Official NACSW™

ELT-P, ELT-S/ELT-S, ELT Trials

January 1-3, 2027

TRIAL LOCATION:

Mount Saint Mary's University

16300 Old Emmitsburg Road

Emmitsburg, MD 21727

It is not appropriate to contact or visit the trial location prior to the trial date, nor should training take place on trial grounds once an event is approved/announced. Our locations are real life search environments where people work, go to school, etc. Pre-trial contact or visits risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location again in the future.

Trial Host and Secretary Contact Info:

Jennifer Moczulski, Red Huskies Nose Work, LLC

WonderWoman@redhuskies.com

ELT-P: Friday, January 1, 2027
ELT-S/ELT-S: Saturday, January 2, 2027
ELT: Sunday, January 3, 2027

Certifying Official

Sarah Woodruff

Judges:

Friday: Paula Brainard, Jo Trent

Saturday: Jessica Miller, Jo Trent

Sunday: Jessica Miller, Jo Trent

Entry Cost:

ELT-P: $225 per dog and handler team
ELT-S: $150 per dog and handler team
ELT: $225 per dog and handler team

Number of Entries:
ELT-P: 30 entries
ELT-S: 20 entries
ELT-S: 20 entries
ELT: 30 entries

One dog per handler per level.

TRIAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Trial Entry Open and Closing

- The draw period for the trial will open on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 12:00 PM noon Eastern Time. Entries will be awarded by random draw of all entries received between 12:00 PM noon Eastern Time on Thursday, November 19, 2026 and 12:00 PM noon Eastern Time on Saturday, November 21, 2026.
- Trial entry will close at the end of the draw if the trial and wait list are deemed full. If the trial and wait list are not full, the trial will remain open for entries until they are deemed full or the day of the trial.
- We will not be taking payment until you are given a space in the trial. If you are given a space in the trial, you will receive information on how to submit payment. You will then have **4 days** to complete your payment to confirm your space in the trial.

Entry Method

All entries will be on-line via the link provided to the NACSW trial entry form. Paper and phone entries will not be accepted. Completing the form is not a guarantee of entry. You will receive a confirmation from **WonderWoman@redhuskies.com** to let you know if your entry has been given a space in the trial.

Entry Requirements & Selection

A Qualified Entry is one that meets all the following criteria:

1. Complete the on-line trial entry during the draw period listed above.
2. The Handler is a NACSW member in good standing for the 2026-2027 membership year (8/1/26 - 7/31/27).
3. The Dog is registered and in good standing with the NACSW.
4. Dogs participating in a trial must be at least one year of age.
5. The Dog has achieved the prior title level and ORT title (passed all 3 odors) at least 14 days before the trial opens for entries.This applies to all levels.
6. Qualified entry for Elite Premier– Dog has earned their ELT-CH title. Note that teams with Summit titles are also eligible to compete.
7. Qualified entry for Elite Select– Dog has earned a minimum of one NW3 title or any one L3 title (L3I, L3E, L3C, or L3V). Note that teams with higher titles (Elite Division and Summit) are also eligible to compete.
8. Qualified entry for Elite – Dog has earned a NW3 elite title and has not yet earned an ELT-CH title.

Trial spaces will be determined in the following manner:

- Spaces will be awarded by a random draw of all Qualified Entries received during the draw period listed above.
- Once the trial opens for entry, if you are having technical difficulties entering during the 48

hour draw period, please email trialentry@nacsw.net prior to the end of the draw period. For any other questions that are not related to the trial entry system, contact the trial host.

- No dog will be given a space in more than one trial of the same level and type at a single event.
- You may enter multiple dogs for entry in the draw. However, only one dog/handler per title level will be accepted into the trial. Entry will go to the dog selected in the draw – you may not swap to an alternate dog. If multiple dogs are selected in the draw, you may select which dog you wish to enter. Once a dog has been entered as a second dog/handler entry, you may not swap handlers after the draw to change the entry to a first dog/handler unless the trial is not full.

