrier.
 - B. A terrier **MUST ENTER AND FINISH** in both, at least one flat race **AND** one hurdle race at the beginning level based on trial entries (heat, semi, final).
 - C. A terrier must continue to advance, if qualified, to all additional semi-final heats up to the final championship race. If injured, the terrier is then finished and cannot race in the final.
 - D. A **FINISHED** race is when the terrier runs down the track unassisted (by owner or anyone else) with a secured muzzle to the backside of the barrier.
 - E. In the event a terrier does not meet all the above criteria, the second place terrier in the final of that class (either flats or hurdles) will qualify for the championship run off if they meet the criteria as outlined above.
4. **GENERAL RACING PROCESS**
 - A. Exhibitors must have entries ready to race, be aware of their classes, and be ready when called. In the event a heat is missed, permission to run in a later heat is granted at the discretion of the racing judge or steward. There are no refunds for missed classes.
 - B. Once entries are loaded into the starting box, all handlers shall proceed to the finish line/catch area and be ready to receive their terriers. No one may enter the

racetrack during a race to assist a terrier across the finish line, any violation of this would result in the terrier being assisted disqualified from the race and thus not considered as finishing that race. If a terrier has not completed the race and is considered to be new (newbie) at racing, it is at the judge's discretion to allow the handler to assist the terrier to finish the race. Placement, if any, is the judge's decision. This does not pertain to the puppy classes.

- C. Puppy and Senior hurdles must be run over LOW hurdles.
- D. Adult terriers MAY NOT CROSS ENTER between Adult, Veteran and Senior Racing classes.
- E. Once the Racing Division has started, NO requests for height measurement will be honored. Any pre-race height request must be completed by a current standing Conformation judge.
- F. **Puppies under 4 months are NOT allowed to race.**

5. RERUNS

- A. In the event of a lure malfunction that alters the forward motion of the race, the race will be rerun (lure is caught by a terrier, lure stops, lure gets caught on a hurdle, or lure flies off the track).
- B. At the discretion of the racing judge for any reason

6. DISQUALIFICATION AND DID NOT FINISH

- A. In a flat or hurdle race, any entry going around the jumps, jumping out of the racetrack or not wearing a secured muzzle will be disqualified from that race and therefore shown as not finishing that race.
- B. Any terrier engaged in fighting shall be disqualified by the Racing Judge from any further racing during the trial. No refund will be given.

7. CATCH PEN ETIQUETTE

- A. No eating, smoking, vaping or cell phone usage is allowed in the catch pen or start area.

TRAILING & LOCATING RULES

1. The handler must remain at the starting area.
2. No directional hand signals allowed.
3. The handler may use verbal commands to praise or recall the terrier.
4. The length of the course is a minimum of 50 steps with at least two, but not more than four, changes in direction.
5. The trail is scented before the competition, at least 30 minutes prior to the competition for the scent to dry to the vegetation and the ground. The preferable scent is a mixture of rat urine, water, and unscented glycerin. Only safely caged laboratory rats should be used as the "quarry."
6. No schooling is permitted in area prior to the competition starting.
7. Flags are not to be used to mark the course.
8. The terrier is judged on his ability to follow a line in a simulated natural hunting environment, to locate, mark and open on the quarry.
9. The terrier is judged on a combination of time and accuracy. The terrier with the fastest time is not necessarily the winner.
10. The starting point is a natural marked spot indicated by the Judge.
11. The end is a natural marked spot approximately 2-3 feet from the actual quarry. The terrier's time is clocked up until he comes to this spot. This is considered coming up to the quarry for this test.
12. Additions of 1- 15 seconds are given for the following:
 - Backtracking: Runs back over the line/scented trail.

- Overrunning: Overruns the line at a sharp turn; the harder the drive, the more the correction has to be made.
- Weaving: Runs from side to side of the line.
- Swinging: Races in wide circles in hit or miss fashion. Does not follow line directly. Skirts cover, sloppy work.
- Pottering/Loafing: Mucking about online, goes over line again. Makes check/change of direction where none exists. Lacks animation. Swings offline at start of check, then waits for someone to find line. Pees on bushes, pokes in holes, wastes time.
- Babbling: Opens/barks inappropriately off the line or on other game.
- Quitting: Should be taken off trail and disqualified.
- Handler Error: Misleads or distracts terrier. Does not follow orders/rules.
- Switching Quarry: Dog swings off-line completely. Dog runs another quarry/trail.

