



Scent Sports Association of New Zealand (SSANZ): Rules and Guidelines Buried Hides – (July) 2023

SSANZ DEFINITION OF NOSE WORK

Nosework was created for the purpose of allowing dogs to use their natural olfactory abilities to work in partnership with their handler and to respond to specific target odours.

Nosework is an uninterrupted performance by a dog and handler to demonstrate working as a team and can easily be performed in a wide variety of locations.

Each participating team will be evaluated on their ability to search for, locate, and respond to target odours.

The arrangement of the searches that are found in Nosework competitions are modelled on those of traditional working detection dogs. The overall performance should convey an image of fun, enthusiasm, and the ability of the team to work in partnership,

Our aim is to provide a safe and enriching environment that promotes a trusting and lasting relationship. Harsh handling will not be tolerated and may result in the immediate disqualification of the dog and handler from participating any further on that day by order of the officiating judge.

The primary focus is achieving a qualifying score. Performance/competitive targets may be included at the discretion of the organisers when providing prizes and awards.

Buried Hide Trials are separate Trials and are not required to attain other Novice Trials.

1. SSANZ LEVEL REQUIREMENTS – Buried Hide Trial AWARDS

1.1 SSANZ NOVICE Buried Hides (SNB) NOSEWORK TITLE

Objective for Novice Buried Hide Title is to demonstrate the ability of the dog to detect a single target odour consistently over eight different searches, not necessarily on the same day.

Requirements to be granted the 'Novice Buried Hide Title':

- a) Handler must be a registered member of SSANZ
- b) Dog must attain eight 'SSANZ Novice Buried Hide qualifying trial' certificates, a minimum of 4 in the water searches, and 4 in the sand searches **under a minimum of 2 different judges at 2 different locations. See 14 Definitions. Further criteria is outlined in 1.2**

1.2 TO ATTAIN A NOVICE Buried Hide QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

- a) To attain a 'Novice Buried Hide qualifying certificate' the team must complete a Buried Hide search in the required time.
- b) A Novice Buried hide search is worth 25 points.
- c) A minimum score of 23 points is required
- d) There may be no 'incorrect alerts' during the search.
- e) The dog must meet any other relevant criteria outlined in the SSANZ rules.

1.3 SSANZ INTERMEDIATE Buried Hide (SIB) NOSE WORK TITLE

Objective for Intermediate Buried Hide Title is to demonstrate the ability of the dog to detect two target odours in two different containers consistently in eight different searches, not necessarily on the same day.

Requirements to be granted the 'Intermediate Nose work Title':

- a) Handler must be a registered member of SSANZ
- b) Dog must attain eight 'SSANZ Intermediate Buried Hide qualifying trial' certificates, 4 in the water searches, and 4 in the sand searches [under a minimum of 2 different judges at 2 different locations. See 14 Definitions. Further criteria is outlined in 1.4](#)

1.4 TO ATTAIN AN INTERMEDIATE Buried Hide QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

- a) To attain an 'Intermediate Buried Hide qualifying certificate' the team must complete a buried hide search in the required time allocated.
- b) An Intermediate Buried Hide search is worth 50 points. Each hide/odour has equal value.
- c) A minimum score of 46 is required.
- d) There may be no 'incorrect alerts' during the search.
- e) The dog must meet any other relevant criteria outlined in the SSANZ rules.

1.5 SSANZ ADVANCE Buried Hide (SAB) TITLE

Objective for Advance Buried Hides is to demonstrate the ability of the dog to detect three target odours in one search that consists of water containers and sand containers consistently, in six different searches, not necessarily on the same day.

Requirements to be granted the 'Advance Buried Hide Title':

- a) Handler must be a registered member of SSANZ
- b) Dog must attain six 'SSANZ Advance Buried Hides qualifying trial' certificates under a minimum of 2 different judges at 2 different locations. [See 14 Definitions.](#) Further criteria is outlined in 1.6

1.6 TO ATTAIN AN ADVANCE Buried Hide QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

- a) To attain an 'Advance Buried Hide qualifying certificate' the team must complete a buried hide search and locate all odours within the required time allocated
- b) An Advance Buried Hide is worth 75 points. Each hide/odour has equal value.
- c) A minimum score of 72 is required.
- d) There may be no 'incorrect alerts' during the search.
- e) The dog must meet any other relevant criteria outlined in the SSANZ rules.

