

Procedure for holding a ballot for Trials.

Due to the increase in the number of members competing in both Tracking and Track & Search, and depending on the number of Judges contracted, it may become necessary to ballot for positions in the trial.

The below information outlines the procedure Trial Secretaries will take to establish which entries will be judged and which will be excluded.

1. Thirty Day Suspension. (Rules for Tracking Trials p.10 General and Rules for Track & Search Trials p. 8 General (p)) Dogs which have failed on two consecutive occasions may be subject to a 30-day suspension from competing at a Tracking (Track & Search) Trial. The 30-day suspension will only take effect if the affiliate conducting the Tracking (T&S) Trial has to ballot for the tests available. Affiliates which do not have to ballot for available Tests must not invoke the 30-day rule under any circumstances. It is the responsibility of the handler to advise the affiliate of two consecutive fails.
2. Any member living 100km or more from Perth GPO, are exempt from three ballots in each Trialling season.
3. If a judge, actively judging trials for Trackwest (in the current year) wishes to compete with their own dog in a trial, they should be exempt from three ballots in each Trialling season. (Tracking if judging that discipline, Track & Search if judging that discipline.)
4. Determine the number of tests available.
5. Remove any handlers to whom the above rules (1-3) applies.
6. Nominate a time and place for the ballot to take place. This should be no later than the Wednesday following close of entries.
7. Notify entrants. They should be given the opportunity to attend the ballot.
8. **Conduct of ballot.** This should preferably be carried out under the scrutiny of a neutral person. The ballot will decide the entrants to be excluded.
 - Names of entrants will be written on separate, identical slips of paper and placed in a container.
 - The neutral person will pull out a slip and the name will be recorded until sufficient handlers have been reached.
 - All handlers will be notified of the result.
 - The process will be carried out, if required, for both Saturday and Wednesday trials.
 - Those entrants that are not included in the initial draw, shall have their names remain in the container and used should there be any scratchings.

Trackwest determination:

Note: If a handler has entered more than one dog, and not all entries are successful, the handler can nominate which dog/s they wish to enter.