Deductions of 1-15 seconds are taken for the following:

- Marking Quarry: Should come up to quarry and stay. BONUS: 10 seconds off time if dog opens (works) on quarry.

NOSEWORK RULES

Nosework taps into a dog's natural hunting instinct. When dogs use their sense of smell they engage their brain which is stimulating for them. Terrier Nosework Titles (TNT) is open to dogs six months and older. After some initial training that gives the target odor value, dogs enjoy being the leader of the scent detection team.

Dogs are asked to search for hides in containers, indoors and outside in a variety of environments. When they locate the hides, dogs communicate the find to the handler. Dogs have different search styles so you will learn how to read and ultimately know your dog's own reactions. You work closely together to build confidence through communication and praise.

THREE ELEMENTS

Containers Interior Exterior

TARGET ODORS

Beginner Sniffer and Level 1: BIRCH

Level 2: ANISE BIRCH CLOVE

RIBBONS

Flat "Q" ribbons are optional for each qualifying score.

1st – 6th place ribbons for each class are determined by correct calls with fastest time first.

Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the top two dogs in Level 1 and the top two dogs in Level 2 by combining the scores for all elements/classes.

Teams with no faults are considered first.

TITLES

Level 1

Containers: Three qualifying scores = TNT Level 1 Container Title

Interior: Three qualifying scores = TNT Level 1 Interior Title

Exterior: Three qualifying scores = TNT Level 1 Exterior Title

Level 2

Containers: Three qualifying scores = TNT Level 2 Container Title

Interior: Three qualifying scores = TNT Level 2 Interior Title

Exterior: Three qualifying scores = TNT Level 2 Exterior Title

TNT CHAMPION TITLES

After earning a title in any of the elements, 10 additional qualifying scores ***without faults*** earns a champion title for that element.

Exhibitors are responsible for picking up their score sheets to send to the club for title certificates.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Beginner Sniffer: This is an optional class open to dogs who have not shown in any other Nosework venue. Consists of eight to 10 identical containers (see Level 1) placed on the floor and spaced at least two feet apart with one birch hide. One incorrect call is allowed. Placement ribbons only. Not eligible for championship.

LEVEL 1

Open to all dogs capable of alerting to the birch target odor. One hide. Maximum time is two minutes. Hide is placed no higher than 12 inches. One incorrect call (false alert) is allowed for Level 1 qualifying runs but it incurs a time fault. Faults are not allowed in qualifying runs for the TNT Champion titles.

Container search: Consists eight to 10 identical containers placed on the floor and spaced at least two feet apart. Can be set up in one straight line or two straight rows. Can be cardboard boxes or other containers that are not transparent. Container size must be approximately 6" x 8" inches and no bigger than 9" x 12." Height must be between 2" and 6."

Interior search: Can include stationary, natural or artificially built items, chairs, children's toys, large containers, cabinets, furniture, etc. The search area will be between 100 and 200 square feet and marked by cones, tape, gates, fencing, etc.

Exterior search: Search area may be natural with light poles, tables, rocks, hard landscape, etc. Could also include added items such as child's toys, logs, boards, wheelbarrows, etc. The search area will be between 100 and 200 square feet and marked by cones, tape, gates, fencing, etc. Hides will not be buried in the ground.

LEVEL 2

Open to all dogs capable of alerting to the birch, anise and clove target odors, finding two hides and working for up to four minutes. A Level 1 title is not required to enter Level 2 classes. Hides are placed no more than 24 inches high. Search times are between 2:30 and 4 minutes. Handlers must call "finish" after the second hide is found to stop time. An incorrect call ends the search and results in a non-qualifying run.

Container search: Consists of 10 to 14 containers spaced at least two feet apart in any configuration. Can be any type of container that is not transparent. Containers do not have to be identical and can be elevated. Time allowed is 2:30 minutes.

Interior search: Can include stationary, natural or artificially built items, chairs, children's toys, large containers, cabinets, furniture etc. The search area will be at least 200 square feet and marked by cones, tape, gates, fencing, etc. Search time is determined by the judge.

Exterior search: Search area may be natural with light poles, tables, rocks, hard landscape, etc. Could also include added items such as child's toys, logs, boards, wheelbarrows, etc. The search area will be at least 200 square feet and marked by cones, tape, gates, fencing, etc. Search time is determined by the judge. Hides will not be buried in the ground.

FAULTS

- Incorrect call (false alert) in Beginners and Level 1 classes adds 5 seconds to the search time. In Level 2 classes, an incorrect call ends the search, resulting in a non-qualifying (NQ) score and no placement.

