

ENTRY METHOD: RANDOM DRAW

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 12:00PM CDT at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed. **Random Draw Entries Close on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 5PM CDT. The Random Draw will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 6PM CDT at the following address: 13620 67th Ave N, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311.**

ENTRIES CLOSE ON Thursday September 17, 2026, at 6pm CDT after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as invalid entries and shall be returned to the sender.

Online entry is available at <https://atlasqds.com/dogevents/spdtc/>



PREMIUM LIST

St. Paul Dog Training Club
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



Buried (Novice, Advanced)
Container (Novice, Advanced)
Exterior (Novice, Advanced)
Interior (Novice, Advanced)
Handler Discrimination (Novice, Advanced)
Detective

All classes are Concurrent

October 2, 2026 Event #2026179120	October 2, 2026 Event # 2026179121
October 3, 2026 Event #2026179122	October 3, 2026 Event# 2026179123
October 4, 2026 Event #2026179124	October 4, 2026 Event# 2026179125

Rice County Fairgrounds
1814 2nd Ave NW
Faribault, MN 55021

ENTRY LIMITS

Total Entry Limit: 125 runs per judge/per day or 8 Hours of Judging Time
Detective Class Limit – 25 runs per trial

To be held Indoors/Outdoors

Trial Hours:

Friday-8:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday- 8:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday- 8:00am to 5:00pm
Check-in at 8:00 am daily
Handler's Briefing at 8:30am, first dog to follow

Judge: Holly Bushard – Moose Lake, MN
Judge: Bonnie Gutzwiler– Yorkville, IL
Beth Moon – St. Paul, MN



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CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.
Gina DiNardo, Secretary

OFFICERS OF ST PAUL DOG TRAINING CLUB

President Terry Hildebrandt
Vice President Joe Koegel
Secretary Sarah Waldhauser
Treasurer Tom Lenzmeier

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON	TRIAL SECRETARY
Kristi Portuguese 11825 175 th St W Lakeville, MN 55044 kportugue@gmail.com 612-240-1721	Tracie Karsjens 13620 67 th Ave N Maple Grove, MN 55311 Tracie@atlasqsds.com 763-458-3652

EVENT COMMITTEE

Gayle Hunter, Jim Bushard, Joy Schneider, Jean Braun, Rachel Balder, Billy Grose, and members of the SPDTC.

Judge Assignments/Proposed Schedule – Subject to change for load balance

Friday		
<u>Holly Bushard (#102332)</u>	<u>Bonnie Gutzwiller (#102527)</u>	<u>Beth Moon (#118833)</u>
Detective T1	Detective T2	HD Novice T1, T2
Buried Novice T1, T2		HD Advanced T1, T2
Buried Advanced T1, T2		Container Novice T1, T2
Interior Novice T1, T2		Container Advanced T1, T2
Exterior Advanced T1, T2		Exterior Novice T1, T2
		Interior Advanced T1, T2
Saturday		
<u>Holly Bushard (#102332)</u>	<u>Bonnie Gutzwiller (#102527)</u>	<u>Beth Moon (#118833)</u>
Detective T1	Detective T2	HD Novice T1, T2
Buried Novice T1, T2		HD Advanced T1, T2
Container Novice T1, T2		Buried Advanced T1, T2
Interior Novice T1, T2		Container Advanced T1, T2
Exterior Novice T1, T2		Exterior Advanced T1, T2
		Interior Advanced T1, T2
Sunday		
<u>Holly Bushard (#102332)</u>	<u>Bonnie Gutzwiller (#102527)</u>	<u>Beth Moon (#118833)</u>
Detective T1	Detective T2	Buried Novice T1, T2
Interior Advanced T1, T2		Buried Advanced T1, T2
Container Advanced T1, T2		Container Novice T1, T2
		Exterior Novice T1, T2
		Interior Novice T1, T2
		Exterior Advanced T1, T2

Move Ups

Final Trial Move Up Date is Monday September 14, 2026, at 6PM. Move ups must be made via email to the Trial Secretary at tracie@atlasqsds.com.

Move ups between Friday, Saturday and Sunday Trials will be allowed, but not between trials on the same day. AKC Transfer Forms need to be filled out with the necessary information no later than one (1) hour after completion of the last class on Friday and Saturday for move ups to Saturday and Sunday.

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

South Metro Animal Emergency Care
14690 Pennock Ave, Apple Valley, MN 55124
952-953-3737

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/ Ambulance/Police – CALL 911

Day to Day move ups WILL be offered. AKC transfer forms must be completed & returned to the trial secretary before the end of the trial each day

DOG ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate.

Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Wherever the word "dog" is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog displays no sign of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Deaf and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Females in season may not participate. Aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from an injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance may not participate. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

ENTRY FEES PER TRIAL

Novice/Advanced Level Entry (includes AKC recording fee)..... \$27
Detective Class (includes AKC Recording Fee).....\$45

Mail entry forms and fees to:

Tracie Karsjens
13620 67th Ave N
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Day of Trial Entry Fees (if spots are available)

Novice/Advanced/Excellent Level Entry (includes AKC recording fee)..... \$32
Detective Class (includes AKC recording fee).....\$50

Please make checks payable to the **St. Paul Dog Training Club (SPDTC)**.

Online entries are available at <https://atlasgsds.com/dogevents/spdtk/>

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Tracie Karsjens at: tracie@atlasgsds.com. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry.

Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

WAITLIST INFORMATION

All entries must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6pm CDT. **No entries may be withdrawn for a complete refund after closing on Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 6pm CDT** unless withdrawn entries are filled as follows:

St Paul Dog Training Club will offer a waitlist to fill openings created by entries that have been withdrawn after the trial's closing date/time. A maximum of **50 runs per day** will be placed on the club's waitlist. If runs of a withdrawn entry are replaced by waitlisted runs, a refund will be issued to the exhibitor of the withdrawn entry for those runs just filled. Exhibitors who were able to have some runs filled, but not all, will receive a refund at the end of the trial for those runs that did not have openings. Checks will be shredded for any exhibitors who were unable to have any of the runs requested on their entry filled.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed and welcomed! Volunteers will get priority entry into the trial, breakfast items and lunch each day, and indoor crating. To volunteer please fill out this form: [link to come soon]. Direct any volunteer questions to Rachel Balder at rachel.balder@gmail.com. To receive priority entry, your entry must arrive at the trial secretary address by the random draw

deadline of September 2, 2026 at 5:00PM CDT. Please write "Volunteer" on the envelope. If entering online, please email the trial secretary to indicate you are a volunteer.

STAGING AREA, HANDLER’S BREIFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). The staging area will include crating, warm-up and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The **Handler’s Briefing** will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler’s Briefing the judge will explain if there’s an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. NO DOGS are to be present during Handler’s Briefing.

A **warm-up area** will be available consisting of ONE marked container of each odor being tested at the trial and may also consist of blanks containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to (2) two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler/dog team prior to their run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog.

SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for AKC Scent Work for each class.

Search Area Conditions. Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

Trial Site. It is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real life environments and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.

This trial location is a county fairground.

The main parking lot is paved, but some competitors may be parking in an adjacent grass parking lot. Pathways to search areas may require you to navigate gravel roads, grass and dirt pathways and uneven ground. The fairgrounds is large and the search areas and parking are spread out so there will be long walks to search areas that will involve moderate elevation changes.

The search areas may include pavement, grass, and woodchip planting areas on level ground, cement, rock or dirt floors within buildings. Many of the buildings are used to house farm animals during the county fair and other events and may contain remnants of animal feed and droppings.

Due to unforeseen conditions, such as weather or change in availability of areas at the location, the expected search areas, parking, and pathways to the search areas may be modified at the last minute.

Possession of Odors and Training. Chapter 5, Section 30 of the Regulations for Scent Work state, “No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odors when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area.

Spectator Area. Spectators are encouraged. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in the class may choose to watch the search from the spectator area. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the area by the judge. Spectators are forbidden to discuss details of the search with handlers who have not run.

Creating. Indoor Crating Space will not be available; all exhibitors must plan to crate outside in the parking lot. For safety reasons, all dogs on the trial site must be secured at all times when they are not competing or being exercised (exercise on a 6’ or shorter lead). Please bring materials to make your dog comfortable for outdoor crating, whether the outdoor conditions are hot, cold, or raining (plan for all weather).

Food. There will not be food available at the Trial Site. There are restaurants near the trial site.

Picking Up After Your Dog. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

First Place.....	Blue
Second Place.....	Red
Third Place.....	Yellow
Fourth Place.....	White
Qualifying Score.....	Dark Green

A **New Title rosette** will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing a title.

A New Scent Work Detective Title will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing this title.

High In Trial and High Combined rosettes will be awarded to the high scoring Novice and Advanced teams for each trial.

SILVER SNIFFER AWARD

To honor senior sniffers, we're offering a Silver Sniffer **rosette**, given to the oldest dog who qualifies each day.

All awards and prizes must be claimed at the show as none will be mailed.

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. **It is expressly understood** that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The SPDTC and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The SPDTC reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the SPDTC or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

All dogs must be on leash at all times. Retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed.

REFUNDS

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund.

Bitches in season will be refunded the full entry fee. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

RINGSIDE

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

[Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.](#)

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

"Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations." Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements, for example, proof of rabies vaccination.