1.7 SSANZ EXCELLENT Buried Hide (SEB) TITLE

Objective for Excellent Buried Hides is to demonstrate the ability of the dog to detect an unknown number of target odours consistently in six different searches, not necessarily on the same day.

Requirements to be granted the 'Excellent Buried Hide Title':

- a) Handler must be a registered member of SSANZ
- b) Dog must attain six 'SSANZ Excellent Buried Hides qualifying trial' certificates under a minimum of 2 different judges at 2 different locations. [See 14 Definitions.](#) Further criteria is outlined in 1.8

1.8 TO ATTAIN AN EXCELLENT Buried Hide QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

- a) To attain an 'Excellent Buried Hide Qualifying certificate' the team must complete a buried hide search and locate all odours within the required time allocated.
- b) An Excellent Buried Search is worth 100 points. Each hide/odour has equal value
- c) A minimum score of 97 is required
- d) There may be no 'incorrect alerts' during the search.
- e) The dog must meet any other relevant criteria outlined in the SSANZ rules.

2. SET-UP OF BURIED SEARCHES GENERAL

- 2.1 The cooked containers will be placed by the judge or designated official a minimum of 15 minutes before the first team commences searching
- 2.2 The hide must not be distinguishable to the team in the normal course of the search
- 2.3 The search area should be clean and safe, but does not need to be sterile
- 2.4 The search area should be clearly defined by either: walls, fences, other markers such as cones or temporary fencing
- 2.5 There must be a clearly defined 'starting line' no less than 3 metres from the nearest container/s
- 2.6 All containers used in this search will be in a clean condition
- 2.7 No obvious signs of contamination from foodstuffs or strong-smelling substances
- 2.8 Containers must be identical (uniform in size and type) and be of plastic composition
- 2.9 Containers can be either:
 - 10 litre round buckets no deeper than 260mm
 - square buckets with a minimum width of 250mm and a maximum width of 300mm, with a minimum depth of 160mm and a maximum depth of 300mm
 - rectangle buckets with a minimum length of 300mm and a maximum length of 500mm, a minimum width of 200mm wide and a maximum width of 350mm wide, with a minimum depth of 160mm and a maximum depth of 300mm
- 2.10 Containers will be covered with a metal grid to prevent the dogs from being able to reach substrate
- 2.11 All containers are placed at ground level
- 2.12 Spacing minimum is one and half metres and a maximum of 3 meters between one edge of a container and another edge of a container.
- 2.13 The search area should be a minimum of one and half metres from any boundaries/walls
- 2.14 Search may be conducted indoors or outdoors
- 2.15 Additional containers pre-cooked and blank will be on stand-by in case any have to be replaced
- 2.16 Also refer to set up of search area – level specific and substrate specific

2.1 SET UP OF BURIED SEARCHES – SUBSTRATE SPECIFIC

SAND

- a) Only use purchased river sand
- b) The scent vessel must be a tea ball/tea infuser with a diameter of 5cm
- c) The scent vessel must be made of stainless steel.
- d) Sand depth of 10cm above the 'ball'

WATER

- a) Water must be potable (drinking quality) water
- b) The scent vessel must be a segment of tubing that snugly fits two q tips
- c) Water must cover the tubing by 10cm
- d) Tubing will be secured to the bottom of the containers identically with suction cup clips
- e) Each blank container must contain a scent vessel of the same colour secured to the bottom of the container.
- f) If opaque tubing is used, a blank q tip must be in each of the blank containers.

3 SET UP OF BURIED SEARCH AREAS – LEVEL SPECIFIC

3.1 NOVICE BURIED WATER SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE.

- a) One source/hide per search
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Eugenia Caryophyllata*) will be the odour used in SSANZ Novice trials
- c) Eight containers placed in two rows of four.
- d) No formal 'indication position' is required for Novice for the handler to call an 'alert'
- e) The judge should observe a change of behaviour
- f) Search time limit 2 minutes.

3.2 NOVICE BURIED SAND SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE.

- a) One source/hide per search
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Eugenia Caryophyllata*) will be the odour used in SSANZ Novice trials
- c) Eight containers placed in two rows of four.
- d) No formal 'indication position' is required for Novice for the handler to call an 'alert'
- e) The judge should observe a change of behaviour
- f) Search time limit 2 minutes.