- Food/treats dropped in the search areas in all classes results in the addition of 5 seconds to the search time for each infraction.
- Excessive disturbance of a search area, including box smashing and significant moving of containers, results in the addition of 5 seconds to the search time.
- Failure to enter a search area through the designated start line results in the addition of 5 seconds to the search time.
- Eliminating (pee, poop or vomit) in a search area ends the search and results in a non-qualifying score and no placement.
- In Level 2 searches, failure to call “finish” after finding the second hide results in the maximum time being given.

GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITORS

- Dogs must wear a properly fitted flat buckle collar or harness. Regular martingale collars are allowed but no racing leads, conformation-type leads or retractable leashes allowed. No special training tools such as pinch, prong or choke chains, head halters or no-pull harnesses are permitted. Bark collars, spray or odor-emitting collars or calming collars may not be worn in and around search areas.
- Dogs must be at least six months old to participate in classes.
- Dogs with disabilities - blind, deaf, have lost the use of a limb or are missing a limb - may participate. Dogs in wheelchairs/k-d carts may participate but will run last.
- The judge may excuse a dog which appears lame, unwell, aggressive, fearful or reluctant to work. The judge’s decision is final.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete.
- The locations of hides are unknown to handlers.
- Hides will not be placed on cones, agility equipment, dog equipment or boundary markers.
- There will be no intentional distractors placed in any searches.

- Handlers and dogs must cross the designated start line to start the timing. Failure to do so incurs a fault.
- The judge or timer will make every effort to give a 30-second (time remaining) warning, but there are situations that may occur where the warning is not given or given with less than 30 seconds remaining.
- Exterior and interior searches may include an off-leash option in safely enclosed areas at the judge's discretion. All container searches are done on lead.
- Warm-up/practice boxes with all three target odors will be available.
- Food rewards may be given during searches. Handlers may wear a pouch to carry the food rewards. Food should be given a slight distance away from the hide to prevent contamination. Dropped food incurs a fault.
- Exhibitors who have observed or completed searches must not discuss details verbally or electronically (texting) with other exhibitors or spectators. They may only indicate whether they passed or failed.
- Exhibitors may watch searches after their runs if they are not running a second dog.
- Dogs who pee, poop or vomit in the search area will be excused from the class.
- No dog with a communicable disease may be entered in the trial.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior is not tolerated. It shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct if a person during the running of or in connection with the event abuses or harasses a judge, event official or any other person present in any capacity at the event. Any handler who displays unsportsmanlike conduct or is seen to kick, strike or roughly handle a dog at any time during the event may be expelled by the event organizer. It is the duty of the judge to promptly report handler misconduct.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Nosework classes require minimal equipment. Containers and start-line and boundary markers are needed. Considerations must be made concerning space available and whether searches will be too close to other events and out of sight of competitors and the general public.
- Depending on space, time, weather or other circumstances, trials can offer one, all or any combination of the three elements - containers, interior and exterior. However, at least two classes must be offered for champion and reserve. The classes can be different elements or two of the same element if that's all that is possible.
- Level 1 containers are not transparent and all the same. They must be approximately 6" x 8" inches and no bigger than 9" x 12." Height must be between 2" and 6." Level 2 containers can be any size and mixture of types.
- Search areas are to remain out of view from competitors/general public.
- Beginner Sniffer class is optional.
- Hides stay in the same position for the entire class (see below for exception).
- TNT is a new event to JRTCA so to help accommodate owners entering two dogs in the same class we are offering this option: you can have someone else run the second dog or you can wait until the end of that class to allow the judge time to relocate the hide for the second dog.
- Spectators are generally welcome but must check in with the judge or steward and remain out of the search area. Spectators must not discuss searches until the class is completed.

JUDGES GUIDELINES

- Birch is used for Level 1 and Beginners. Anise, birch or clove are used in Level 2.
- Judges are responsible for supplying target odors and odor vessels.
- Judges place one drop of odor on each Q tip. One Q-tip per hide. It is the same for all odors and levels. All hides must be enclosed in odor vessels such as tins, straws, heat shrink tubes, etc.

