#### ENTRY METHOD: RANDOM DRAW

ENTRY OPENING PERIOD: Monday, May 12, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. CT at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will NOT be accepted. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

DRAW FINISH DATE: Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Entries received after this date may still be eligible for entry, based on availability, but will not be entered for the random draw.

RANDOM DRAW DATE: Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Trial Secretary's address.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON Friday, June 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. CT after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender.



June 28, 2025 Event #2025092501 June 29, 2025 Event #2025092503 June 28, 2025 Event #2025092502 June 29, 2025 Event #2025092504

# East Grand Forks High School

1420 4th Ave NW, East Grand Forks, MN 56721 Staging may include stairs. Please notify the secretary if you need staging accessibility accommodations.

> ENTRY LIMITS 125 entries per judge Saturday and Sunday To be held Indoor/Outdoor

Trial Hours: Saturday & Sunday–8:30am to 5:00pm, briefing at 8:30am, first dog to follow Check-in begins at 8:00am Saturday and Sunday



# CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations. Gina DiNardo, Secretary

# OFFICERS OF THE GRAND FORKS DOG TRAINING CLUB

President:	Amberly Cox
	Jen Koller
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## TRIAL CHAIRPERSON Lisa Smilonich 2214 4TH AVF NF

THOMPSON, ND 58278-9302 lisasmilonich@gmail.com 701-741-1485

# TRIAL SECRETARY

Jill Swingen 873 S 93RD ST GRAND FORKS, ND 58201 iill.swingen@gmail.com (218) 791-0858

# EVENT COMMITTEE

Lisa Smilonich, Kaydi Grunhovd, Jill Swingen, Cassy Janssen, Cheyanne Chaput, Becky Rath, Amanda Williams

# JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

**Brenda Ittner** #111069, Brainerd, MN

Saturday, June 28, 2025 CONTAINER (Two Trials) Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master EXTERIOR (Two Trials) Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master

> Sunday, June 29, 2025 CONTAINER (Two Trials) Excellent, Master DETECTIVE (One Trial)

Jenny Martens #108013, Arlington, SD

Saturday, June 28, 2025 INTERIOR (Two Trials) Novice, Advanced, Excellent. Master DETECTIVE (One Trial)

Sunday, June 29, 2025 BURIED (Two Trials) Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master CONTAINER (Two Trials) Novice. Advanced

# VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Red River Animal Emergency Hospital, 4491 23rd Ave S, Fargo, ND 701-478-9299 Directions from event: Head south on I-29 towards Fargo. Take exit 63A-B to merge onto I-94W. Take exit 348 for 45th St. On 45th St, turn left onto 23rd Ave S. Continue on 23rd Ave S to your destination.

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police- East Grand Forks: 911 Altru Health System - 1200 S Columbia Rd, Grand Forks, ND 58201

# CLASSES OFFERED

The following classes are offered on June 28: Novice A/B, Advanced, Excellent, and Masters: Container, Interior, Exterior (Two Trials) Detective (One Trial)

The following classes are offered on June 29: Novice A/B. Advanced, Excellent, and Masters: Container, Buried (Two Trials) Detective (One Trial)

Final trial move up date is Monday, June 23 at 6:00 pm. Move up requests must be made via email to the Trial Secretary at iill.swingen@gmail.com.

Move ups between Saturday and Sunday trials will be allowed, but not between trials on the same day. AKC Transfer Forms need to be filled out with the necessary information no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the last class for move ups to the next day.

# DOG ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate. Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete.

Condition of the Dog. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Dogs with bandages, sutures, or visible wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both deaf and blind are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirements of the class, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

## **ENTRY FEES**

\*an entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class. Entry fees include a \$3.50 per run AKC recording fee.

#### Mail entry forms and fees to:

Jill Swingen

Attn: Scent Work

873 S 93RD ST

GRAND FORKS, ND 58201

#### Please make checks payable to: Grand Forks Dog Training Club.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery, and all entries must include check payment (no electronic payment). Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Jill Swingen at jill.swingen@gmail.com. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any condition as to its acceptance.

**Illegible entries** will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

## WAIT LIST INFORMATION

Grand Forks Dog Training Club is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of 15 entries will be placed on the waitlist. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the closing date. If an entry withdraws and is replaced by a waitlisted entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. No withdrawn entries will be eligible for a refund after the closing date. All checks from participants on the waitlist that do not get an opportunity to participate in the trial will be shredded.

## STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

**Staging Area** will be out of view of search area(s). Staging areas will include crating, warm-up and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The **Handler's Briefing** will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler's Briefing the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. NO DOGS are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.

A **warm-up area** will be available consisting of ONE marked container of each odor being tested at the trial and may also consist of blanks containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to (2) two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior to their run, or for recovery after the run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog.