- If a trial level is not full after the draw of Qualified Entries, then there will be a Secondary Draw of any entries received that did not meet the ORT title or title requirements. These entries will be accepted pending completion of the requirements. **Note:** dogs must earn their ORT title and prior title level at least 3 days prior to the trial date to be eligible to compete. If the required title or ORT title is earned less than 14 days prior to the event, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the host that the requirement has been completed.

- If the trial level and wait list are not full after all entries received during the draw period have been processed, entries will continue to be accepted in the order they are received until the trial and wait list are deemed full.

- Second dog/handler entries may be accepted for the alternate trial of the same level after all first dog/handler entries received during the draw period are accommodated.

- For Exhibit Only Dogs (FEO): Dogs running FEO are not eligible to receive titles or earn placement ribbons. FEO results will not be included in the posted trial results.

    - If space remains after all qualified entries are accommodated on Saturday, December 26, 2026, then we will offer spaces for those who wish to run a dog For Exhibition Only (FEO). Second dog/handler FEO entries on the same day will be offered spaces after Tuesday, December 29, 2026.

- The trial host of an event has the right to refuse entry of any competitor or dog for just cause as approved by the National Trial Committee. Just cause includes lack of adherence to NACSW rules and guidelines and the policies outlined in each event entry premium.

- Some trial entries may be given priority entry based on contributions to the organization and the trial process.

Notification

You will be notified via e-mail of the results of the random draw by **end of day on Wednesday, November 25, 2026**.

If you have a spam blocker on your email account, please configure it to allow email from

WonderWoman@redhuskies.com in order to ensure delivery of confirmation and information about this trial.

You will then have **4 days** to complete your payment via PayPal to confirm your space in the trial. Paypal or credit card through the Paypal site - no Paypal account required. If you use “Friends and Family” it will eliminate fees for both parties. If you select “Goods and Services” you must add extra to cover the PayPal fees. If there is a PayPal fee, you will incur the fee, and submit total payment as the trial fee plus the PayPal fee.

A waiting list for alternates will be started as soon as entries fill. Alternates will be contacted when a space opens. Depending on last minute trial logistics, we may opt to not fill all canceled spaces.

NACSW™ reserves the right to cancel a trial if minimum entry numbers are not met.

Be sure you read and understand the guidelines for this trial before entering. By submitting a registration for this NACSW™ Trial, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept the policies and liability information of NACSW™.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The following cancellation policy applies:

- For cancellation of entries before 11:59 PM Eastern Time on December 11, 2026: full refund minus $25 processing fee.
- For cancellation of entries between December 12, 2026 and before 11:59 PM Eastern Time on December 27, 2026: 75% refund will be issued if host can and does fill your space with a Qualified Entry. If the space is filled with a discounted or free entry, you will receive a refund dependent on the income from the replacement entry. Please note: Due to time constraints, the host may opt to not fill cancelled spaces and no refund will be issued.
- For cancellation of entries on or after December 28, 2026: No refund will be issued.

All cancellations must be emailed to WonderWoman@redhuskies.com. For cancellations that meet the above guidelines, refunds will be issued within 30 days and no later than 14 days after the trial date. Please send an email reminder for refunds. Refunds are made electronically.

Entry fees shall not be refunded if a dog or handler is absent, disqualified, or excused by the NACSW™ official or judge.

This cancellation and refund policy applies to competitors that must withdraw for any reason including but not limited to injury, illness, emergency, and personal or work-related reasons.

If the trial cannot take place or be completed by reason of fire, civil disturbances, an Act of God, public emergency, or any other cause beyond the control of the trial organizers, then the trial host

will make their best effort to provide partial refunds after recouping their expenses.

LOCATION DETAILS

ADA Site Specific Conditions

Pathways to/from the restrooms and many search areas are paved, stone, or sidewalk. Some pathways to/from search areas, as well as within some search areas, may require you to navigate grass, gravel, stone/brick pathways, or dirt. The terrain is mild and moderate but there is some uphill walking. There may be stairways, steps, or bleachers, with or without handrails, entering or within the search areas. Interior floors may be of any material and may be carpet or shiny. There will be driving to search areas and some long walks. Some buildings have multiple levels; most have an elevator but some do not. The elevator may be at another part of the building.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, these conditions may be modified at the last minute.

