

# MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

## Search Dog Team Certification Standard Appendix E

### Certification Test Evaluation Form Air Scent Water Search

This form is to be used for evaluating each of the tests in Appendix E of the MASAR Search Dog Team Certification Standard. All sections of this form must be completed, and passing scores must be achieved in each, for the dog team to be certified.

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Handler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Finish Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Body Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Wind Direction and Strength: \_\_\_\_\_

Scent Used: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Section Scoring

Section 1: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_      Section 2: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3 Total: \_\_\_\_\_      Section 4: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

\*A minimum score of 39 is required to pass Section 3.

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## Section 1 - Preliminary Skills Test

All of the following skills and knowledge must be demonstrated before beginning the actual air scent tests. A “Yes” answer must be received for all skills to pass this section and to continue testing.

<u>Skill</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1) Handler explains water safety practices related to water search:	_____	_____
2) Dog handler has appropriate PFD for test(s):	_____	_____
3) Handler describes dog’s type of alert behavior for test(s):	_____	_____
4) Handler describes intended search pattern and strategy:	_____	_____
5) For boat test only - dog is calm and tractable in boat:	_____	_____

### Section 1 Results

Pass? \_\_\_\_\_

Fail? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 2 - Team Search Test

### Test A - Shoreline Search

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1) Dog team alerts to scent:	_____	_____
2) Handler recognizes distance to scent source from dog, within range defined in standard:	_____	_____

### Test B - Boat Search

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1) Dog team indicates correct scent location:	_____	_____
2) Handler establishes indication location correctly on GPS:	_____	_____

### Section 2 Results

**Test A:** Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_      **Test B:** Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 3 - Team Search Skills**

The dog team's skills are to be observed by the evaluator during the test search using the criteria listed below. They are to be rated on a scale of 5 to 1, e.g. Excellent = 5, Above Average = 4, Average = 3, Below Average = 2, and Unacceptable = 1. Any category not observed receives a score of 3 and the notation N/O. The total score is to be entered at the bottom of this page. Note that if more than 3 of the evaluation criteria are not observed the evaluator(s) must decide whether the test should be redone.

<b><u>Evaluation Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>
1) Handler plans efficient search, utilizing wind and existing environmental conditions to provide maximum coverage	_____
2) Handler demonstrates ability to judge sweeps of areas as to their suitability to the prevailing conditions	_____
3) Handler demonstrates ability to control and assist dog	_____
4) Handler recognizes when either member of team is working ineffectively and takes action to compensate for it or to remedy the situation	_____
5) Handler recognizes when dog alerts to human scent	_____
6) Dog performs refind or alert as described by handler	_____
7) Dog demonstrates ability to work under control	_____
8) Handler and dog work effectively with persons accompanying them	_____
9) Handler demonstrates ability to report clearly on map the following:	
A) Area and/or routes covered	_____
B) Estimated probability of detection for team	_____
C) Location of alert	_____
D) Wind direction and other factors pertinent to search	_____
E) Location of any clues encountered	_____

**Section 3 Results**

**Total Score** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 4 - Overall Team Evaluation**

All of the following questions must be answered “**Yes**” to pass this section:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1) Did the dog remain focused on the task at hand?	_____	_____
2) Should this search dog team be certified?*	_____	_____

**Section 4 Results**

Pass? \_\_\_\_\_

Fail? \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the response to this criteria is **No**, please explain why in the Comments section below.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_