
ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

Entries Open March 7th 2026 at 8 AM Eastern time (EST). Entries will be FIRST RECEIVED. No Hand Deliveries. The Closing Date will be April 5th, 2026 5 PM (EST) after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.



PREMIUM LIST

NWPASWA



Northwestern PA Scent Work Association
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

Sunday April 26th, 2026 Event #2026756807

**Novice, Advanced Excellent and Master HD;
And Detective**

Name of Event Location

Covert Games, 2061 W 8th St, Erie, PA 16505

ENTRY LIMITS

**55 max detective runs per trial
and/or 125 max HD runs per trial**

*Will be adjusted according to judging time

To be held Indoors/Outdoors

Trial Hours:

Sunday

Check-in at 9 am. Handler's Briefing at 10 am, first dog to follow

Judge:

Ann Spurrier (#108871)

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



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB**

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Fairview, PA 16415
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814-602-2126

EVENT COMMITTEE

Kim Lux, John Knauer, Brenda Young, Karol Campbell, Eric Campbell

JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS*

Ann Spurrier

Novice HD
Advanced HD
Excellent HD
Masters HD

Detective

* Judging assignments may be adjusted for load balancing

** Judging times are given after entries close.

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.

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Dr. Christine Nestor, DVM - Balance Veterinary Rehab

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police- Erie County - **Call 911**

Hamot Hospital – 201 State Street Erie, PA 16550 (10 miles)

DOGS 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. Wherever the word "dog" is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog displays no sign of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Deaf and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Females in season may not participate, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from an injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance may not participate. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

ENTRY FEES

Each entry for each Novice and Advanced class.....	\$27.00
Excellent and Master entries.....	\$30.00
Day of Entries	\$35.00
Detective Entries.....	\$50.00
Day of Detective Entries	\$55.00
\$4.50 per run AKC recording fee	

ONLINE ENTRIES PREFERRED. REGISTER AT THIS LINK:

<https://form.jotform.com/260194006610143>

Mail entry forms and checks to:

Lisa Yan, 6085 Northern Drive, Fairview PA 16415

Make checks payable to NWPASWA.

One check per dog entered (not per class). No more than five dogs/entries per envelope please.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax. **Entries are not accepted without payment.** Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible entries - Exhibitors will be notified by email the entry will not be processed and will be shredded/check shredded. Please make sure we can read your entry! Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Trial Secretary will add a \$35.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

NWPASWA is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **25 entries** will be placed on the club's wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to the close date. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after the close date. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Any wait listed entry

that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund, or checks will be shredded. If the trial and wait list are full, exhibitors will be notified by email and their check will be shredded.

STAGING AREA. HANDLER'S BRIEFING. AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

A **warm-up area** will be available consisting of one labeled container of each target odor in the trial. 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 their run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog.

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will be designated by the club or communicated to you before the trial.

Handler's Briefing:

Each handler will be briefed when they come into the search area.

The judge will explain if there is an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. Exhibitors will ask questions before they start to search.

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 concrete, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

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.

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 except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. 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 details of the search with handlers who have not run.

Crating space is not available. Please crate your dogs in your car and keep dogs on leash while not working.

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.

Likeness Release. Exhibitors grant the club and its representatives, employees, and assigns, the irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, and unrestricted right and permission to use, re-use, and publish exhibitor name, image, likeness, voice and biographical information from this event. Exhibitors must purchase the media or obtain permission to use this media from the event.

RIBBONS AND AWARDS

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
New Element Title.....	Lavender

A **New Title, New Elite Title and New Elite Element Title rosette** will be awarded to dogs finishing that level. Detective Q and title ribbons will also be awarded.

**You must pick up your new element ribbons and rosettes, then you can leave.
Only placement and Q ribbons are mailed out if you aren't present.**

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

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 Flagship Dog Sports and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibility for 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. The Flagship Dog Sports 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 Flagship Dog Sports 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 not eligible for a refund.

Bitches in season will be refunded the full entry fee **minus \$10 for a 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.

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. Ribbons will not be mailed.

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN: All exhibitors will be given a run order and instructions by email. When you arrive, please check in at the registration desk without your dog.

REACTIVE DOGS: Chapter 3 Section 30. Special Accommodations for Certain Dogs. Clubs are not to make special accommodations for certain dogs (such as dogs determined by their owners to be "reactive"). Clubs may not advertise a "red bandana" policy in Premium lists or printed materials or impose such a policy in the briefing.

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

ADDITIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION

Red Roof Inn 7865 Perry Hwy, Erie I-90 (814) 491-2069
Maple Hotel 5512 W Lake Rd, Erie, PA 16505 [\(814\) 833-4834](tel:8148334834)

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

Directions from the South: Take I-79 North to the bayfront and make a left onto Lincoln ave. Make a left on 8th street. Covert Escape Games is in a plaza on the left.

Directions from the East/West: Take I-90 to I 79 and follow directions above.



Limited parking, please carpool if possible. Please park anywhere in the in the designated areas. No overnight parking - No RV/trailer day of parking

***Chapter 3 Section 35. Posting of Preliminary Results.** "The results from each class shall be posted at the trial location, as soon as is feasible after the conclusion of the class." You may be asked to leave after you run even if results are not available.

The AKC is committed to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800.656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors



OFFICIAL ENTRY

Entries should be sent to:
 Lisa Yan, NWPASWA
 6085 Northern Drive
 Fairview, PA 16415

No entries will be accepted if signature is required for delivery.

Sun. April 26th	2026			
HD	Detective			
Trial 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Master	Trial 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Detective			

FLAGSHIP DS/NWPASWA – April 26th 2025

Fee \$27.00 per Novice & Advanced class entered # of Classes _____ X \$27.00 = _____

Fee \$30.00 per Excellent and Master class entered # of Classes _____ X \$30.00 = _____

Fee \$50.00 per Detective class entered # of Classes _____ X\$50.00= _____

Make checks payable to NWPASWA.

Total _____

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number	
		<input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> 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 from owner):		Junior Handler # (if applicable):	

AGREEMENT

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

By signing this agreement and entering this trial, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Club event, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Club event may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Club Officers, committee, volunteers, land owners, and program participants and their families. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at the Club event. On my behalf, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Club, its Officers, committee, grounds owners, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Club officers, committee, volunteers, land owners, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Club event.

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 premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers 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.

X: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency –

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____