Trial Conditions

Modeled after real-life detection work, NACSW trials are held in many different locations, with a variety of terrain, under varying weather conditions. Dogs and handlers need to be able to safely negotiate a variety of surfaces, including, but not limited to, tile, linoleum, carpeting, gravel, asphalt, uneven surfaces, and slippery footing. Handlers should be prepared to deal with a variety of weather conditions, including heat, cold, rain and snow. Trials frequently require covering extensive distances to get to and from the parking area to each of the search areas and generally require that this be done across natural, uneven surfaces. Handlers should be prepared for the physical demands and must be able to navigate the terrain with their dog accordingly. Participants should expect to spend most of the day outside or in their vehicles as there are rarely indoor crating options at trials. Please be prepared for you and your canine partner to deal with all of these varying environmental challenges. Handlers should familiarize themselves with potential regional risks and health concerns that may affect themselves or their dogs. Handlers agree that they are entering this trial at their own risk.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, these conditions may be modified at the last minute.

Parking:

This trial location is on a university campus. The university is divided into two main parts of the campus: the academic side and the athletic side, separated by U.S. Route 15. Each trial day may be located on a separate side of campus. The host will make best efforts to indicate in the final details email which side of the campus you should report to. However, this information may

change last minute and competitors will be notified the day before or signs will be posted directing you to the location. There is parking on both sides of the campus. Since this trial takes place during winter, competitors should be prepared for all types of conditions, including snow/ice, in the parking lot and to/from search areas. There is some shade in the competitor parking lot. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in the availability of areas at the location, the expected search areas, parking, and pathways to the search areas may be modified at the last minute.

Reactive Dog Parking:

There will be reactive dog parking area at this trial for those who wish to park in this area. There will be a reactive dog potty area, however this may be a smaller area or longer walk. There will not be separate warm up boxes. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

Unentered Dogs

Unentered dogs must remain in the competitor's vehicle during the trial day. There will be ample potty areas, but unentered dogs should not be allowed to "play," exercise, or train on the trial grounds. Please make other arrangements for unentered dogs that are in season, as they should not accompany participants to the trial. Please contact WonderWoman@redhuskies.com if you need to discuss bringing an unentered dog in season to the trial.

RV Parking:

This trial location has limited RV parking during the day for competitors and volunteers. There is also limited RV parking overnight. RVs must be fully self-contained (the facility does not provide water, electricity, gas or sewage dump). Overnight parking may be located on either side of the camps - a final reservation email will be sent if you reserved a space. To reserve a space you will need to contact the host after you receive a confirmation that you have received a space in the event. Please email WonderWoman@redhuskies.com to reserve RV space. You will need to pre-register your vehicle with Public Safety by emailing the host with your make/model/tag number and number of occupants. Additionally, there are other sites, campgrounds, and RV parks that allow overnight RV parking with some offering possible water, electricity, sewage, etc. It is the competitor/volunteer's responsibility to reserve a space with the host or make other (overnight) arrangements for their RV outside of trial hours.

Running Vehicles or Generators in the Parking Lot:

Running your vehicles or generators in the parking lot is allowed at this trial. We ask that you show consideration for fellow competitors parked near you, remain away from staging areas, warm up boxes and parking lot numbers. There may be a separate parking area for those needing to run generators due to exhaust and noise.

January weather in Maryland is typically cold. You may wish to run your vehicle to keep warm. Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in the availability of areas at the location, this policy may be modified at the last minute.

Facility/Site Prohibitive Restrictions (e.g., smoking, firearms, alcohol, drugs, video)
There is no smoking, firearms, alcohol or drugs allowed at this location.

Hotels and Directions:

There are hotels located within 10-30 minutes from the site.

DOG INFORMATION

Dog Policies

- All dogs must be on a 6' leash at all times when not being tested. NO flexi-leashes while not participating in a competition search.
- Dogs that need space from dogs may wear a red bandana, provided by the dog's handler, to help signal others that the dog needs extra space from other dogs.
- Dogs will be toileted in designated areas and handlers must pick-up and dispose of waste.
- Dogs and handlers must stay in designated areas to avoid contaminating testing space, interrupting a test, or from viewing any part of the testing.
- Competitors should expect to keep their dogs confined in a crate or vehicle when not competing. The logistics of a trial typically do not allow for dogs to hang out on leash in between searches. Competitors should plan to provide their own shade using canopies or shade cloths.
- Refer to Location Details (above) for information on unentered dogs.