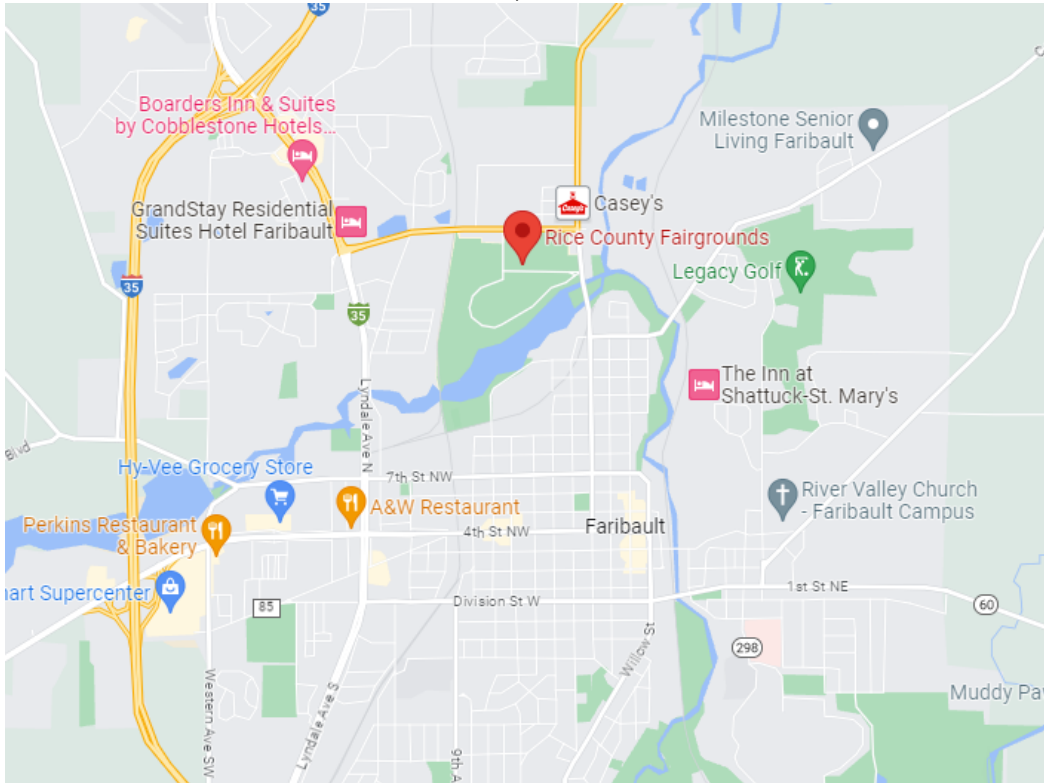
HOTEL INFORMATION

Regency Inn and Suites	4040 Hwy 60 W, Faribault, MN 55021.....	507-334-2051
Boarders Inn and Suites	1801 Lavendar Dr, Faribault, MN 55021	507-334-9464
Americas Best Value Inn Faribault	2509 N Lyndale Ave, Faribault, MN 55021	507-334-1634

Most of the hotels will assess a pet fee. Please check on dog acceptance policies and pet fees when making your reservations. Policies do change. Please clean up after your dog and do not leave dogs unattended in motel rooms.

TRIAL SITE

Address
Rice County Fairgrounds
1814 2nd Ave NW
Faribault, MN 55021





	Containers	Interior	Exteriors	Buried	Handler Discrimination	Detective
Trial 1 Fri 10/2/2026	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Detective
Trial 2 Fri. 10/2/2026	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Detective
Trial 1 Sat. 10/3/2026	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Detective
Trial 2 Sat. 10/3/2026	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Detective
Trial 1 Sun. 10/4/2026	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	Not offered	☐ Detective
Trial 2 Sun. 10/4/2026	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	☐ Novice A ☐ Novice B ☐ Advanced	Not offered	☐ Detective

Entry Fee Per Trial: Novice/Adv: \$27.00/run

Detective Class: \$45.00/run

Make checks payable to SPDTC

Total Due \$ _____

Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee for each returned check.

AKC Registered Name			Registration Number		
			☐ AKC/PAL/ILP/CP ☐ Foreign		
Call name		Date of birth		Sex	
Breed		Variety			
Breeder					
Sire					
Dam					
Owner					
Owner's Address					
City			State		Zip
Telephone		Email			
Handler name (if different from owner):			Junior Handler # (if applicable):		

ALL Fields are REQUIRED. If you have a PAL/ILP/CP you may put N/A in the grey boxes

AGREEMENT

Be sure to read the Agreement and sign. No form will be processed without your signature!

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org

St Paul Dog Training Club – October 2-4, 2026

Mail Official Entry Form to: Tracie Karsjens, 13620 67th St N, Maple Grove, MN 55311

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please check the box for each class desired to be entered. Dogs may enter two different levels within each element, at each trial. Dogs entering the Advanced, Excellent, Master or Detective classes must have earned the required title, as stipulated in the AKC Scent Work Regulations. Dogs may enter either the Novice "A" class or the Novice "B" class—not both

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE

X: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____