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## SCENT WORK TITLE SUMMARY INFORMATION

The ANKC sporting discipline of “Scent Work” was updated effective 1st July 2024.

To assist your administration, below is a summary of the requirements for titles for “Scent Work” on both the Class and Element Categories

There are 5 Scent Work Class titles – these titles are written AFTER the dog’s registered name:

Scent Work Novice – SWN, Scent Work Advanced – SWA, Scent Work Excellent – SWE, Scent Work Master – SWM and Scent Work Ultimate – SWU.

Except for Ultimate Class Title, when a higher Class title is granted, the lower class titles are no longer written, e.g. Fido SWN becomes Fido SWA

When Ultimate Class title is granted the highest other Class title is retained unless and until the Scent Work Champion title is granted, e.g. Fido SWM becomes Fido SWM SWU.

Requirements:

For SWN a dog needs 6 Novice Qualifying Certificates for 4 different elements, no more than 2 of one element.

For SWA a dog needs 9 Advanced Qualifying Certificates - 2 for each element plus one of any element.

For SWE a dog needs 12 Excellent Qualifying Certificates – 3 for each element.

For SWM a dog needs 12 Master Qualifying Certificates – 3 for each element.

For SWU a dog needs either a Master title or 2 Element titles. They also need 5 Ultimate Qualifying Certificates

SCENT WORK CLASS TITLES						
ELEMENT	CLASS	NOVICE (SWN)	ADVANCED (SWA)	EXCELLENT (SWE)	MASTER (SWM)	ULTIMATE (SWU)
<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES</b>						
CONTAINERS		1	2	3	3	
INTERIOR		1	2	3	3	
EXTERIOR		1	2	3	3	
VEHICLES		1	2	3	3	
SELECTED FROM ABOVE ELEMENTS		2	1			
MIN TOTAL NO OF QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES		6	9	12	12	5
MIN NO OF JUDGES		2	2	2	2	3

**There are 4 Scent Work Element Titles** – These titles are written AFTER the dog’s registered name:

Scent Work Containers – SWC, Scent Work Interior – SWI, Scent Work Exterior – SWX, and Scent Work Vehicles – SWV

Scent Work Element titles are independent of Scent Work Class titles and are retained until Scent Work Champion title is granted.

For example, a dog with 2 Element titles (Containers and Interior) and an Excellent title, on gaining its Scent Work Master title: Fido SWE SWC SWI becomes Fido SWM SWC SWI

Requirements: To be granted an Element title a dog needs 11 Qualifying Certificates – 2 Novice, 3 Advanced, 3 Excellent and 3 Master for the same element.

Dogs can pursue both their Scent Work Class and Scent Work Element titles at the same time. That is, Qualifying Certificates gained towards Scent Work Class titles can be counted towards the dog qualifying for Scent work Element titles and vice versa.

SCENT WORK ELEMENT TITLES				
ELEMENT/ CLASS	CONTAINERS (SWC)	INTERIOR (SWI)	EXTERIOR (SWX)	VEHICLES (SWV)
<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES</b>				
NOVICE	2	2	2	2
ADVANCED	3	3	3	3
EXCELLENT	3	3	3	3
MASTERS	3	3	3	3
MIN TOTAL NO OF QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES	11	11	11	11
MIN NO OF JUDGES	2	2	2	2

There is a **Scent Work Champion** Title – SW Ch – this is written IN FRONT of the dog’s name and when granted this title, the Scent Work titles AFTER the dog’s name are no longer used.

For example, a dog with its Master and 4 elements titles, upon gaining its Ultimate title and applying for its SW Ch title: E.g. Fido SWM SWC SWI SWX SWV becomes SW Ch Fido

To be eligible for this title, a dog must obtain the following six (6) titles:

- Class:
  - Scent Work Master (SWM)
  - Scent Work Ultimate (SWU)
- Element:
  - Scent Work Containers (SWC)
  - Scent Work Interior (SWI)
  - Scent Work Exterior (SWX)
  - Scent Work Vehicles (SWV)

## **SCENT WORK TRIALS**

### **Titling Classes:**

**Novice:** for dogs that have not obtained the Qualifying Certificates necessary for the Scent Work Novice Class title or have not obtained two (2) Qualifying Certificates in the Novice class for an Element as part of qualifying towards the relevant Scent Work Element title

**Advanced:** for dogs that have qualified for the Scent Work Novice Class title or have gained two (2) Qualifying Certificates in the Novice Class for an Element as part of qualifying towards the relevant Scent Work Element title

**Excellent:** for dogs that have qualified for the Scent Work Advanced Class title or have gained three (3) qualifying Certificates in the Advanced class for an Element as part of qualifying towards the relevant Scent Work Element title

**Master:** for dogs that have qualified for the Scent Work Excellent Class title or have gained three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Excellent class for an Element as part of qualifying towards the relevant Scent Work Element title

**Ultimate:** For dogs that have qualified for the Scent Work Master Class title or two (2) Element titles (that is, two of either SWC and/or SWI and/or SWX and/or SWV).

### **Progression through titling classes**

- 6.2.1 Dogs may progress through Elements at different speeds (for example, a dog may compete in Novice Interior and Advanced Containers at the same trial).
- 6.2.2 A dog which has completed two (2) Qualifying Certificates in any Element in the Novice Class or three (3) Qualifying Certificates in any Element in the Advanced Class may not compete further in that Element in that Class unless the final qualification was gained after the closing date of entries for the trial. Upgrade to the next Class (if available at the trial) may be allowed at the discretion of the Trial Secretary.
- 6.2.3 A dog that is eligible to compete in the Excellent, Master or Ultimate Class may continue to do so in these Classes, regardless of whether they have gained titles in those Classes or not.
- 6.2.4 At the discretion of the Affiliate's Trial Secretary, a handler who completes the necessary Qualifying Certificates for a title and has applied to the member body for that title after the closing date for a trial, may request and be transferred to the next higher Class.
- 6.2.5 Dogs can pursue both their Scent Work Class and Scent Work Element titles at the same time. That is, Qualifying Certificates gained towards Scent Work Class titles can be counted towards the dog qualifying for Scent Work Element titles and vice versa.