

# MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

## Search Dog Team Certification Standard Appendices C and D

### Certification Test Evaluation Form Basic or Advanced Tracking/Trailing for Wilderness Search

This form is to be used for evaluating each of the tests in Appendix C or D of the MASAR Search Dog Team Certification Standard. Both sections of this form must be completed, and passing scores must be achieved in each, for the dog team to be certified.

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Handler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Finish Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Track/Trail Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Wind Direction and Strength: \_\_\_\_\_

Scent Article: \_\_\_\_\_ Navigator: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Search Article Descriptions:

Large: \_\_\_\_\_

Small: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Test Scoring

Section 1 Total: \_\_\_\_\_\*                      Section 2: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

\*A minimum score of 39 is required to pass.

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**Section 1 - Team Search Skills**

The dog team's skills are to be observed by the evaluator during the test search using the criteria listed below. They are to be rated on a scale of 5 to 1, e.g. Excellent = 5, Above Average = 4, Average = 3, Below Average = 2, and Unacceptable = 1. Any category not observed receives a score of 3 and the notation N/O. The total score is to be entered at the bottom of this page. Note that if more than 3 of the evaluation criteria are not observed the evaluator(s) must decide whether the test should be redone.

<b><u>Evaluation Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>
1) Handler plans efficient search, utilizing wind and existing environmental conditions to provide maximum coverage	_____
2) Handler demonstrates ability to judge sweeps of areas as to their suitability to the prevailing conditions	_____
3) Handler demonstrates ability to control and assist dog	_____
4) Handler recognizes when either member of team is working ineffectively and takes action to compensate for it or to remedy the situation	_____
5) Handler recognizes when dog alerts to human scent	_____
6) Dog performs refind or alert as described by handler	_____
7) Dog demonstrates ability to work under control	_____
8) Handler and dog work effectively with persons accompanying them	_____
9) Handler demonstrates ability to report clearly on map the following:	
A) Area and/or routes covered	_____
B) Estimated probability of detection for team	_____
C) Location of alert	_____
D) Wind direction and other factors pertinent to search	_____
E) Location of any clues encountered	_____

**Section 1 Results**

**Total Score** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 2 - Overall Team Evaluation**

All of the following questions must be answered "Yes" to pass this section:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1) Did dog find search subject?	_____	_____
2) Do the handler and dog show fitness and stamina adequate for the search problem?	_____	_____
3) Should this search dog team be certified?*	_____	_____
4) For advanced tracking/trailing testing only, did the dog find at least three articles on trail?	_____	_____

**Section 2 Results**

Pass? \_\_\_\_\_

Fail? \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the response to this criteria is **No**, please explain why in the Comments section below.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_