- Judges may supply the containers for Level 1.
- Judges are responsible for ensuring that dogs are wearing appropriate collars, harnesses and leashes.
- Judges are responsible for removing all odor vessels when the trial is completed.
- Judge requirements: To qualify, a judge must have at least completed a Level 1 title and be competing in Level 2 in any Nosework venue. Instructors teaching Nosework are also qualified to judge. A person judging Nosework in another venue can be hired to judge.
- Judges may opt to time the class or request a volunteer for the task.
- Judges must sign all qualifying score sheets.
- Recommended payment for judges is \$2.00 per run.
- Food and lodging and travel expenses for judges to be determined by the club.

The formal botanical names for the target odors are “Sweet Birch” aka *Betula Lenta*, “Aniseed” aka *Pimpinella Anisum* variety (NOT Star Anise *Illicium Verum*) and “Clove Bud” aka *Eugenia Caryophyllata* or *Syzgium Aromaticum*. Suggested vendors include K9NWSource (<https://k9nwsources.com>) and Paws 4 Fun (<https://paws4fun.net>).

YOUTH HIGH SCORE DIVISION RULES

1. The sanctioned Youth Division is open to JRTCA child and/or youth members in the following age brackets: Child Handler (ages 5 thru 9) and Youth Handler (ages 10 thru 16). A child/youth exhibitor's age is determined as of January 1st of the current calendar year except for those children turning five years of age. They may begin competing in Child Handler any time following their fifth birthday.
2. All exhibitors in the Youth Division must be current JRTCA members, either under a Family membership or under an individual Youth membership.
3. Youths or their families applying for a JRTCA membership at a Sanctioned Trial will be allowed to enter classes at that trial.
4. Child Handlers may handle an adult terrier or a 6-12 month old terrier. Youth Handlers may only handle an adult terrier.
5. Except in the case of an injured or ill terrier (Refer to Rule 6), Youth Handlers must handle the **SAME** terrier, which must be an **ADULT** terrier, in all Youth Handler classes. No puppies are permitted in any Youth Handler classes.
6. In the rare instance that a Youth Handler's dog is injured or medically unable to continue in any remaining events at a given trial, the youth may continue to compete with another dog. In this case, the following procedure is to be followed:
 - Prior to any terrier substitution, the Youth Handler must notify the Trial Chairperson. The Trial Chairperson must see and evaluate the terrier.
 - The youth may use another **ADULT** terrier, which must be the **SAME ADULT** terrier (no puppies allowed) used for the remaining Youth Division events.

- Only one terrier substitution may be made, per handler, for each trial. (In the case of the JRTCA National Trial, the three day format equals one trial.)
- All placement points earned by the handler prior to the substitution will remain in place. No placement points will be earned by the handler following the substitution.

Note: An injured or ill terrier should be attended to as soon as possible. A licensed Veterinarian or technician should be consulted at the trial site if available.

7. Terriers owned or co-owned by the judge of any Youth Division classes are not eligible. Terriers owned or co-owned by the Trial Chairperson, or any member of their household may be entered in the Youth Division.
8. Spayed or neutered terriers may be exhibited in the Youth Division.
9. **Terriers competing in Youth GTG, if entered in regular GTG classes, must compete in the regular GTG class prior to competing in the Youth GTG class.** Terriers competing in Youth Agility, as well as regular Agility, must compete in the class order upon which the judge decides. It is important to inform the judge that the terrier is competing in Youth Handler as well as regular classes.
10. The Sanctioned Youth Division consists of the following classes:

Child Handler - In the Conformation ring (may not be combined with Youth Handler). Must be offered at all JRTCA Sanctioned Trials.

Youth Handler - In the Conformation ring (may not be combined with Child Handler). Must be offered at all JRTCA Sanctioned Trials.

Youth Working Judge's Choice - No terrier to accompany Youth to the class. "Optional".

Youth Go-To-Ground - Must be offered at all JRTCA Sanctioned Trials.

Youth Off-Lead/On-Lead Agility – May choose to participate off- or on-lead. “Optional” class.

Youth Obedience - “Optional” class.

11. Placement will be made on an accumulation of points based on the following:

(1) Ability to follow directions. Brief instructions should be given prior to the start of the competition. (2) Control and handling of terrier. Considerations will be given. (3) Encouragement of the terrier while working. (4) Knowledge of the rules and requirements of each class. (5) Awareness of class schedule and arriving on time. (6) Prompt retrieval of the terrier after competition. (7) Having terrier ready to compete. Collar off for GTG, proper collar and leash for conformation, agility, etc. (8) Knowledge of the terrier, structure, purpose, origin, etc. (9) Checking in with the Steward and being responsible for individual score sheet.

