



# EALC Rules for Mantrail Trial

## LEVEL I & LEVEL II

### Equipment

Fabric or leather leash 5-10 m long.

- ❖ Properly fitted harness for scent work.
- ❖ GPS collar is allowed during the search.
- ❖ Spiked collar and Teletac is not allowed. Neither before nor during or after the search.

### Eligibility

- ❖ All registered Catahoulas may enter.
- ❖ Spayed or neutered Catahoulas may enter.
- ❖ „In heat“ females may enter. They must wear a well fitted dog diaper.
- ❖ A person shall not be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs while participating in an event. This may cause a person to forfeit that day's entries.
- ❖ A team of a handler and a dog enter a competition.
- ❖ The handler may form another team with another dog during the event.
- ❖ Minimum age of the dog is 10 months in Level I and 18 month in Level II.

### Line Up

Run position will be drawn by EALC trial secretary before the start. You will be called for pre-line up. When you hear your name, go to the marked area and check in with the steward. It is important

that the steward checks your arm band number and knows you are there, ready to follow instructions. Please stay in the area until it is your turn.

- ❖ You must be on time.

### **Automatic Disqualifications**

The Judge **MUST** disqualify if:

- ❖ Dog attempts to bite/attack any person and/or other dogs.
- ❖ Dog leaves the trail and is not coming back.
- ❖ Animal welfare-related behavior of the handler before, during or after the search does not comply with animal protection rules.

### **Discretionary Deductions or Disqualifications**

The Judge **MAY** deduct points or dismiss at his/her discretion for:

- ❖ Improper equipment.
- ❖ Dog showing aggression or unmanageable behavior.
- ❖ Handler over-correcting, training or disciplining his/her dog during work.
- ❖ Dog showing injury or illness.

*Level I and Level II differ in the length of a trail, time limit and environment where the trail is laid*

## **MANTRAILING – LEVEL I**

**max. 20 points**

### **Start**

Start is only with odoriphore of missed person and by the odour orientation on start (circle).

### **Length and Time**

The trail has a length of 300 - 400 m and a team must finish it within 15 - 20 min. Length and Time Will be determined by the Judges before the competition.

### **Cross ways**

At the trail can be on or two crossroads.

## **Environment**

The trail is laid in an area where 80% is green or forest tracks and 20% is housing area.

## **Marking of a found person**

A dog should show friendly or interested behaviour towards a found person.

## **MANTRAILING – LEVEL II**

**max. 40 points**

### **Start**

Start is only with odoriphore of missed person and by the odour orientation on start (circle).

### **Lenght and Time**

At the trail is 600 - 1000 m long and a team must finish it within 30 - 45 min. Length and Time Will be determined by the Judges before the competition.

### **Cross ways**

The trail can be three or four crossroads.

### **Environment**

The trail is laid in an area where 50% is green or forest tracks and 50% is housing area.

### **Marking of a found person**

A dog should show a clear sign towards a found person