Females in Season

Females in season will be allowed to run wearing "pants" at the end of each search after all other dogs have been judged. Handlers with females in season should park and toilet their dogs away from the other dogs if the location logistics permit. Handlers must contact WonderWoman@redhuskies.com so plans can be made for the dog. Please make other arrangements for unentered dogs that are in season, as they should not accompany participants to the trial.

OTHER INFORMATION

Rules

Complete rules are available at www.NACSW.net. **It is the responsibility of each competitor to read and understand the current NACSW Rule book prior to participating in a NACSW event.**

Liability

By registering for the event, the handler hereby assumes all risks of, and responsibility for, accidents and/or damage to her/himself or to her/his property or to others or the property of others, resulting from the actions of her/his dog. The handler expressly agree that the NACSW, Jennifer Moczulski, Red Huskies Nose Work, LLC and its assignees or any other person, or

persons, of said groups, shall not be held liable personally, or collectively, under any circumstances, for injury, and/or damage to her/himself, for loss, injury, or damage to property, whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member of said groups, or any other cause, or causes. The handler also agrees to assume all financial liability that may be incurred by the NACSW, Jennifer Moczulski, Red Huskies Nose Work, LLC and its assignees or any other person, or persons, of said groups due to the actions of themselves or their dogs regardless of the cause.

Sportsmanship

All competitors/handlers and spectators are expected to follow the rules of the NACSW and demonstrate good sportsmanship. This includes making sure the hide placements are unknown to the handler prior to testing and kept secret from other competitors. Please do not discuss hide placement or any details of a dog's performance that may provide information or clues to other handlers or may be overheard.

NACSW Results

Results for each search and overall will be posted after all searches are completed and scores are verified for you to record your results for your own records. It is your responsibility to ensure your scores are accurate prior to leaving trial grounds. If a discrepancy cannot be verified at the trial, you may be instructed to submit a score card review request. It is not the responsibility of the host or NACSW to return score sheets that are left behind or to mail ribbons that are not picked up.

Spectators:

Additional guests are welcome.
Please verify attendance policies with the host before bringing or inviting anyone not volunteering, competing, or officiating.
Please contact WonderWoman@redhuskies.com if you have further questions.

Spectators may not photograph or video searches.
Spectators are reminded that the hide placements must not be discussed nor should they speak with any competitors about what they saw until after the trial is complete.
No dogs will be allowed in the spectator area. No unentered dogs with spectators are allowed at the trial.
An adult accompanying a minor must be present during the searches.
Everyone at the trial site must sign the waiver provided by the host and comply with all event requirements.
Competitors are not allowed to watch the trial at any time.

Videotaping and Photography

If the site allows public video to be taken, handlers may wear visible head or chest cameras to record their searches. You will not be allowed extra time at the start line to get your camera functioning. Please be sure it is ready to go prior to arriving at the search area. Videos may not be made public until completion of the event day. There may be searches handlers may video for their personal use only not to be shared with the public or on social media. These will be identified at the briefing.
At the host's discretion, a photographer and/or video service may be present during the event to offer photos and/or videos for sale to the handlers. Red Huskies Nose Work will be taking video of the searches. Details will be available in the final details letter and at check-in.

There is no photography or video allowed by spectators or volunteers.

As a condition of your entry, you agree to allow NACSW, or their agents, to video you and your dog during the entirety of the NACSW event. These videos are the property of NACSW. All handlers, through entry at any NACSW event, waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast or photography of such event.

Volunteering

Handlers can volunteer for any trial that they are not running in during a trial weekend. If you are available and not running in the trial level, you are welcome to volunteer. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, please find the link to the signup here. Your time and effort are GREATLY appreciated!

Emergency Veterinary Hospital

The closest emergency veterinarians to the event location CAN BE FOUND HERE.

Questions:

All trial related questions, contact Jennifer Moczulski at WonderWoman@redhuskies.com