

Mountain States Stockdog Association Trialing Comes East! Monday September 16, 2024



POINTS AND TIME TRIALS



Hosted by Central K9 and Meeting Post Farm

Location: Central K-9 493 Norwich Avenue Colchester, CT

Judge: Kent Herbel

TO SIGN UP PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE!

Livestock: mixed hair or wool sheep 3 per run

Scoring will be by points and time - Trial is sanctioned by MSSA.

Cash prizes

Trial Coordinator: Carol Donnelly 781-929-9241 or shorefire@comcast.net

- Open - \$55 per dog, per trial (Any handler with any dog)

- Nursery - \$50 per dog, per trial (Any dog born after October 1, 2021)

****NURSERY DOGS MUST include a photo copy of the registration papers with this form for the nursery class**

- Intermediate - \$50 per dog, per trial (Any handler who do has not competed in Open, with any dog)

- Novice - \$45 per dog, per trial (Any handler new to trial competition, with any dog)

-Junior Handler - \$35 per dog per trial (any handler not yet 14 years of age. Government Issued proof of DOB (photo or copy) required with entry)

60 runs per day limit, entries are open until the classes fill

MSSA Sanctioned Questions? Go to www.mountainstatesstockdog.com/sanctioning-info/mssa-trial-rules/

NOTE: Trial Entries open on August 10 by postmark. Early postmarks will be added to the trial after August 15 if there are openings. Entries close September 8 and a running order will be emailed to each exhibitor.

Sanctioned Classes:

- **Open:** Any dog of any age may compete in the Open class. Any handler may compete in the Open class. A handler who has competed in any Open class (includes ALL other Associations and/or Non-Sanctioned Trials) is no longer eligible to compete in the Intermediate class.
- **Nursery:** Eligibility for the Nursery class is determined by the age of the dog. Dogs eligible to compete in sanctioned Nursery trials during the 2023-2024 qualifying year must have been born after October 1, 2020.
- **Intermediate:** The Intermediate class is limited to handlers who are not competing in the Open class or Novice class. Any dog may compete in the Intermediate class. If you answer YES to the following criteria, you cannot enter the Intermediate Class
 - Do you promote yourself as a stockdog clinician?
- **Novice:** THIS IS FOR BEGINNER HANDLERS. Eligibility for the Novice class is determined by the handler. Any dog can compete in the Novice class. The MSSA board reserves the right to move up a Novice Handler after their second trial if it felt deemed they do not fit the Novice criteria. If a MSSA board member is not present, the trial host may contact a board member to discuss a handler. If you answer YES to any of the following criteria, you cannot enter the Novice Class:
 - Do you train outside dogs?
 - Do you give lessons?
 - Are you training and selling stockdogs?
 - Do you promote yourself as a stockdog clinician?
- **Junior Handler:** A Junior Handler must be 14 years or younger. A JH can show any level dog. All points will follow the JH, not the dog. At minimum the JH will be able to send their dog on an outrun, lift and fetch to the exhaust without assistance of an adult.
- **NOTE:** No dog may be shown by more than one handler in the same class at any time (except for the JH class).
- **NOTE:** A handler may only enter one (1) handler level class; Open, Intermediate, OR Novice at a sanctioned MSSA Trial.
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- **NOTE:** At any time if you feel you are classified in the wrong class, you have the right to petition the board of directors for reclassification. Please write a letter and submit to admin@mountainstatesstockdog.com

HANDLER RULES

1. It is each handler's responsibility to familiarize themselves with the rules and each trial host accepts the responsibility to enforce these rules at each trial. Any questions on rules should be discussed before the trial begins.
2. Handlers with physical disabilities will be allowed the use of tools that are not normally accepted (binoculars, wheelchairs, electric scooters, or a walking aid). While not normally accepted as a tool, a horse or mule may be considered on a case by case basis after the handler has submitted a petition to the Board of Directors for consideration. If a horse or mule is used, the animal will be treated as the handler insofar as they cannot get out of a walk, cannot be used in a cutting horse capacity and they cannot enter any part of an obstacle. Infractions will be treated as they would for a handler and could result in disqualification. Handlers needing these tools should notify the trial host of their needs before the trial starts so there are no surprises. MSSA encourages those with physical handicaps to participate in our sanctioned events and believes that trial hosts and trial officials should make reasonable efforts to accommodate these handlers.
3. A handler shall not enter the trial field at any time with any kind of training device. This includes, but is not limited to, remote controlled devices, dummy or weighted collars, any device used to distract or cause pain to a dog. The trial official has the right to inspect a dog for any suspected violations of this rule and may disqualify a handler if he/she enters the trial field with any such equipment.
4. A handler is responsible for injury to livestock and property, both on and off of the trial field that results from a dog being loose and/or out of control. 5. All dogs should be kept securely tied, on a leash, or in a crate when not competing. While realizing that ropes can be chewed and chains can be broken, if a dog gains access to the trial course while competition is under way through negligence of the owner/handler, a trial official has the right to access disciplinary action against the dog and its owner, including disqualification of the handler and dog for the duration of the trial being held.
5. Handlers should always demonstrate sportsmanlike conduct.
6. While recognizing that it is often necessary for a dog to bite the livestock to make a turn, excessive or out of control biting will NOT be tolerated. A dog that hangs onto the livestock as the livestock runs down the arena, or bites so hard as to bring the livestock down will not be tolerated. If the trial official deems the conduct to be excessive, the handler/dog will be disqualified for that run.

Number of dogs per handler in a sanctioned class

A handler may enter as many dogs in an MSSA sanctioned class as is allowed by the local trial host.

Entry Form Please mail to Carol Donnelly 10 Powisset St Dover MA 02030. Make payment to Carol Donnelly. Entries without payment or signature are incomplete and will not be accepted.

Name (required)

First Name

Last Name

Email(required)

Phone

You can select multiple trials for the day 9/16 Trial 1 9/16 Trial 2

Dog #1 All information is required

Name,

Age,

Sex

Class

Select an option Open Nursery Intermediate Novice JH

Dog #2 All information is required

Name,

Age,

Sex

Class

Select an option Open Nursery Intermediate Novice JH

Release Form:

I, as a participant and/or auditor, of the MSSA Show held at Central K9, LLC, hereby waive and release for myself, my heirs, executors, assigns and administrators all rights and claims I may have to damages against Central K9, LLC, Jessica Edgerly, Kevin Edgerly and their representatives, and all persons sponsoring or participating, for any injuries which may be suffered by me or my dog during this event and gathering. I understand that I am responsible for any cost incurred, as a result of damage caused by me, my family or my dogs to facilities, animals, livestock or persons.

X

Name and Date
Entrant and/or Agent

Replacement sheep cost is \$300