4. INTERMEDIATE BURIED WATER SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE

- a) Two sources/hides in two separate containers per search, one of each odour
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Eugenia Caryophyllata*) and Oil of Sweet Birch (*Betula Lenta*), will be the odour used in SSANZ Intermediate trials
- c) Twelve containers placed in any pattern
- d) No formal 'indication position' is required in Intermediate for the handler to call an 'alert'

- e) A change of behaviour should be observed by the judge at each hide called
- f) When the handler believes that all hides have been located, he/she must call "Finish" to stop the time. If the handler does not call finish, they will be given maximum time for their score.
- g) Search time limit is 3 minutes.

4.1 INTERMEDIATE BURIED SAND SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE

- a) Two sources/hides in two separate containers per search, one of each odour
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Eugenia Caryophyllatta*) and Oil of Sweet Birch (*Betula Lenta*), will be the odour used in SSANZ Intermediate trials
- c) Twelve containers placed in any pattern
- d) No formal 'indication position' is required in Intermediate for the handler to call an 'alert'
- e) A change of behaviour should be observed by the judge at each hide called
- f) When the handler believes that all hides have been located, he/she must call "Finish" to stop the time. If the handler does not call finish, they will be given maximum time for their score.
- g) Search time limit is 3 minutes.

5. ADVANCED BURIED SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE

- a) Three source/hides in three separate containers per search element, one of each odour
- b) Oil of Clove Bud (*Eugenia Caryophyllatta*) Oil of Sweet Birch (*Betula Lenta*), and Cypress (*Cupressus Sempervirens*) will be the odours used in SSANZ Advance trials
- c) Fourteen containers placed in any pattern. Seven of the containers must be filled with sand, and seven must be filled with water. All containers must be filled to an equal level
- d) No formal 'indication position' is required for Intermediate for the handler to call an 'alert'
- e) A change of behaviour should be observed by the judge at each hide called
- f) When the handler believes that all hides have been located, he/she must call "Finish" to stop the time. If the handler does not call finish, they will be given maximum time for their score.
- f) Search time limit 4 minutes.

6 EXCELLENT BURIED SEARCH CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL CRITERIA ABOVE

- a) Unknown number of hides per search element
- b) Each source/hide odour is at the discretion of the judge
- c) Oil of Clove Bud (*Eugenia Caryophyllatta*), Oil of Sweet Birch (*Betula Lenta*), and Cypress (*Cupressus Sempervirens*) will be the odours used in SSANZ Excellent trials
- d) Eighteen containers placed in any pattern. Nine of the containers must be filled with sand, and nine must be filled with water. All containers must be filled to an equal level.
- e) No formal 'indication position' is required for Excellent for the handler to call an 'alert'
- f) A change of behaviour should be observed by the judge at each hide called
- g) When the handler believes that all hides have been located, he/she must call "Finish" to stop the time. If the handler does not call finish, they will be given the maximum time for their score
- h) Search time limit 4 minutes.

7 ODOUR PREPARATION FOR BURRIED HIDES

7.1 **Specific for Buried Hides:** Q-tips are to be prepared with 1 drop of essential oil applied directly to the Q-tip 24-72 hours before use and then stored in a glass jar with an airtight lid before being placed in a scent sample carrier

7.2 Two Q-tips are to be used in a hide container for buried hides.

8 SEARCH RULES – GENERAL

8.1 All Buried Hide Searches are to be completed on leash

8.2 The location of the hide/s will not be visible or known to the handler

8.3 Each search time starts when the dog's nose crosses the start line

a) Once over the start line the team can enter the search area from any angle

8.5 There will be no penalty to handlers using verbal and/or physical signals to encourage and support their dogs while searching

8.6 Handlers must indicate verbally, 'alert' and 'visually', by raising a hand above their head. Both signals are required to indicate that the handler thinks the dog has found the 'source'

a) A judge may ask "Where?" for further clarification after the alert is called. If the handler is unable to adequately describe or point to the location of the odour hide, then the judge may award a fault as defined in section 9.

b) Timing concludes when the judge has identified the call as 'Correct' in Novice or when the handler calls "Finish" in the Intermediate level and above.

8.7 Handlers are allowed to take their reinforcers into the search area

a) Reinforcers may be visible

b) Reinforcers are not to be used until a correct alert is called

c) Reinforcers must stay on the handler unless in use

d) Handlers must not contaminate the search area with their reinforcer

e) If, in the judge's opinion, the search area has been contaminated a major fault will be deducted

f) Handlers must not damage the search area when reinforcing their dog

g) If, in the judge's opinion, the search area has been damaged a major fault will be deducted.

9 FAULTS

9.1 Faults are given at the judge's discretion

9.2 Element failure incurs a score of 0 for that element

9.3 If the time for the search element has run out and the hide/s has not yet been found, the team will not be given the points for the hides not found in the search.

a) If the handler requests further help, at any time, then the search is forfeited. The team will lose all the points for that element.

b) Fouling. The dog vomits, urinates, or defecates at any time while in the search area

9.4 Faults are deducted according to categories of fault type - major and minor.

a) Incorrect Alert Call

i) Incorrect Alert Call will incur a deduction of 25 points, element failure

b) Major faults incur a deduction of 5 points for each occurrence

- i) Damage to the search area – such as excessive pawing or digging which require the replacement of equipment odour container
- ii) Compromising the search area - The judge deems that handler reward delivery may have jeopardized the integrity of the search area by damage or possible contamination
- iii) The dog damages or interferes with the hide placement in such a way that this might give a visual clue to subsequent competitors
- iv) Dropping food or rewards at any time during the search will be faulted on each occasion.
- v) Leaving the Search Area. The team (handler and dog) leaves the search area during a search.
- vi) Inappropriate fouling outside of the search area.
- vii) Safety issues or other infractions at the judge's discretion, including but not limited to:
 - a) Taking the dog off leash in a leash only search area.
 - b) Placing your dog in an unsafe situation.

c) Minor Faults incur a deduction of 2 points on each occurrence

- i) Faults **will be given for:**
 - a) Tangling the line.
 - b) Dropping the line.
 - c) Handling errors.

THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL AND NO CHALLENGE OR ARGUMENT WILL BE TOLERATED FROM THE COMPETITOR.

10 TRIAL ENTRY CRITERIA

All entry criteria must be met for a team to be registered, or to participate in a SSANZ trial.

10.1 General entry requirements

- a) All handlers of dogs at a SSANZ Buried Hide Trial must be registered members of SSANZ
- b) On the closing date for entries, team spots will be accepted in the following order:
 - i) SSANZ members whose dogs have less than 3 'Buried Hide qualifying certificates
 - ii) SSANZ members, whose dogs have between 3 and 8 Buried Hide qualifying certificates
 - iii) In the event of more entries than spots, a random draw from the last priority group of dogs will be done to fill the remaining spaces in the trial.
- c) To enter an Intermediate Buried Hide Trial a dog must have a Novice Buried Hide Title
- d) To enter an Advance Buried Hide Trial a dog must have an Intermediate Buried Hide title.
- e) To enter an Excellent Buried Hide Trial a dog must have an Advance Buried Hide title
- f) Once a dog has a title at a level in Buried Hides, the dog can no longer trial at this level on a competitive basis, excluding Excellent Level, where a team can continue to trial.
- g) Handlers may only trial one dog at each level at a trial
- h) A judge at a trial may not enter a dog in the trial they are judging
- i) A judge at a trial may enter a dog in another trial at the discretion of the organiser
- j) Dogs may trial with an alternate handler to their owner
- k) The alternate handler must stay the same for the entirety of the level entered
- l) Organisers and officials may compete at a trial at the discretion of the judge at the level they will be entering, if:
 - i) The allowance to trial does not impede the running of the trial.
 - ii) The allowance to trial does not diminish the integrity of the hide.

10.2 Requirements of the handler

- a) Have not been banned or excluded from trialling with SSANZ
- b) Enclosed, secure footwear must be worn at all times
- c) Handlers should wear comfortable clothing with safety in mind.
- d) A handler who presents with unsafe attire will be asked to rectify the problem. If no attempt is made to rectify, the handler may be asked to leave the trial
- e) Training vests, bags, hats etc., may be worn during searches or at any time
- f) A handler may wear and use visible head or chest mounted recording equipment subject to organisations/judge's agreement and that the use of such equipment does not delay the start of the searches.