A dog-relief area will be available and described at the handler briefing. Please clean up after your dog and respect the relief area boundaries to ensure trial site use in the future.

Handlers should limit where their dog/s relieve themselves to this area. A dog should not relieve themselves on anything man-made or likely to be touched by people.

# SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

Search Area Conditions. Searches may be indoors on matted, concrete, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

#### Search Area Sizes will be as follows,

Novice: Container (250-400 sq ft.), Interior (100-200 sq ft.), Exterior (200-400 sq ft.), Buried (150-200 sq ft.), Handler Discrimination (250-400 sq ft.).

Advanced: Container (400-600 sq ft.), Interior (200-400 sq ft.), Exterior (400-800 sq ft.), Buried (150-200 sq ft.)

Excellent: Container (600-800 sq ft.), Interior (two areas, 400-800 sq ft. total), Exterior (800-1500 sq ft.), Buried (200-300 sq ft.)

Master: Container (600-800 sq ft.), Interior (two areas, 600-1000 sq ft. total), Exterior (1500-2000 sq ft.), Buried (300-400 sq ft.)

#### ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

**Trial Site.** It is not appropriate to visit the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real-life environments and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future. Staging will include stairs. Please notify the trial secretary if you need accommodations and we can create an alternate route to the search site.

**Possession of Odors and Training**. Chapter 5. Section 26 of the Scent Work Regulations state "No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area".

**Spectator Area.** Spectators are encouraged. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in the class may choose to watch the search from the spectator area. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the area by the judge. Spectators are forbidden to discuss the details of the search until the completion of the class.

Crating space will be available indoors in designated areas on a first come, first serve basis. All crating and staging areas will be out of view of the search areas. All dogs must be secured inside a vehicle or inside a crate when not on leash. The Grand Forks Dog Training Club and the trial site and its affiliates will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site.

**Exhibitors are responsible** for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

The American Kennel Club, the Grand Forks Dog Training Club, and the trial site and its agents, employees, etc.,will assume no responsibilities for any stolen, lost, damaged, or missing items.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work, by downloading them here: <u>http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf</u>

# **RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES**

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

First Place	Blue
Second Place	Red
Third Place	Yellow
Fourth Place	White
Qualifying Score	Dark Green

A New Title rosette will be awarded to all teams finishing an element or level title.

The **North Star Miniature American Shepherd Club** is providing special awards on Saturday for the overall High in Trial Miniature American Shepherd in each level (Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master, Detective).

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

#### SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The Grand Forks Dog Training Club, and the trial site and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any stolen or missing items, or any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children.Grand Forks Dog Training Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the Grand Forks Dog Training Club or any official thereof.

**Collars, Leashes and Harnesses.** During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. A wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

All dogs must be on leash at all times, and retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed.

#### REFUNDS

**No entry fee** will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are eligible for a full refund if their spot can be filled from the waitlist. If their spot cannot be filled from the waitlist they are eligible for a refund, minus a \$12 processing fee. Notification in writing with veterinarian documentation must be given to the trial secretary no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the first class of the first day of trials. A refund, if deemed eligible, will be mailed.

**Bitches in season** are eligible for a refund, minus a \$12 processing fee. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

#### RINGSIDE

**Judges are not required** to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

Exhibitor Check In. Once the time and location for check-in is determined all exhibitors will be notified by email.

#### Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH CLASS they are entered.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

'Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations." Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements; for example, proof of rabies vaccination.

#### MEDIA RELEASE AND RIGHTS OF PRIVACY WAIVER

I HEREBY GRANT to Grand Forks Dog Training Club and its affiliated companies, representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known now or in the future. FURTHER, I HEREBY RELEASE Grand Forks Dog Training Club and its affiliates, representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

#### PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

There will be a professional photographer durings all trial days. Please contact the photographer directly to view and purchase photos.

Kayleigh Omang-Element Photography www.elementphotography-fm.com 701-405-4398

#### VENDORS

There will be no food or beverages for sale on trial grounds. There are several restaurants nearby the trial site.

#### **RV/CAMPING INFORMATION**

Red River State Recreation Area.....(218) 773-4950 515 2nd Street Northwest, East Grand Forks, MN

#### ADDITIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION

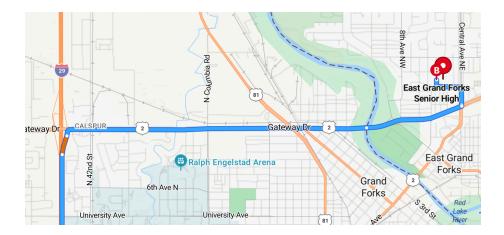
Call early to reserve rooms. We do not guarantee that dogs are accepted at any of these hotels. Some restrictions may apply. Please check with the hotel about their dog policies and about refund policies.

