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TreibballDog

Official Guidebook



FOR DSA SANCTIONED TREIBBALL EVENTS

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What is Treibball?

Originating in Germany in about 2003, Treibball is thought to have started as a substitute sport for herding dogs that did not have access to sheep. It involves a single dog, a handler and 8 balls that start in a triangle formation. The dog is directed by the handler to retrieve each ball (sometimes in a designated order) to the soccer sized goal. It is a timed competition and faults or penalties are assessed by adding time to the team's score. The dog/handler that gets all the balls to the goal in the fastest time wins. Formal competitions were first held in 2008 in Germany. This sport has taken America by storm and it is suspected that it will become very popular.

Overview of the DSA competition levels:

Novice:

Time starts when dog moves from the stationary starting position. The dog is directed from the handler's side at the goal to the far side of the balls and will demonstrate control by waiting in a stationary position for 5 seconds and then the judge signals the retrieve may begin.

3 balls set in a triangle formation, dog can drive them in any order, from half the standard distance (50 – 80'), not using his/her foot pads or teeth to move the ball and showing a clear understanding of how to move the ball from the starting point to the handler in the most direct route. 7 minute time limit. Handler stays within 10' of the goal (handler zone is designated with ground markings) and may use any auditory or visual signals to move the dog.

Time stops when the dog lies down within the handler's designated space (after all balls are retrieved). Fastest time wins. Top 4 qualifying times (after penalties) will place. All dogs that complete the course within the allotted time (after penalties) will qualify. Three qualifying runs needed for a title.

Intermediate:

Time starts when dog moves from the stationary starting position. The dog is directed from the handler's side at the goal to the far side of the balls and will demonstrate control by waiting in a stationary position for 5 seconds and then the judge signals the retrieve may begin.

Dog can drive 8 balls (set in standard triangle formation) in pre-designated order, from the standard distance (100-165'), with minimal side routes, not using his/her foot pads or teeth on the ball and showing a clear understanding of how to move the ball from the starting point to the handler in the most direct route within 10 minutes. Handler stays within 5' of the goal (handler zone is designated with ground markings). Order of retrieval of the first 3 balls must be stated by the Judge before the dog is sent for the first ball. After retrieving the first three in a designated order, the remainder of the balls may be retrieved in any order.

Time stops when the dog lies down within the handler's designated space (after all balls are retrieved). Fastest time wins. Top 4 times (after penalties) will place. All dogs that complete the course within the allotted time (after faults are assessed) qualify. Three qualifying runs needed for a title.

Advanced:

All rules from Intermediate level apply, but the course is made more challenging. The dog must navigate various obstacles that are placed between the handler and the balls. These obstacles may include ditches, immovable barriers, water hazards, objects the ball must pass over, under, through or around, etc. Obstacles may be determined by terrain, available objects and the judge. A course walk-through will be offered before the start of the class. The time for completion may be extended at the judge's discretion. Obstacles must be navigable by any size dog and accommodate up to a 75 cm ball. The number of balls that must navigate the course is determined by the judge.

General Rules

Collars/Harnesses:

Electronic training/collar devices are not allowed on the grounds at a Treibball competition or fun match. This includes electronic training devices, shock collars, and bark collars that shock a dog. Dogs may not wear training devices/collars that would inflict punishment on the dog (to include choke collars.) The premium must list if a host organization does not allow other collars or leading/tethering devices.

During the dog's run, flat buckle collars are allowed. These include any collar that fastens at a stationary point rather than tightening. Properly fitted limited-slip/martingale collars are allowed (properly fitted means that when tightened fully, the collar is only snug and does not press into the dog's neck muscle.) Properly fitted harnesses that do not constrict in any way are allowed. No-pull type harnesses are not permitted during the run. All equipment is subject to review by the judge.

Training aids, such as head halters and no-pull harnesses, are permitted on competition grounds, but not during the team's run.

Leashes:

All runs must be off-leash. Retractable leashes may only be used on the grounds if the dog is being exercised well away from other dogs and people. If other dogs or people get near, the retractable leash must be shortened to 6' or less and locked.

Food/Clickers:

The handler may not bring a clicker (or similar, audible training device used as a 'conditioned secondary reinforcer') onto the field while their dog, or another dog, is performing exercises. Audible devices (such as whistles) that are used to give cues are allowed.

This is to ensure that the dog is performing the exercises as requested based on a solid working relationship with the handler and foundation skills the dog has already learned. Dog Scouts of America strongly believes that reward-based positive reinforcement training - including Clicker Training - is the best way to teach a dog new skills and manners; however, the Treibball competition is designed to test the skills a dog and handler team already have. As such, during competition the exercises should be performed without these training tools.

Destructiveness, Disruptiveness and Safety:

If the judge observes a dog destroying or damaging equipment, facilities, or supplies used in the competition, or engaging in unsafe behavior, the judge will stop the run, and the dog will receive an NQ.

Within reason, dogs may bark or otherwise vocalize while performing their run. However, if the judge determines that the dog has ceased working and is continually barking or doing some other disruptive behavior, the judge will end the dog's run and score it as NQ.

The judges will always strive to present exercises that are safe for the average, under-control dog to participate in. However, due to the variability of the advanced exercises, and the variability of canine behavior, it would be impossible to predict all outcomes. The dog's handler is responsible for the safety of, and control of, their individual dog. If there is an item or action within the trial/match's exercises that would present a safety issue due to the behavior or lack of control of that particular dog, the handler must not allow the dog to perform that task, or must stop the dog from continuing any unsafe behavior. The judge is not required to modify a course because of a dog's behavior or lack thereof. Safety concerns may be brought to the judge's attention respectfully. The judge has the final say on course modification.

In milder cases and when it is safe to do so, it is the judge's option to provide a warning of "stop that behavior" and allow the handler to attempt to end the dog's prohibited behavior prior to the judge calling an end to the run.

Handlers:

Dogs may not be professionally handled. It is preferred that dogs be handled by a member of the dog's household or family if possible. The dog may be handled by different people in different matches or trials but must be handled by only one person during a fun match or trial. Handler must be at least 8 years old and must be able to keep the dog under control (on and off leash) without assistance. Handlers may not wear attire during their run that is advertising groups, companies or organizations other than Dog Scouts of America.

Balls:

SIZE: Balls should be at least the same height as the dog (measured at the withers), but may exceed the dog's height. Dog's over 75 cm (29") in height will use a 75 cm ball. Balls may not be larger than 75 cm for the advanced level. Balls larger than 75 cm may be used in Novice and Intermediate if permission from the judge is granted. It is recommended that each competitor bring at least 1 extra ball in case of damage.

MATERIAL: Balls may not be made of a rigid material. This is for the safety of the dog in case it runs into an immovable object at speed. It also discourages the use of the dog's teeth, which could be damaged by an unexpected impact with a hard ball. It must be possible to create a slight depression on the surface of the ball with only moderate pressure (such as that made by the force of the dog's nose against an immobile ball). Common allowable balls include exercise/fitness balls, slightly deflated basket balls, kid's inflatable toy balls, etc. The balls should roll easily with only very light pressure. They should not be deflated enough to cause a bogging down effect.

SUPPLIER: The handler will provide the requisite balls for his or her dog.

Stabilizers:

The handler will provide a means of keeping the balls in the triangle pattern for the start. The ball stabilizers should be individual components (not linked) that rest on the surface and are easy for an individual to place and remove. It is the handler's responsibility to ensure that their stabilizers will work on the playing surface without creating any damage or holes in that surface. Potential items that could be used are rings made of thick rope, hose or tubing.

Dog ID:

While a contained/secure playing area is preferred, it is not always possible. The dog may wear identification on their collar as long as it is contained or secured in such a way as to not risk puncturing a ball. Collars embroidered or marked with ID info are also allowed.

Clean Up:

Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up anything that comes out of their dog. Trial hosts are responsible for providing means to clean and disinfect surfaces from odors. Failure to responsibly clean up after your dog while at the trial or match will result in excusal from the trial or match without any refunding of entry fees.

Limitations:

Dogs under 16 weeks of age, and bitches in season shall not be eligible to compete in Treibball trials.

The owner/handler has full responsibility to have complete control over the dog while attending a Treibball trial or fun match. Handlers may not allow their dogs to freely roam, and should not allow their dog to approach/greet another dog without the permission of that dog's handler—this is both as a courtesy and in order to encourage only positive interactions between dogs.

Any judge or host club/organization has the authority to dismiss a dog/handler from the field area or the show grounds. A judge may disqualify any dog for fighting or attempting to bite another dog or person. The judge may disqualify a competitor for any unsportsmanlike action.

No exhibitor, spectator, or their children and/or dog may be in a testing area, which is currently not in use, for any reason, without the host club or judge's permission. Any such instance will result in an excusal from the balance of the trial without refund of any fees; spectators will be excused from the trial site. Dogs not entered in the trial or match may not use any equipment without the host club/organization's permission and the owner signing a liability release form.

arnesses are allowed as long as a stationary leash attachment is on the dog's back. No-pull type harnesses are not permitted while testing. All equipment is subject to review by the judge.

Training aids, such as head halters and no-pull harnesses, are permitted on competition grounds, but not during the team's testing.

Registration and Entries

Registering with DSA, Entry Eligibility

All dogs entering in a Treibball trial must be registered with DSA prior to the host club's closing date for that trial. If the trial has Day of Show (DOS) entries, a printed email or online registration confirmation from DSA with the assigned DSA Competition Registration Number (CRN), must be presented at the trial. See the Forms section in the rulebook for a DSA Competition Registration Number (CRN) Request Form, or the Treibball competition page on the DSA website.

Initial DSA Competition Registration Number (CRN) Request Forms must be mailed with the proper fee payment, or if available, purchased and submitted online. Allow at least 2-3 weeks for the form to reach DSA and to be processed.

DSA CRN numbers are emailed to legible email addresses for all forms, when received and processed. If there are any questions regarding filling out DSA CRN forms, contact DSA (See the Contact Us page on the DSA website for the DSA Competitions and Titling contact info.)

Any healthy dog, 16 weeks or older on the day of the trial, may enter a Treibball trial—and thus is eligible for a DSA CRN. Mixed-breeds and purebred dogs are equally eligible for entry. Dogs with disabilities that do not impair their ability to safely complete the required exercises may compete. Wolves or wolf-hybrids are not allowed to enter DSA trials.

Updating Your DSA CRN Registration Information:

Send address, phone, email, or other changes to DSA by mail or email. Send name changes by mail to the director of competitions and titling, and include \$5 per dog to receive a new id card with the name change.

*** See the Treibball Competition page on the DSA website to find contact information for Treibball competition hosting inquiries. ***

Trial Entries & Check-in Procedures

A general liability waiver will be a standard part of the entry forms for DSA-sanctioned Treibball trials. It is highly encouraged that organizations and groups holding "Fun Matches" also require participants to sign a general liability waiver in order to protect those organizing and hosting the match, and to encourage participants to be responsible for their own, and their dog's, behavior throughout the match.

The entry form must be completed, signed and mailed to the Event Secretary for the event. The Secretary will create a running order once all entries have been received. If an entry has been accepted by the host group and a payment rejected by the bank, the competitor shall be required to pay a \$25 rejected payment

processing fee. Entry is considered complete only after proper entry forms are submitted and payment is made; if the trial fills before that happens, the person loses their spot in the trial.

A or B class: Dogs that have earned the basic title in a level (or its equivalent in other venues) and wish to continue to compete in that level must compete in the B class. Dogs working on their championship title will be in the B class. Dogs that have not yet earned a title at the level in which they are competing (through DSA or other Treibball venues) will be in the A class. At each level (Nov./Int./Adv.) dogs in the A class will not compete for placements with dogs in the B class. However, during a trial the A class dogs and B class dogs may run in a mixed order.

Course Set-Up

FIELD: A standard soccer field or a football field would work (as long as permission to mark the ground is obtained). If a soccer field is not available, the playing area should be at least 100' long x 50' wide with a level surface. A non-level surface may be used for the Advanced level to add difficulty (ditches, small hills, slight slope, etc.) The playing surface may be grass, leveled dirt, sand, rubber matting, Astro-turf or other footing typical for equine, canine or human sports. The edges of the playing area must be visually designated (cones, lines, fences, etc.) and pointed out to the competitors during the briefing.

“ON DECK” AREA: A visual barrier at least 6' long and 3' high must be provided between the waiting area and the field for the next dog on the field. The dog “on deck” does not have to wait behind the barrier, but may use it if desired to prevent the dog’s view of the working dog.

BALL CONTAINMENT: Areas designated for containing a competitor’s equipment prior to and after each run is highly recommended. The containment areas (made of X-pens, snow fencing, dog runs, etc.) should be large enough to accommodate (8) 75 cm balls and not pose any hazard of popping a ball. Two containment areas are recommended (“on deck” and “in the hole”) can be used for competitors about to compete, while a separate area is used for the equipment just cleared from the field. Each competitor is responsible for delivering their equipment to the holding area far enough in advance of their run that no delay is created and for collecting their equipment after their run from the designated area before the field is cleared again. The judge is not required to wait for equipment or a competitor. Please be considerate of the field assistants and clear your equipment as quickly as possible after your run. Field assistants can determine when they would prefer the equipment get delivered (usually before the dog is next to go in, but not too far in advance that containment of the waiting equipment becomes an issue.)

BALLS: The course will consist of 3 balls for Novice and 8 balls for Intermediate and Advanced. The balls will be placed approximately 2' from each other (measured from the widest part of the ball) in a triangle shape. The flat side of the triangle will be closest to the goal with the point facing away from the goal.

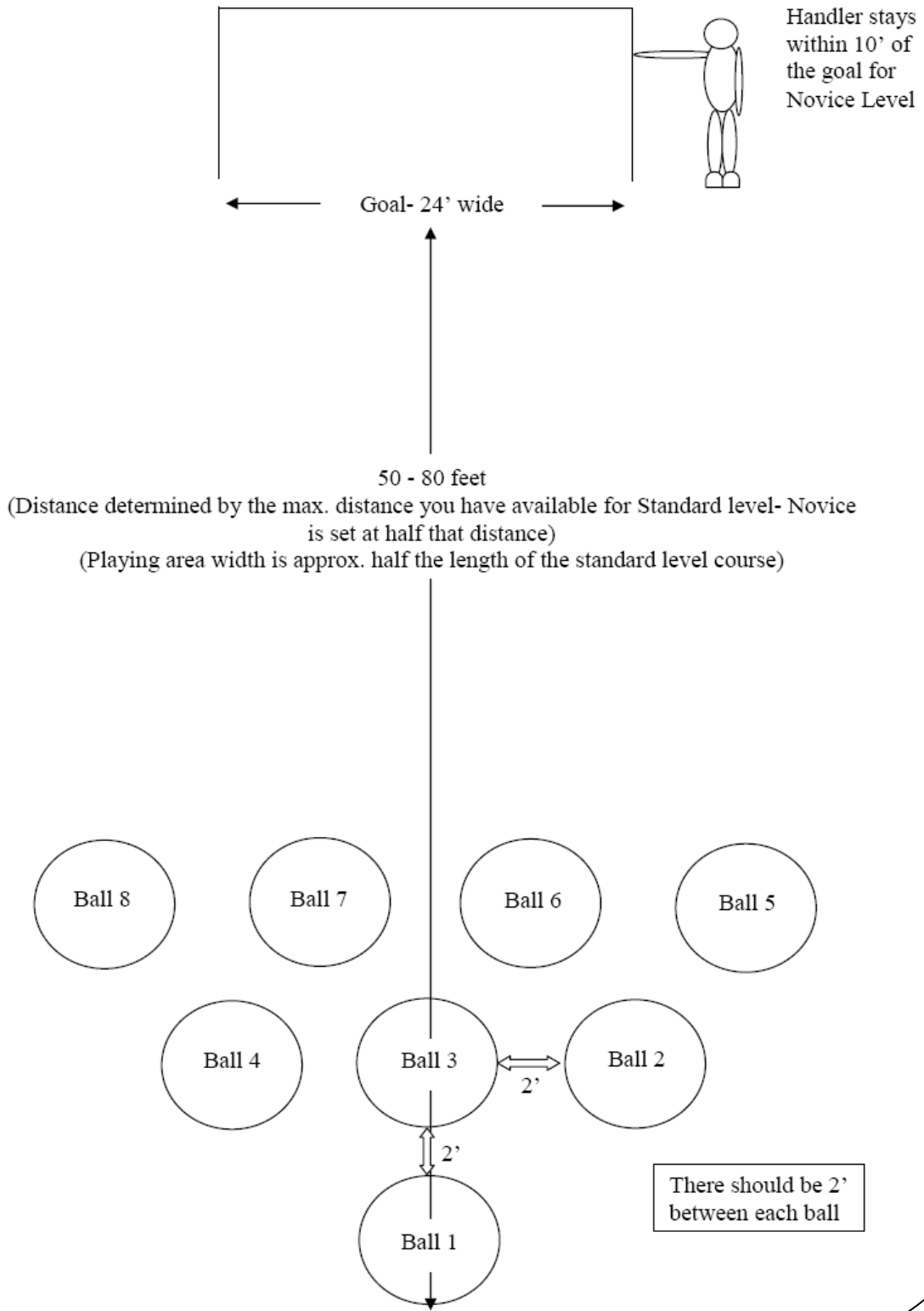
GOAL: The goal should be 24' wide, designated by upright posts that cannot be easily moved. A standard soccer goal, in-ground posts or other free standing frame may be used. If the goal has an element across the top, it must be at least 7' off the ground at the entrance to the goal. The depth is not designated, but must be of sufficient depth to hold (8) 75cm balls. The back of the goal must be designated with some sort of structure that a basket ball would not fit through. This is to both contain the captured balls and prevent a dog from getting a ball into the goal from the back side of the goal.

LINES: Ground markings that are flush with the surface (no tripping hazard) will designate the space 10' from all sides of the goal (for Novice) and 5' from all sides of the goal (for Intermediate and Advanced). There will also be a line between the uprights of the goal so it is clear when a ball has entered the goal. Lines that wear off during the competition must be remarked between runs.

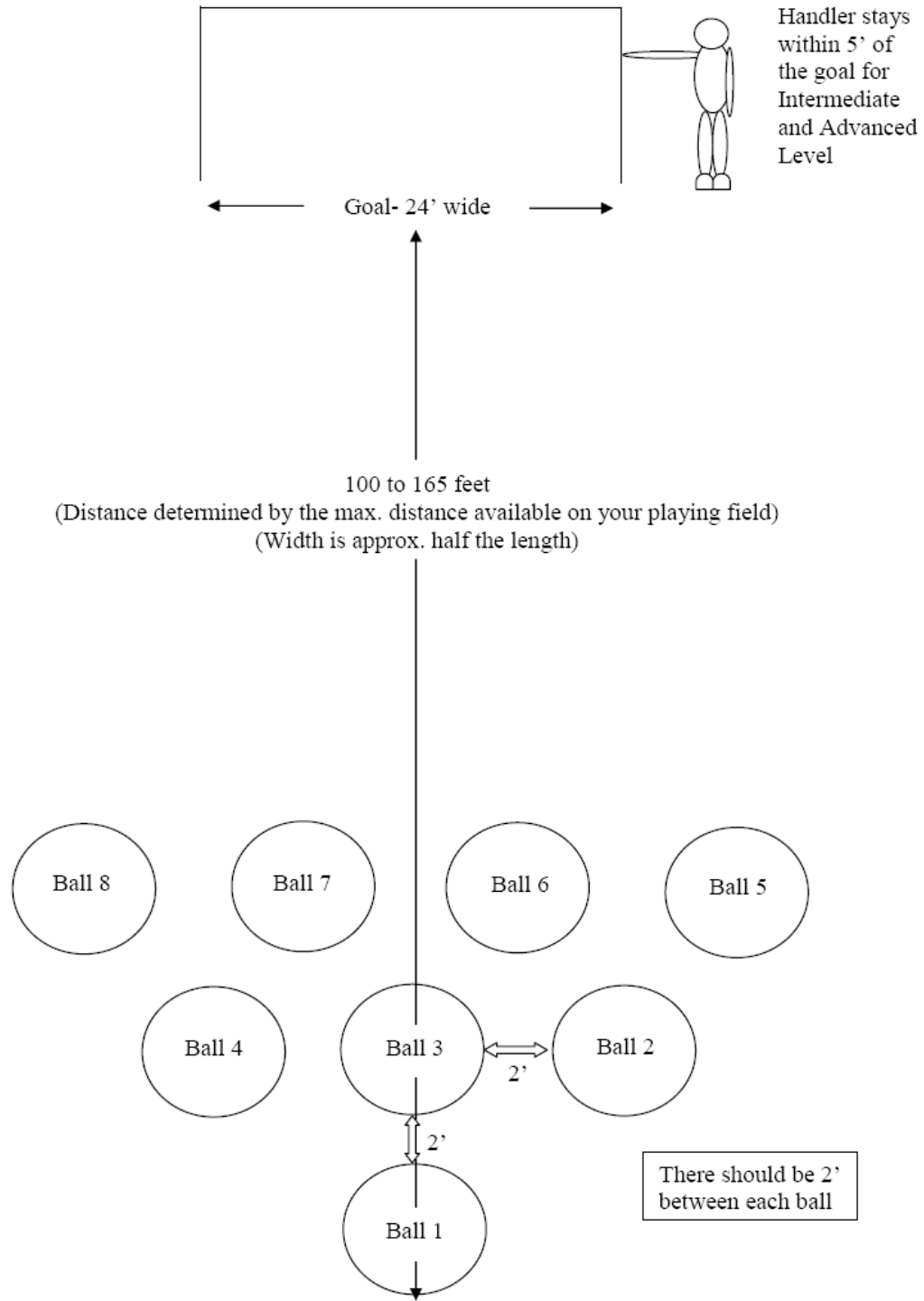
ADVANCED: Obstacles for the advanced division must be safe and navigable by all sized dogs and up to a 75 cm ball. The obstacles should be solid enough that they won't be knocked over or damaged if a dog

or ball hits them. No part of an obstacle that the ball could reasonably be expected to make contact with should present a danger of popping a ball. If any metal, drive-in stakes are used, a piece of PVC pipe should be slipped over each post to cover it. Obstacles can require the dog to drive the ball over, under, around or through. A minimum of 3 obstacles and a maximum of 6 obstacles may be used. Each component that requires the dog to move the ball in a different direction from the previous course direction is considered a different obstacle. So if a set of weave poles were set up and the dog was required to weave the ball through them, each change of direction is counted as a separate obstacle. The judge may designate whether all the balls need to be retrieved using the same designated path between the ball's starting position and the goal or if only a certain number of the balls need to be retrieved through the designated course.

The Novice Treibball Field



The Intermediate and Advanced Treibball Field



Rules of Play

PRIOR TO THE START: The judge will offer (for competitors and spectators) an outline of the expectations for the current level of competition about to begin, point out the field of play boundaries and inform the Intermediate/Advanced competitors of the order the first 3 balls will need to be retrieved (the same for all dogs in that level). A walk-through of the course will be offered for the Advanced competitors prior to the start of the Advanced level.

EQUIPMENT PREP: It is the handler's responsibility to ensure that the required number of regulation balls and approved stabilizers are provided to the Field Assistants just prior to the competitor's run. There will be a brief break between runs while the field is set/cleared. Upon completion of the run, the competitor or a helper of their choosing must collect their equipment from the field assistant in charge of clearing the field or from the designated holding area before the field needs to be cleared again.

STARTING POSITION: As soon as the field is ready, the handler should quickly get himself or herself into the starting position inside the designated zone at the goal. The dog must start within reach of the handler with at least half the dog's body farther away from the balls than the handler's toes. The dog may assume any stationary position but must remain in place of his own free will. The dog may not be physically restrained. The judge will not ask "are you ready" until the dog and handler assume a stationary position and maintain it. A dog will NQ if unable to assume a stationary position within 90 seconds of the handler moving into their zone. The judge may ask the handler to re-start if there are unusual circumstances before the start cue.

TIME START: Each run is timed by at least two timing devices (in case one fails). The timers will start after the handler has responded in the affirmative to the judge's question "Are you ready?" and then as soon as the dog moves from his/her stationary position (in any direction or change of position) or upon the judge's cue of "start" (whichever comes first). As soon as the handler says he/she is ready, the judge will say "start" loud enough for the handler and timers to hear. Visual start cues may be used for any handlers with a hearing impairment.

CONTROL DEMO: From the handler's side, the dog is sent to the far side of any ball where the dog will need to assume a stationary position for 5 seconds. The judge will count "5 and 4 and 3 and 2 and GO!" This count does not start until the dog stops moving and will be restarted from the beginning if the dog changes position or location before the count is completed. This component may be waived at the judge's discretion for the Advanced level.

BALL MOVEMENT: The dog may not paw at or push the ball in such a way that the bottom of the dog's paw or the dog's teeth makes contact with the ball. All other means of moving the ball are allowed (muzzle/nose, chest, body, legs, etc.)

BALL IN GOAL: Once a ball gets within arm's reach of the handler, the handler may assist in getting the ball into the goal. Once the point where the ball meets the ground crosses the goal line (between the up-rights) it is considered "captured". If it accidentally rolls out of the goal, the dog does not need to retrieve it

again. The handler may put the ball back in the goal during the run provided he/she does not leave their designated area. A field assistant may also recover and remove such a ball from the course if it is not in reach of the handler and if doing so does not disrupt the working dog.

TRAPPED BALL: For Novice and Intermediate, the main playing field area will have no obstructions. The edges of the playing field will be as free as possible from obstructions. If the ball is stuck in some way and the dog is not able to dislodge it, the handler may request that a field assistant move the ball just enough for the dog to get it back into play (with a 60 second time penalty). For the Advanced course, obstructions are part of the course. The obstacles should be designed in such a way that the ball is not likely to get stuck in such a manner that the dog has no chance to get the ball loose.

HANDLER ASSISTANCE/CUES: The handler may use any visual or audible cues to move the dog around the course. Cues should not be delivered in a harsh or threatening manner. The handler may choose to carry a staff, but may not use it to guide a ball that is beyond arm's reach from their designated zone.

TIME END: Time ends after all balls have been retrieved and the dog's elbows touch the ground/floor inside the line of the handler's zone. It is preferred that the whole dog be within the zone, but as long as both elbows are clearly inside the line, the time will end. If there is any question about the dog's placement, the judge will signal the timers to end time when the judge determines both elbows are inside the zone.

REWARDS: The handler may have a tangible reward item on their person during the run, but it may only be shown or given to the dog upon completion of the run. During the run, verbal praise and contact with the dog that does not change the dog's direction of movement or assist the dog in his task (head/chest/ribs pats, neck/ear scratch, etc.) are also allowed.

Penalties

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Penalties will be assessed at the judge's discretion for the following actions:

Biting/Pawing at the ball- 10 seconds to NQ depending on the frequency or intensity

Harsh or threatening cues - 10 seconds to NQ depending on the frequency or severity

Reward appearing before the end of the run-

Accidental – If the dog goes for or gets the reward item or if the dog's behavior changes in response to seeing the reward = 20 second penalty

Accidental – If the dog does not see or react to the reward item = no penalty

Intentionally showing/presenting the reward = NQ

Trapped ball- If dog cannot get the ball loose and assistant helps = 60 second penalty

Ball goes out of play – If a ball leaves the playing field (or would have if there were no barriers) = NQ

Dog relieves itself during the run = NQ (this is at any point from the time the handler gets on the field for their run until they clear the field.)

Dog leaves the test field unleashed and cannot be immediately called back = NQ

Barking by dogs not currently working on the field – If the dog is annoying others (dogs or humans), disturbing the working dog or reducing the enjoyment of the spectators, the owner will be asked to move the dog away from the field and/or the spectator area. If the dog is the next one to work, reasonable time will be allowed for the owner to go get the dog. If the barking dog is crated, the owner will be asked to quiet the dog or move the crate. Owners of dogs that cannot be quieted will be asked to remove the dog from the area.

Competition and Titling

Points and titles are awarded only in DSA-sanctioned trials. Treibball “Fun Matches” may be held either as “just for fun” without any scoring, or using the same scoring rules with optional placements and prizes awarded – but these would not be points-bearing trials. Only trials listed on the DSA website are sanctioned.

Definition: A qualifying run is any run in which the dog completes the course within the allotted time (after penalties are deducted).

Placements: Placements of 1st – 4th will be awarded to the top 4 fastest qualifying dogs in each level and in each class (A and B). Additional awards may be presented by the host if desired (fastest dog in the trial, most creative, most intense, etc.) Presentation of awards will be done by the judge at the end of each level for both the A class and the B class. Awards will be the responsibility of the host and only placements for 1st through 4th and qualifying ribbons are required for each class in each level.

Title requirements: A title will be awarded by DSA in each level upon the completion of 3 qualifying runs. A dog must earn the Novice title before competing in Intermediate. The Intermediate title must be earned before a dog can compete in Advanced.

Titles earned shall be placed after the dog's name (after the letters DS) in brackets with any other Dog Scout titles. Example: DS [DSA, PD, TRB-N]

Novice Titles

Treibball Novice (TRB-N)

Earned by a dog that has 3 qualifying runs in DSA-sanctioned Treibball trials

Treibball Novice Champion (*TRB-NCH*)

After achieving TRB-N, obtaining 10 additional qualifying runs in DSA-sanctioned Treibball trials

Intermediate Titles

Treibball Intermediate (*TRB-I*)

Earned by a dog that has 3 qualifying runs in DSA-sanctioned Treibball trials

Treibball Intermediate Champion (*TRB-ICH*)

After achieving TRB-I, obtaining 10 additional qualifying runs in DSA-sanctioned Treibball trials

Advanced Titles

Treibball Advanced (*TRB-ADV*)

Earned by a dog that has 3 qualifying runs in DSA-sanctioned Treibball trials

Treibball Advanced Champion (*TRB-ACH*)

After achieving TRB-I, obtaining 10 additional qualifying runs in DSA-sanctioned Treibball trials

The Treibball Trial / Fun Match

DSA Treibball “Fun Matches” may be offered by any group after contacting the Dog Scouts of America Treibball contact for approval (see the Treibball competition page on the DSA website for current contact info). Teams may be scored and placements given but scores/Q’s will not be recorded for titling. Approved matches will be listed on the DSA website.



Once the group has held a fun match with good feedback, or if they have scheduled a DSA approved judge, any group may apply to Dog Scouts of America to hold a sanctioned trial. Once approved, the organizing group will need to follow the below guidelines for their trial. Fees will be paid to Dog Scouts of America from the host club organization.

Premium List

The host club must make a premium list available to prospective entrants at least 8 weeks prior to the event date. The Premium List will list a limitation for the number of handler dog teams per trial per day. Part of the Premium will be the trial entry form, which must include the liability waiver all entrants will be required to sign. Additional requirements for the Premium include: Dates of trial, Host info, Chairperson and the trial secretary email addresses and phone numbers, the trial secretary's mailing address, opening date, closing date, Field location, surface, indoor or outdoor, field size, nearest vet, nearest human emergency care center, nearby hotels, if meals/food will be provided, if a shaded or indoor crating area will be provided, any trophy awards.

Competitors need to contact the host club for any questions regarding the trial, do not contact DSA.

Confirmation

Entry confirmation must be sent to the participating competitors. Final confirmations must be emailed or postmarked at least 7 days prior to the first day of the trial. The confirmation must include check-in time, order of levels, and the dog's entry information. Additional information may be included. **Exhibitors must verify their entry information and report any discrepancies to the trial secretary prior to the trial. The show secretary is not obligated to make changes at the trial if it is exhibitor's error.**

Awards and Ribbons

The host club is required to award each qualifying run with a qualifying ribbon or rosette. The Qualifying ribbon or rosette shall be bright red. Each ribbon or rosette shall have a card attached to record score information. Each Qualifying ribbon or rosette shall be printed with the following (order may differ, Logo must be first):

DSA Logo, Name of the host club, Treibball trial (or match, if ribbons are awarded at a fun match), “Qualifying Score”, City and State of Host club or organization

The host club is required to award 1st through 4th place in each level. The host club may award more places if desired, in other colors. The awards may be sashes, ribbons or rosettes. Each sash, ribbon or rosette shall have a card attached to record class information.

First Place = Blue

Second Place = Red

Third Place = Yellow

Fourth place = Green

Other awards may be given, which may or may not be included in the Premium List. These include but are not limited to, ribbons or rosettes indicating finishing a title, placement awards (leashes, toys, dog treats, etc), special awards – non-trophy (youngest handler, etc). If an award is given that could be considered a Trophy (e.g.: statue, pewter, crystal, etc), that award should be listed in the Premium List. Cash awards are not permitted, although gift certificates are allowed. Awards or prizes should not be given that are inconsistent with the positive training approaches of DSA.

Show committee and officials:

The following officials shall preside at each Treibball trial:

Judge: The Judge shall be chosen from the approved DSA-sanctioned Treibball Judges list for sanctioned trials. Matches may use provisional Judges or instructors of Treibball.

The Judge's duties are as follows:

Select and inspect equipment to be used following requirements for safety

Instruct timer about timing and start/stop indicators

Briefing exhibitors prior to each class

Working with the hosts regarding equipment/terrain available to design exercises appropriate to
Advanced level using creativity and imagination

All decisions of the judge are final

If a judge's dog is competing during a trial where the judge has been in the role as a judge, then even if it is judged by other persons, the dog is not eligible for placements if earned. The dog MAY earn qualifying runs to be counted toward a title if another DSA approved judge is available to administer the run.

