



Hello Sniffing Friends!

Thank you for entering the May 16-17, 2026 CPE CSS Trial hosted by SCAT in Hamden, CT. We hope you and your dogs have a great week-end! We thank our volunteers in advance – we can't run trials without you!

First we apologize for any difficult you might have had in making hotel reservations at our suggested location. They notified us, rather late, that the special rate was not in effect for May 16-17 due to local graduations, and they filled quickly, leaving our distance competitors on their own. **WE ARE SORRY!**

- **General Information**

- Briefing for level 1&2 teams is at 7:30 followed by first dog on the line at 8 AM

**Crating:** There will be crating spaces in Little Paws available by 7 AM. Please put a mat under your crates.

- **Parking:** Handicapped spaces are available on first come basis. If you need a Handicapped parking space, please plan to arrive early. **There is no overnight RV parking.**
- **Note** – If there are cones across the driveway do not walk or drive past them – they are marking a designated search area.
- **Bathrooms:** There is a unisex bathroom in little Paws available at all times. The bathrooms in Big Paws may be available intermittently during the day, but often will be temporarily unavailable if that area is close to or part of a search area.
- **Food:** There will be no food or drinks available at the trial, so please bring whatever food and drinks you will need for you and your dog.
- **Results:** Scores and results will be posted in Little Paws, as soon as possible after each pair of classes.
- **Ribbons** Q and placement ribbons will be self-serve in Little Paws. For titles see one of the trial chairs.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

We appreciate your cooperation in protecting our new Field Turf in Big Paws by adhering to the following rules:

- Chairs and tables must be placed on the hard floor perimeter of the ring.
- Do not drag any of the obstacles on the floor – they must be lifted to move them.
- Only soft-soled shoes are allowed. Your shoes must be clean and dry. During inclement weather, please change footwear before running dogs. Check your shoes each time you come in the building to be sure you did not step in a neglected poop!
- THE USE OF ANTI-SLIP SPRAY OR WAX IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED
- Make sure you walk your dog before each run.
- If your dog eliminates in the ring, gather them up immediately so they stay in one spot. Urine must be blotted immediately with microfiber towels that are located on the windowsill around the room as well as in the basket on the floor. **DO NOT USE PAPER TOWELS ON THE TURF.**
- There will be a \$20 cash fee for every dog elimination on the turf.

- **VOLUNTEERS:** We will need some volunteers to keep the trial moving and direct folks to get to their search areas. There is a sign-up sheet on MDE on the INFO page, or contact Meg if you can volunteer! E-mail [alckprez@att.net](mailto:alckprez@att.net) **Your help will be much appreciated!!**

**MOVE-UPS:** Pre-Trial move-ups or changes **must** be e-mailed to the secretary by Monday, May 11 at 6 PM. **IMPORTANT!!** **Same day move-ups** will be allowed in Containers both days and in Vehicles Sat. and in Exteriors on Sunday.

If you are eligible and want to move up after round 1, **DO NOT** run round 2 at that level. Tell the judge that you are moving up – judge will write “MOVE-UP” on your round 2 score sheet and it will be brought to the score table so move up can be done.

**Sat. to Sun move-ups** must be done before the end of classes on Sat. Move-up Forms will be on ribbon table – fill out a form and leave it there on the clipboard.

Run orders will be posted on MDE by Tuesday eve.

- Run orders will be posted at the trial, but individual copies will not be provided.

**IT IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED THAT YOU PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS.**  
**Failure to do so will result in you being excused from the trial.**

**TRIAL CLASS LINE-UP** – The following is the planned order for the trial to be run.

All level 1 classes will be run first, followed by all level 2 classes, etc

In each level, the first ½ of the entries will run outside classes first, 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ of run order does inside classes first,

Then the 2 groups will switch. Our large Level 5 class is also divided into 2 sections to allow folks to volunteer.

SATURDAY, May 16, 2026		SUNDAY, May 17, 2026	
<u>1<sup>st</sup> half of run order in each level</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> half of run order in each level</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> half of run order in each level</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> half of run order in each level</u>
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Exterior	Containers Rd. 2	Exterior Rd. 1	Containers Rd. 2
Vehicles Rd. 2	Interior	Exterior Rd. 2	Interior
(non-traditional)	<u>To 2<sup>nd</sup> Judge</u>	<u>To 2<sup>nd</sup> Judge</u>	<u>To 2<sup>nd</sup> Judge</u>
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Containers Rd.2	Vehicles Rd. 2	Interior	Exterior Rd. 2
Interior	(non-traditional)		