



RULES FOR Tracking

Level 1 & Level 2

Equipment

- ❖ Suitable equipment for tracking is to be brought along
- ❖ GPS collar is allowed during the search
- ❖ Spiked collar and Teletac is not allowed. Neither before nor during nor after the search.

Eligibility

- ❖ All registered Catahoulas may enter.
- ❖ Spayed or neutered Catahoulas may enter.
- ❖ „In heat“ females may enter. They will start at last. Before and after work, they shall 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 for Level I is 10 months
- ❖ Minimum age of the dog for Level 2 is 18 months

Line Up

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.
- ❖ Animal welfare-related behavior of the handler before, during or after the search.

Discretionary Deductions or Disqualifications

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

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

Rules for Tracking

Level 1 (Beginner)

- ❖ Track length ca 200-250m
- ❖ The track is spotted with wild sweat (blood) and stands for a time of approx. 3,5h (leads by wild which cross the track is possible)
- ❖ The dog should work in front of the handler on the long leash with suitable harness or necking.
- ❖ The trail is not marked! The direction of the escape is specified only 30m from the point of impact.
- ❖ The team must arrive together at the end.
- ❖ If the team is more than 50m from the track, there is a recall and the team will be returned to the last point where they were still correct. In the case of the third recall, the team is disqualified.
- ❖ The time limit is 20 minutes. If the team does not arrive at the end of this period, the team is disqualified
- ❖ The team may at any time, at their own request, return of the track if the guide is of the opinion that they are wrong.
- ❖ At the end of the track is a piece of game (deer or wild boar)

Level 2 (Advanced)

- ❖ Track length ca 350-400m
- ❖ The track is spotted with wild sweat (blood) the previous day and stands overnight (track is crossed by game at night is very likely)
- ❖ The dog should work in front of the handler on the long leash with suitable harness or necking.
- ❖ The trail is not marked! The direction of the escape is specified only 30m from the point of impact.
- ❖ If the team is more than 50m away from the track, there is a recall and the team is returned to the last point where sweat has been reported. If no sweat is reported, the team must return to the point of impact. In the case of the third call, the team is disqualified.
- ❖ The time limit is 30 minutes. If the team does not arrive at the end of this period, the team is disqualified.
- ❖ The team may at any time, at their own request, return of the track if the guide is of the opinion that they are wrong.
- ❖ At the end of the track is a piece of game (deer or wild boar)

The instructions of the judges must be followed throughout the entire Performance Review.

Evaluation criteria:

- Set on the track 0-10 Punkte
- Start behavior 0-10 Punkte
- Leash working 0-10 Punkte

Maximum attainable score = **30 points**