Show Chairperson & Show Secretary: The Chairperson is the official contact person for complaints or infractions. The Chairperson is also the back up for the Show Secretary in an emergency situation.

The show secretary is responsible for answering prospective entrants questions, emailing/ mailing premium lists to prospective entrants, email/ mailing confirmation notices, creating running orders, posting running orders (or designating a trial assistant to this task), ensuring the table help understands the scoring/ timing procedures, ensuring the field assistants understand their roles/ duties, and submission of trial results forms and score sheets to DSA and the host club.

Field assistants: The field assistants are responsible for the set up of the balls and the advanced course ob-

stacles as designated by the Judge. Changes are not to be made to the physical course design without authorization from the Judge. An assistant should be designated to assist the competitor with getting their equipment off the field at the completion of their run.

Table Stewards: The table stewards are responsible for recording class information for the results catalog. Information to be recorded in the results catalog include: Judge's name, marking absent dogs, and dogs' score information. Score sheets are turned into the table steward, who will tally the score and determine the qualifying runs. The table stewards shall determine class placements for each level.

Timekeepers: Two timekeepers are required for each class. One will be the primary timekeeper, while the other is a back-up. The information from the back-up timekeeper is only used if there is a malfunction or failure to time by the primary timekeeper. If there is a problem with the stopwatch or other timing device prior to the run, the timekeeper shall notify the Judge. If the primary timekeeper has a malfunction during the run, the information from the back-up will be used and the judge will be notified of this. All attempts should be made to get two working timing devices before the next run. The timekeeper shall sound a whistle, bell, or buzzer (or other easily discernible signal) when handler and dog teams exceed the maximum time allowed. The Judge will call out "TIME!" when the dog's elbow's hit the ground/floor in the designated location. If the handler does not hear the timer call time, he/she should reposition the dog so that it is clearly down within the handler zone. The timers will stop the clock on the run when the Judge calls "Time!" or otherwise signals the end of the run.

Gate Steward: A gate steward is responsible for getting competitors on the field as quickly and smoothly as possible. The gate steward has no responsibility to find dogs/handlers. It is preferred to have 3 handlers ready to enter the field at all times. The gate steward has authority to change the order of teams to be judged as long as he/she informs the judge of such a change.

Treibball Trial Site

The Treibball trial area should be selected to provide sufficient room for the test to be conducted, and for the safety of participants—size will vary based on the available area. At a minimum, the site will need a minimum width of 50' to a maximum width of 80'; A minimum length of 100 feet to a maximum length of 165 feet. The width should be roughly half the length. The competition area must be open, uninterrupted space to conduct the test. The field will have some sort of visible marking around the entire perimeter (ground lines, walls, fencing, etc.). The ring area should be free of excessive distractions. For the safety of the competitors, the test may not take place next to a scheduled soccer or football game unless there is permanent fencing between the fields at least 4' high. It is preferred to have the ring area enclosed by a fence, gating or ring flags to separate the trial area from spectators. Areas must be provided for crating and exercising dogs. When possible, a spectator area should be available, preferably away from the crating area.

Trial Hosts

Any club or group wishing to host a trial may contact the DSA Treibball Administrator and/or submit a request on the Trial Hosting Form. It is recommended that hosts that have not held a Treibball Trial previously, start by hosting a Fun Match that is run as if it were a sanctioned trial. This will allow the hosting group to get experience with the requirements and to train volunteers to perform the duties needed during a trial. It can be used as a training experience for future Judges and will also give competitors in the area an opportunity to practice their skills.

Judge's Guidelines

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Judges are the backbone of any sport and their actions and opinions influence conduct beyond the performance field. A set of standards for judges has been developed to improve the standards of adjudication. Persons meeting these qualifications may be added to the "Approved Judges List."

Standard for Judges

Qualified individuals shall have met the following requirements before being placed on the Approved Judges List:

- Have sufficient experience to competently perform the judge's responsibilities, as may be evidenced by active participation in the sport, being an active member of a training group that routinely encourages training methods involving operant conditioning and positive reinforcement
- Have satisfactory attendance, participation and completion of an approved DSA judging clinic, demonstrating sufficient understanding of Treibball *and/or* judge candidates may submit videotape of their setup and administration of Treibball "Fun Matches" in which they sufficiently demonstrate all judges' responsibilities. If pursuing certification via videotape, candidates must include judge's briefing in video, and submit the recording paperwork as would be required for a trial (trial recap, scoring, etc.).
- Be of good character and in good standing with DSA

In order to maintain a position on the Approved Judges List, each Judge must:

- Be a current member of DSA
- When requested, periodically pass a short form examination dealing with rule changes
- Have satisfactory attendance, participation and completion of an approved DSA clinic once every three years *and/or* submit a sample of their judging via videotape (or be observed in person by approved DSA staff)
- Maintain an active role in the sport
- Be of good character, setting forth a professional image for the sport
- At all times when representing DSA or Treibball, or on site at a Treibball event, will utilize and promote only positive training methods that are in accordance with DSA's position on punishment, which can be found on the DSA website

Persons on the Approved Judges List:

- During a trial or match, are expected to uphold an image of integrity and as a competent professional, both on and off the course. An integral part of this image is appropriate attire consisting of slacks with a coordinating shirt. A judge shall not wear any apparel bearing business, sponsor or other organization insignia (other than DSA.)
- Shall recognize their role as a judge is a privilege not a right
- Shall diligently fulfill all responsibilities with regard to judging assignments
- Shall seek to assist fellow judges when needed in fulfillment of judging responsibilities when viewed in the best interest of the sport

Shall notify DSA immediately if they wish to be suspended or removed from the active judges list

Disciplinary Actions

A person on the Approved Judges List who shall violate the standards in fact or in spirit shall be subject to disciplinary action in the form of reprimand, probation, suspension or removal from the Approved Judges List. All disciplinary action proceedings shall be conducted by the DSA Board of Directors in “closed session” and shall remain confidential, except that the decision to suspend or remove a person from the Approved Judges List shall be published.

Suggested points to cover for the Judge’s Briefing

Trial field perimeter

Your cues for start/end

Timer’s cues for end

Areas designated for equipment before/after run

Reminder to deliver/clear equipment quickly

“Any questions?”

(Intermediate) order of 1st 3 balls to be returned

(Advanced) course walk through

A List of Useful Definitions for TreibballDog

- ◆ Run – The time each competitor spends on the trial field. Starts when the competitor enters the field, ends when the competitor leaves the field.
- ◆ Reward Item- This can be any object that motivates the dog. It must be kept hidden from view during the run on the handler or outside the test area. It can be food or a toy. The reward item is only delivered at the completion of the run as a reward. Making it visible to the dog prior to the end of the run may result in an NQ.
- ◆ Working dog- The dog on the field for their run
- ◆ On Deck- The next team waiting to go onto the field
- ◆ In the hole – the team going in after the “on deck” team

Library of IMPROV Forms



The forms on the following pages may be reproduced from this book, or can be obtained online along with other IMPROV information at www.dogscouts.org. You will also find a sample Trial Premium online in a format which may be used as a template to create a Premium that is personalized to your trial.