The score sheets for each individual class are to be used by the judge to calculate the class placements. The judge, at his/her discretion, may give the exhibitor his/her score sheet at the end of the class.

12. Points for placement in each individual class are as follows:

8 points = 1st place, 6 points = 2nd place, 5 points = 3rd place, 4 points = 4th place, 3 points = 5th place, 2 points = 6th place, 1 point = Participation

13. Youth Handlers are eligible for the Youth High Score/Reserve High Score. This must be offered at all JRTCA Sanctioned Trials.

The Youth High Score is awarded to the exhibitor accumulating the most points in a minimum of two classes, which must be Youth Handler and Youth GTG.

Youth Handlers may choose to participate in Youth Agility, Youth Obedience and Youth Working Judge's Choice events if offered at the trial. However, participation in these classes is not required in order for the Youth to be eligible for the High Score Award.

When Youth Handlers choose to participate in Youth Agility, Youth Obedience or Youth Working Judge's Choice events, the points accumulated by the Youth in these events must be included toward the High Score Award.

The Youth Reserve High Score is awarded to the runner-up. (That is the Youth with the second highest total points accumulated.)

A tie will be broken with the final decision made by a Conformation Judge other than the Judge of the day. The tiebreaker takes place in the conformation ring and is determined at the Judge's discretion by the exhibitor's handling/presentation of his/her terrier, by the answers to the Judge's questions, or by a combination of the two.

Note: If there is no other available Conformation Judge on the grounds, then the Judge of the day will determine the tie-breaker.

14. A judge may not judge a Youth Division class in which his or her child relative participates. When this situation/conflict arises, a different judge must be selected to judge the entire class at a particular trial.
15. All questions should be referred to the Youth Sub-Committee.

SAMPLE ENTRY FORM

TRIAL ENTRY FORM

Owner's Name: John Doe Membership # 12678
 Street: 21 Groundhog Drive Email: jdoe@email.com
 City: Hunter's Point State: MD Zip: 00001
 Daytime Phone: (410) 560-9958 Fax: N/A

Entry Fees:
 \$18.00 per regular class
 Non-Sanctioned Divisions (J-K-L):
 \$12.00 per class

Send completed entry form to:

JRTCA TRIAL
P. O. BOX 4527
LUTHERVILLE, MD 21094

(Exhibitors MUST be current members of the JRTCA.)
 Make checks payable to **JRTCA**.
 Full payment must accompany your entries.

**MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
 SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

Enter ALL of the class numbers for the terrier in the first column,
 then enter the terrier's name in the second column.
 Each terrier's name is placed **ONLY ONCE** on the entry form.

Put all
 class
 numbers
 here

Classes Entered	Terrier's Full Name	Breeding (for trial catalog)				Sex (M-F)	Coat (S-B-R)	Age	Birthdate	Height	JRTCA Reg #	Entry Fee
6 18 35 87	Foxy Jack	Sire	Foxy Tom					3	10/31/07	14"	00-01A	72.00
		Dam	Foxy Lucy									
29 93	Little Lady Lucy	Sire	Little Lady Bob					1	10/30/07	12.5"	Pending	36.00
		Dam	Little Lady Necklace									

I hereby enter the above at my own risk, and I hereby engage to be responsible for any injury or damages that may occur to, or be caused by, any animals, vehicles, or trappings or the loss of any animal, vehicles, or trappings exhibited by me, and I further agree to be absolutely responsible for the physical condition of any animal under my control of ownership and will release, indemnify, and save harmless the JRTCA National Trial, the JRTCA, Inc., and South Mt. Fairgrounds from any damages, expense, and/or liability arising out of or resulting from any act of the Exhibitor or the JRTCA National Trial or their agents or employees. I hereby certify that my dogs are free from contagious disease, and that I am not a member of a conflicting JRT organization, nor do I register my Jack Russell Terriers with any conflicting JRT Club or all-breed registry.

List each dog's
 name once

For the CHILD and JUNIOR HANDLER classes, please clearly indicate the name of the HANDLER who will be exhibiting.

Child: Jane Doe
 Youth: _____

Signature: John Doe
 Date: 9/18/11

Total Entry Fees: 108.00

Administration Fee:
 (\$2.00 or \$7.00 per dog*) 6.00

Class Sponsor:
Form must be completed

Donation towards Raffle: 100.00

RINGSIDE PARKING @ \$25:
4 dogs or more entered in

Total Enclosed: \$319.00

* \$2.00 for registered/recorded terriers
 \$7.00 for non-registered/recorded terriers

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