

HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR POINTS **IN A WORKING DOG TRIAL**

Syllabus: This seminar is a classroom and trial field practical session covering procedures, trial rules and judge's scoring guidelines that are used in "working dog trials". Effective in 2004 and on-going for the last several years, the trial rules for IPO, SchH and VDH have gone through several amendments and are now essentially all the same.

All phases of our sport (temperament testing, tracking, obedience and protection) shall be reviewed in detail so as to provide the handler/attendee with important information on what the Working Dog Judges look for when evaluating and scoring each of these phases and their separate exercises. Practical "Do's, Do Not's and What If's" are discussed to improve the handler's knowledge on how to maximize their point production on the day of the "test". The seminar strives to present the handler with a clear understanding of the trial rules in order that their training leading up to the trial will be appropriate and productive. The ultimate goal is to educate the participants on what is expected during the trial procedures so as to minimize, or hopefully eliminate the loss of valuable points due to handler error or lack of understanding. The practical sessions are done on the field as a point of demonstration that should assist handlers with their on-going training efforts.

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