DSA Competition Registration Number (CRN) Request Form



Complete a separate registration form for each dog you are registering. Each dog needs only one CRN to compete in any and all DSA competitions. **Please print clearly or type** – this information will appear on all DSA Competition & Titling records. Registration confirmation will be emailed to you. If you do not have email, it will be sent via US mail. Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.

Handler Name(s): _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Dog Name: _____

Breed/Mix: _____

Birth Date: _____ Gender: _____ Altered: _____

Height at Shoulder: _____ Approximate Weight: _____

If you have previously registered with DSA, list the first 6 digits of your CRN: _____

Fees:

DSA CRN Registration	\$35.00	_____
Responsible Owner Discount (see below for how to qualify)	-\$10.00	_____
I confirm that I am a responsible pet owner (initial each line)		
_____ My dog travels safely in my vehicle (canine seatbelt, crate, etc) *		
_____ My dog gets a health check-up from a veterinarian annually *		
_____ My dog has a permanent ID (tattoo or microchip) *		
_____ I am prepared for an emergency (dog first aid kit, recent photo)		
_____ We "leave no trace" in public (pick up poop, don't pollute, etc.)		
_____ We use positive reinforcement training methods (treats, toys, etc.)		
_____ My dog is considered my family member and is in a lifelong home.		
If this is the 3rd (or greater) dog being registered in this household	-\$5.00	_____
DSA Member Discount	-\$5.00	_____
Total		_____

* To receive the Responsible Pet Owner discount, all items must be initialed and the following documentation included: photo of dog prepared to ride safely inside vehicle or receipt for canine seat belt purchase; documentation of most recent vet visit; and photo of tattoo or documentation of microchip/tattoo number.

Payment Information

Make check or money order payable to DSA (in US funds drawn on U.S. Banking institutions.)

Mail to: **Dog Scouts of America, Attn: Ann**
161 Beetem Hollow Road, Newville, PA 17241

OFFICIAL DSA Treibball TRIAL ENTRY FORM (sample)

[INSERT TRIAL HOST AND ADDRESS]

Return completed form(s) with **entry and registration fees payable to:** [insert here]

Mail To: [Trial host/secretary and address]

Entries close: [insert closing date]



DOG INFORMATION

Reg. Name: _____ DSA CRN #: _____
 Call Name: _____ Approx. Height (at shoulder): _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Breed: _____ Approx. Weight: _____

** Dog must have DSA Competition Registration Number (CRN) / entries will not be accepted and/or considered valid without an DSA CRN.*

OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Handler's Name (if other than owner/handler above): _____

Entries accepted on a first-come-first served basis. Confirmations will be sent out after entries have closed.

	Saturday (Trial 1)	Sunday (Trial 2)
Entered for: Novice (\$25/run)		
Standard (\$25/run)		

GENERAL AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that _____ (the hosting organization) has the right to refuse this entry for any cause, which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, of the holding of the event, and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be judged, I (we) agree to hold the organizing committee, the hosting club, the Dog Scouts of America, including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees, sponsors of the event, and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees, harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage, or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify 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 resulting at any time there from, 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, howsoever such injuries, death, or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I (we) further acknowledge that I (we) have read, understand, and will abide by the Official IMPROV Rules and Regulations of the Dog Scouts of America and the provisions for entry as set forth in the IMPROV Rulebook of which this entry form is a part. I (we) acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me (us) herein is correct to the best of my (our) knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my (our) entry, such finding shall render my (our) entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid. Further, I (we) represent that I am (we are) the owner(s) of the dog listed hereon, or that I (we) am (are) a family member of the dog's owner as stated and allowed in the IMPROV rules, and that I (we) shall hold the hosting club and DSA, including their officers, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors, harmless from any liability or claim made by dog's owner. Further, I (we) hereby grant to the Dog Scouts of America, trial host, their representatives, agents, and assigns, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate my and the dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia or identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission, or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. I (we) hereby release Dog Scouts of America, the hosting club, their representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality, or any similar right.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian signature for junior or minor entries: Signature: _____ Date: _____



DSA Treibball Trial Sanction Application (page 1)

In order for your trial to be a Sanctioned Treibball Trial, you must provide the following information to the Dog Scout of America office. Once your trial has been sanctioned, teams entered will be eligible to be awarded qualifying legs or titles.

Application fee of \$50.00 applies for one or more trials held on the same day or consecutive days, provided they are listed on one application. For large events with greater than 50 paid entries, there is an additional fee of \$3 per entry, to be paid no later than when scores are submitted for recording.

Trial Date(s) _____ Trial Level(s) _____

Location _____

Ring Surface _____ Ring Size Available _____

Club/Host Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____ Website _____

Is this event being held in conjunction with any other dog sports event? Yes No

If yes, please describe event _____

JUDGES

Trial Date _____

Trial Date _____

Trial 1 _____

Trial 2 _____

Novice _____

Novice _____

Standard _____

Standard _____

Trial Date _____

Trial Date _____

Trial 1 _____

Trial 2 _____

Novice _____

Novice _____

Standard _____

Standard _____

(DSA Treibball Trial Sanctioning Application, page 2:)

Please note:

If you are holding more than two trials per day, please edit the information to indicate this. If you are holding a two (or more) day event AND offering more than two trials per day, it will mean that you must submit an additional trial application for the second (or more) day. No additional payment is required provided that all paperwork is submitted at the same time. If you have questions please contact the IMPROV coordinator (**contact info for IMPROV staff can be found on the DSA website on the Contact Us page.**)

Trial officials must be provisional or approved at time of trial application submission. If you have not arranged for trial officials but wish to reserve the date, please note "TBD". Once you have finalized your judging panel you must submit a new application (no additional payment required).

PAYMENT INFORMATION***Fees***

Trial Sanctioning Fee \$50.00

For events with greater than 50 entries: Individual Team Administrative Fee \$3.00 per entry.

The \$50 Trial Sanctioning Fee must be paid with this application. Team Administrative Fees are payable when score sheets are submitted for certification and must include all entries.

Please make check payable to DSA in US funds. Checks must be drawn on US banking institutions.

Mail to: ***Dog Scouts of America, Attn: Ann
161 Beetem Hollow Road, Newville, PA 17241***

Please refer to the DSA Guidebook under Hosting a Trial for complete trial details.
Applications must be received by DSA a minimum of three months prior to trial date.

DSA Sanctioned Event Recap Sheet

Thank you for hosting a DSA Competition & Titling event. These forms have been created to help you easily report your results to DSA.



Please Type or Print Clearly.