Fairfield Inn and Suites 514 Gateway Dr NE, East Grand Forks, MN	. (218) 399-3030
La Quinta Inn & Suites 4501 Garden View Drive, Grand Forks, SD	. (701)757-3600
My Place Hotel 1315 S 42nd St Grand Forks	. (701)757-1717
America's Best Value Inn 1000 N 42nd St. Grand Forks	(701)775-0555
Knights Inn & Suites 1211 N 47th St.	(701) 757-4041
Grand Forks Days Inn	(701) 775-0060

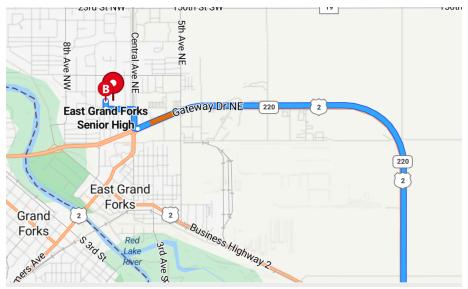
#### DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

#### East Grand Forks High School, 1420 4th Ave NW, East Grand Forks, MN 56721

Via I-29 - Take Exit 141 for US-2 toward Gateway Dr. Stay on Gateway Dr/US-2 E for 2.6 miles. Turn left onto MN-220/Central Ave NE. Turn left onto 14th Ave St NW. Turn right onto 4th Ave NW. Follow signage to parking.



Via US-2 - Turn right onto MN-220/Central Ave NE. Turn left onto 14th St NW. Turn right onto 4th Ave NW. Follow signage for parking.



# **Interested in Volunteering?**

Name:			
I am willing to volur	nteer (circle all that ap	ply):	
Friday (setup)	Saturday	Sunday	
Classes I have ente	ered:		
Additional commen (volunteer roles you	ts u prefer/wish to avoid)	):	

\*A total of 20 runs per trial will be held for those who commit to volunteering for 2 days of the trial and are entered in 6 classes or less per day. Any remaining runs will be delegated to those who commit to one day of volunteering. Any person who commits to volunteering after the random draw will not be given preference.



# **AKC Official Entry Form** Grand Forks Dog Training Club Scentwork Trial

Mail signed entries with check payable to GFDTC to:

**Jill Swingen** Attn: Scentwork 873 S 93rd St Grand Forks, ND 58201

SAT-SUN, JUNE 28-29 East Grand Forks High School. EGF. MN Draw Open: May 12, 2025 8:00 a.m. CT Draw Close: June 1, 2025 6:00 p.m. CT Random Draw: June 2, 2025 6:00 p.m. CT Trial Close: June 13, 2025 6:00 p.m. CT

Please check the box for each class desired to be entered. Dogs may enter up to two different levels within each element at each trial. Dogs entering the Advanced, Excellent, or Master or classes must have earned the required title, as stipulated in the AKC Scent Work Regulations. Dogs may enter Novice "A" class or the Novice "B" class—not both.

Saturday, 6/28/25	Container Trial #1	Container Trial #2	Exterior Trial #1	Exterior Trial #2
Trial 1	Novice A	Novice A	□ Novice A	Novice A
& Trial 2 are	Novice B	Novice B	Novice B	Novice B
CONCURRENT	□ Advanced	□ Advanced	Advanced	Advanced
with each	□ Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
element class	□ Master	□ Master	Master	□ Master
back-to-back. Changes may	Interior Trial #1	Interior Trial #2	Detective Trial #1	
be made	Novice A	Novice A	Detective	
day-of based	Novice B	Novice B		
on judge's	Advanced	Advanced		
discretion.	Excellent	Excellent		
	Master	Master		
Sunday,	Container Trial #1	Container Trial #2	Buried Trial #1	Buried Trial #2
6/29/25				
Trial 1	Novice A	Novice A	Novice A	Novice A
& Trial 2 are	Novice B	Novice B	Novice B	Novice B
CONCURRENT	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced
Changes may	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
be made day-of based	Master	Master	Master	Master
on judge's	Detective Trial #1			
discretion.	Detective			

Container, Interior, Exterior, Buried classes: \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ # of entries = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Detective classes: \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ # of entries = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$

AKC Registered Name		Regist	Registration Number 🗆 AKC/PAL/ILP/CP 🗆 Foreign	
Call name	Date of birth		Sex	
Breed			Variety	
Breeder				
Sire				
Dam				
Owner				
Owner's Address				
City	State			Zip
Telephone	Email			
Handler name (if different f	from owner above):	Junior Handl	er # (if applicabl	e):

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED. Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known. \*\*\*Be sure to read the Agreement and sign below. No form will be processed without your signature! \*\*\* AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Website, <u>www.akc.org</u>.

#### AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

#### SIGN HERE

X:	
Phone #:	
Email:	
In case of Emergency – Name:	Phone #: