

	TD	TDX	VST
ELIGIBILITY	6 Months of age with certification	TD Title	TD Title with 6 months between title and VST closing date.
START	Direction of track indicated by start flag and one flag 30 yards out. Test starts when dog leaves 1 st flag.	Only start flag in arc of 180E, no direction given. Test starts when dog leaves the start flag.	Only start flag in arc of 180E, if possible on vegetated surface proceeding for at least 15 yards before change of surface. No direction given. Test starts when dog leaves the start flag.
LENGTH	440-500 yards	800-1000 yards	600-800 yards
LEG LENGTH	Minimum of 50 yards	Minimum of 50 yards	Minimum of 30 yards
SCENT	That of a stranger	That of a stranger	That of a stranger
AGE	½ hour - 2 hours	3 hour – 5 hours	3 hours – 5 hours
TURNS	Both right and left must be used; there shall be 3-5 turns with at least 2 right angle turns. Acute turns prohibited.	Both right and left must be used; there shall be 5-7 turns with at least 3 right angle turns. Acute turns discouraged.	Both right and left must be used; There shall be 4-8 turns with at least 3 right angle turns. Acute turns discouraged. At least 1 right angle turn shall be on non-vegetated area for a distance of at least 30 yards before a change in surface.
RESTART	One permitted with judge's permission if dog has not passed 2 nd start flag.	None allowed	Non allowed
CROSSTRACKS	None	2 Cross tracklayers about 4 feet apart; at 2 widely separated points on track. None on first leg.	No formal cross tracks plotted. Naturally occurring cross scent of people, animals, vehicles, etc. accepted as a natural part of the test.
DISTANCE BETWEEN TRACKS	75 yards	75 yards	50 yards
TEST MAX ENTRY	12	6	8

OBSTACLES	None	At least 2, but none on the first leg.	None such as used on TDX tracks, but ordinary stairs, open buildings, shelters, garages are acceptable; no closed buildings.
ARTICLES	One, inconspicuous glove or wallet at the end.	Four, personal, dissimilar, about the size of glove or wallet placed along the track, at least 30 yards from any turn, cross track or obstacle.	Four dissimilar everyday items; 2"x5" to 5"x5", weighing no more than 8 oz; fabric, leather, rigid or semi-rigid plastic and metal. Fabric or leather must be the starting article. The last article must be marked with a #4. Articles to be placed along the track at judge's discretion. At least 1 article is to be placed on non-vegetated surface, all articles to be placed at least 10 yards from any turn.
WORKING LEASH LENGTH	20 feet from dog	20 feet from dog	10 feet from dog
TERRAIN	Typical TD field	Typical TDX field	At least 3 different surfaces, including both vegetated and non-vegetated areas. Non-vegetated areas will comprise 1/3 to 1/2 of the track length.
SPARE TRACK	Recommended	Recommended	Not necessary

SPECIAL NOTES:

A safety person may be appointed to watch for moving vehicles and other potential hazards in an urban area for the protection of dog and handler.

Providing the dog is working continuously and intently along the track and an article cannot be located by the judges and/or tracklayer, the dog will be given credit for the article without actively indicating the area.

Substitution factor of 2 TDs = 1 TDX or 1 VST; 1 TDX = 1 VST. Combinations may be used up to a maximum = 12 TDs or 7 TDXs in one day.

A dog earning all 3 tracking titles of TD, TDX and VST will be considered a Tracking Champion (CT).