Instructions:

- This recap must be completed and returned within 10 days of your event. You must attach separate Recap Sheets to the Trial Score Reporting Sheets for each Level of your trial. Do not change, edit, alter these forms.
- Please make additional copies of the Score Reporting Sheet as needed. Your Judge and Scorekeeper must sign all copies or the forms will be returned.
- You must retain all the original score sheets and trial entries for a period of one (1) year from your trial date.
- If, for any reason you cannot comply with this timeline, please contact the Chairperson for the appropriate DSA Competition & Titling venue.

For events with a balance of fees still due, please include your check payable to **Dog Scouts of America in U.S. funds drawn on U.S. banking institutions, International Postal Money Orders in U.S. funds** in the amount of \$3.00 per entry with your Recap Sheet.

Trial Date _____ **Trial #** _____

Trial Host _____

Contact Person _____

Judge _____

Trial Secretary _____

Desk Steward _____

Timing Steward _____

Scorekeeper(s) [if more than one, note which trials / sections scored]

Total # of teams entered _____

Total # of entries _____

Mail to: ***Dog Scouts of America, Attn: Ann
161 Beetem Hollow Road, Newville, PA 17241***

DSA Sanctioned Event Score Reporting Form



Trial Date _____ Trial # _____

Judge's Name _____ Class/Level: _____

Judge's Signature _____

Scorekeeper Signature _____

Team #	DSA CRN #	Handler Name/Dog Name	Score

Mail to: **Dog Scouts of America, Attn: Ann**
161 Beetem Hollow Road, Newville, PA 17241



DSA Sanctioned Event Judge Evaluation Form

This form is to be completed by the Trial Secretary for this trial, if possible. Other Trial Contact persons may substitute for the Secretary. Include an explanation for the substitution.

Complete a separate evaluation for EACH Judge working with you and mail within 10 days of the trial to:

***Dog Scouts of America, Attn: Ann
161 Beetem Hollow Road, Newville, PA 17241***

Name of Judge: _____

Type of Event: IMPROV / DraftDog / Other: _____

Trial host organization: _____

City/State: _____

Date of Event: _____

Level (s) judged _____ # Dogs Judged at each level _____

Please answer the following questions by circling Yes/No or rating the answers per the following scale:

5 = excellent

4 = better than average

3 = average – needs work in this area

2 = below average – should study the rules and regulations further

1 = poor

_____ Rate the Judge's understanding of good ring procedures

_____ Rate the Judge's professionalism in the ring today

_____ Rate the Judge's understanding of the applicable Rules and Regulations

_____ Rate the Judge's ability to design a fair and functional course

_____ Rate the Judge's ability to determine how a performance should be scored

_____ Rate the Judge's ability to apply the description of any specific exercises in the rules and regulations to their scoring of a dog/handler's performance.

Is the Judge aware of the appropriate scoring procedure for each exercise for all classes judged?

YES / NO

Trial Secretary Name _____

Signature _____ Date Signed _____

Remarks – please provide comments and suggestions on the reverse side of this page or in an attachment. Please summarize and/or include any comments submitted by competitors either verbally or in writing regarding this judge's performance. You may also wish to convey helpful suggestions directly to the judge, but please ensure they are also included on this form.

DSA Sanctioned Event Judge Compensation and Expense Guidelines

These guidelines are provided to judges, representatives, and show committees in order to ensure fair and equal compensation for services rendered and to assist host clubs in budgeting for their event. Compensation made to any trial officials must be in the form of check, cash or money order. Trial officials are prohibited from accepting ‘complimentary’ entry fees as a form of compensation.

1. These fees are guidelines, and trial hosts and judges may come to individual agreements as appropriate. Judge should not be expected to perform their duties for free, but they are not prohibited from doing so.
2. Suggested judging fees: \$5 per entry judged, or a flat fee based on anticipated number of entries.
3. Suggested travel expenses: \$.48 per mile plus tolls (or current government rate)
4. In the event of airline travel, expenses are to be individually negotiated by host club and Judge.
5. Meals are to be provided by host club on day(s) of trial(s) or expenses reimbursed to Judge.
6. Lodging: Hotel reservations are to be made and paid for in advance by the host club.
7. All fees and expenses will be paid at the conclusion of the Judge’s last assignment. Judge shall furnish a written receipt to host club at time of payment.
8. Keeping in mind that Judges must often cancel classes and other income producing appointments in order to assist host club, the following “cancellation policy” is strongly recommended:
9. In the event the host club cancels/postpones the trial(s), the Judge shall be compensated, within 7 days, an amount equal to one half the total Judging fee. If re-scheduling the trial(s), the host club must inform the Judge of the new date within 7 days. The remaining balance and all related expenses shall then be paid at the conclusion of the judge’s last assignment on the rescheduled date. If, due to prior commitment, the Judge is not available for assignment on the rescheduled date, the 50% payment shall be made immediately.
10. The host club must confirm with the Judge, in writing, all terms and conditions of assignment. Confirmation must be sent to Judge within two weeks of verbal acceptance of assignment. A sample judge’s confirmation letter can be found in the Rulebook.
11. The Judge and host organization should agree in advance on how supplies and equipment for the courses will be obtained. If any trial officials will participate in the trial, then the courses and supplies to be used on those courses is to remain a secret until the day of the trial. To facilitate this, the host organization may provide a funds in advance for the Judge to obtain necessary equipment, within an agreed-upon budget.
12. Judges may use the following form as a receipt to the host club:

Received from: _____ Date: _____
 Judging Fee(s): \$ _____ Name: _____
 Signature: _____
 Travel: \$ _____
 Meals: \$ _____
 TOTAL: \$ _____
 Note: attach all receipts

DSA Sanctioned Event Sample Judge Confirmation Letter

I, _____, agree to act as a Judge for the following event(s) sponsored by _____.

Date Type of Event: IMPROV / DraftDog / Other: _____

Trial #(s): _____ Level(s): _____

This event will be held at: _____

Scoresheets, if modified from the template in the Rulebook, to be sent to: _____

The trials will be held on a _____ surface.

Ring size: _____

Judge's fees and compensation:

Judging Fee: _____

Travel: _____ (receipts required)

Lodging: Hotel reservations made and paid for in advance by host club.

Meals: _____

Course supplies and equipment budget: _____ to be paid (before / after) the trial.

All fees and expenses will be paid prior to the conclusion of the judge's last assignment.

In the event the host club cancels/postpones the trial(s), the Judge shall be compensated, within 7 days, an amount equal to one half the total Judging fee. If re-scheduling the trial(s), the host club must inform the Judge of the new date within 7 days. The remaining balance and all travel, lodging and meal expenses shall then be paid at the conclusion of the judge's last assignment on the re-scheduled date. If, due to prior commitment, the Judge is not available for assignment on the re-scheduled date, the 50% payment shall be made immediately.

Your signature below confirms that you agree to and understand the above agreement and that you have read and understand the latest rules/regulations governing the trial that you have agreed to judge. You must sign this form and return it to the Trial Secretary no later than _____

Judge Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Trial Secretary _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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