10.3 Requirements of the dog

- a) All dogs participating in SSANZ Buried Hide trials must be registered with SSANZ
- b) Dogs over the age of 6 months may be entered in a trial provided all other entry criteria is met
- c) Dogs attending the trial must be presented in a state of good general health and cleanliness
- d) Dogs that are excessively dirty will be excluded from trialling on that day
- e) A veterinary certificate giving a brief outline and stating that a dog is fit to trial is required if an injury/disability/illness is present
- f) Dogs must have a current vaccination record, officiated by a registered professional
- g) Dogs must have a current registration with their Local Authority
- h) A dog that has been classified as menacing or dangerous under the Dog Control Act (1996), may compete at a SSANZ Trial at the discretion of the hosting organisation, who may require additional information and will be afforded full disclosure.
- i) Additional information must be provided to the organiser. This can include, but is not limited to:
 - (i) Owner name;
 - (ii) Owner address;
 - (iii) Dog name;
 - (iv) Dog breed;
 - (v) Dog colour;
 - (vi) Type of classification.
- j) Dogs with a 'menacing' classification must be muzzled at all times and cannot compete off lead
- k) A dog that has been classified as menacing or dangerous under the Dog Control Act (1996), and which has been granted an exemption under Clause 33E (5) of the Dog Control Act (1996) by the local territorial authority that has jurisdiction over the trial location, may not compete without a muzzle in a SSANZ Trial
- l) A copy of the exemption document must be provided with their entry form
- m) Bitches in season are NOT allowed to participate, nor permitted on the premises where the trial is held
- n) Notification is required at the earliest indication that a bitch may be in season at the time of the trial.

11 EQUIPMENT

- a) Lead length and type is at the handler's discretion
- b) Leads can be attached to a suitable harness or collar for the searches as defined in these regulations
- c) Check, choke, slip or prong collars are not permitted in the working search areas
- d) Correctly fitted non-restrictive harnesses are permitted for use in SSANZ trials
- e) If the harness is to be used for the search the lead must be attached to the top (spine)
- f) Optional equipment worn by the dog such as coats, boots or muzzles other than those outlined above, may be permitted at the discretion of the officiating judge

12 SSANZ TRIAL PROTOCOL

- 12.1 NO unofficial samples of odour may be brought anywhere onsite, other than in the confines of a private vehicle
- 12.2 A briefing will be given before the trial starts and is mandatory for all handlers to attend
 - a) Out of bounds areas will be outlined at the trial briefing
 - b) Search areas will be defined. Once defined, it is the responsibility of the handlers to stay out of these areas unless specifically exempted by an official on the day
 - c) Health and safety details for the venue will be advised
 - d) General housekeeping and details of the trial will be covered
- 12.3 Search areas will be defined visually and may also be broadly outlined during the briefing
 - a) Handlers are NOT allowed in the search areas until it is their turn to trial, unless authorised by the judge or delegated official.
 - b) If a trialist enters the search area without authorisation they may be disqualified from the trial
 - c) Handlers are also prohibited from discussing any detail in relation to the search or the operation of the search with any other competitor or spectator until ALL the teams have concluded that search
- 12.4 If, in the opinion of the judge, harsh or intimidating handling has taken place, they may deduct all points for that search
 - a) The judge or organiser may ask a trialist to leave if it is deemed necessary in the interests of safety, welfare of others, or due to bad sportsmanship.
- 12.5 The organiser may provide a videographer for each search
 - a) When videography is to occur, this should be advised by the organiser at time of registration, prior to entry
 - i) When advertised prior to entering a trial, by registering in that trial, handlers agree to allow video and photographs to be taken during the entirety of the event which may include them
 - ii) Copies may be made available to trialists on request
 - iii) The organiser of the trial will become the owner of any media taken at their event
 - iv) Interested parties may apply in writing to acquire copies of media relevant to them
 - v) The organiser will gain permission from the subject before media can be used and will state the intended use
 - vi) ONLY persons granted permission from the organiser will be permitted to record the searches at a SSANZ trial.
 - i) Any person wishing to record a search at a SSANZ trial must obtain permission from the organisers prior to the trial and at the discretion of the judge

- ii) Any person recording searches at a SSANZ trial must follow all directions given by the judge or designated official
- iii) The judge reserves the right to ask a person recording searches to leave if they believe that it is appropriate
- iv) For general recording of events at a trial, the recorder is asked to gain permission from any person, or from the owner/handler of any animal directly or inadvertently recorded before publishing the media.

13 ORGANISATION or HOST REQUIREMENTS

- 13.1 To host a SSANZ trial you must be a current registered SSANZ Organisational member
Organisers must apply to have a trial recognised as a SSANZ trial by:
- a) Filing a completed 'application to hold a SSANZ trial' form with the SSANZ secretary
 - b) Filing the application form at least 3 months prior to the trial date
 - c) Accompany application with necessary payment.
- 13.2 Upon approval, trial advertising must state the following:
- a) "This trial is being conducted under the rules and regulations of the Scent Sports Association of New Zealand (SSANZ)"
 - b) Judge/s for each search and/or level
 - c) Any competitive aspects
 - d) If there is going to be a videographer or photographer in attendance, this should be advertised on all trial fliers and registration forms.
- 13.3 Organisers are liable for any accident or injury occurring at their trial, and acknowledge this is not the responsibility of SSANZ
- 13.4 Organisers can order searches and levels at a trial to suit their requirements, provided these meet the criteria outlined for each individual search
- 13.5 The Organiser is responsible for contracting a SSANZ judge/judges, or SSANZ approved person/persons to judge
- a) The Organiser and judge are to communicate and decide on any monetary or other remuneration. This is not SSANZ responsibility
- 13.6 Entry fees charged to enter a trial are set by the Organiser
- a) Entry fees are the property of the Organiser
 - b) Entry fees should be fair and reasonable to the trialist
- 13.7 The organiser is responsible for obtaining official SSANZ qualifier certificates
- 13.8 Organisers at their own discretion may present additional participation certificates/awards
- 13.9 The Organiser may set a competitive aspect to a trial if they wish for there to be one based on the following criteria:
- i) A non-faulted team with the fastest combined time of all their searches may be awarded Highest Qualifier
 - ii) Teams on no faults place above faulted teams
 - iii) If there are no teams with no faults, then the fastest time will come into play after considering the lowest number of faults.
 - iv) Awards and prizes are the responsibility of the Organiser.
- 13.10 Organisers may hold additional novelty Scent events at SSANZ trials, with the understanding they are conducted within appropriate criteria for SSANZ

- 13.11 Organisers must forward a copy of all resulting scores and search times to the SSANZ Secretary within 21 days of the conclusion of the trial
- 13.12 Organisers must keep records of the trial for 12 months after the trial date including but not limited to
- i) 'Application to hold a SSANZ trial'
 - ii) Entry forms
 - iii) Menacing dog information and exemptions
 - iv) Financial records
 - v) 'Recorder' applications
 - vi) Media use applications



14 DEFINITIONS

Alert:	A communication from the handler to the judge that the dog has indicated the location of the odour.
Change of behaviour:	Behaviour by the dog which makes it clear to the Judge and/or handler that the dog has found the odour.
Event:	Several trials run in the same time frame at the same venue.
Find:	A hide that has been located by the dog and called by the handler.
Finish:	The handler is required to call "Finish" when they believe all hides for a search area have been located and called in some levels. The "Finish" call stops the official search time. If "Finish" is not called, maximum time will be allocated to that search, and in some levels the points for calling finish will not be awarded.
Handler:	A person commissioned to work with a dog not necessarily their own.
Judge:	Official scorer at a trial, SSANZ approved judges or SSANZ approved person.
Locations:	The area where the search is set up. A venue can have multiple locations for searches to be set up. Note – This is relevant for buried hide trials only
Level:	One specific level of a SSANZ trial or title, e.g., Novice.
Official:	A person commissioned by an organizer to help run a trial.
Organiser:	A person or group registered with SSANZ to hold events.
Owner:	The registered owner of a dog.
Search:	One element of a level, e.g., water search.
Start Line:	A clearly marked boundary through which the dog and handler need to cross for their time to start.
Team:	A dog and handler for a level at a trial.
Trial:	One of each, or some of the SSANZ levels being assessed in a group.