

Thank you very much for helping with our tracking test!

On Plotting Day:

- Remember to listen to what the judges tell you.
- Have pencil and paper for drawing your map.
- Note the approximate time it takes to get from the staging area to the start of your track.
- DO NOT interrupt the judges while they are walking! They are counting paces.
- Re-walk the track without the judges. That is a good time to count your paces and establish good recognizable landmarks.
- Count the number of flags.
- If you need an additional marker, use flagging tape or pin flags. Count them as well.
- You may need to re-draw your map.

On Test Day:

- Wear your own footwear.
- Walk naturally – no scuffing the track, including near the start flag. Circling the flag is prohibited.
- Before you start your track make sure you have the following:
 - Your map of the track.
 - The number of flags, pin flags or tape that is on the track.
 - The articles.
 - A clear view of the start flag(s) and the first turn.

For TD

- Walk in a straight line with the start flags about 10 yards before the first flag.
- Note the start time. VERY IMPORTANT! Write it down.
- Leave the cloth article at the start flag.
- Leave the start flag plus the flag located at about 30 yards.
- At the first turn find your second turn – make sure it agrees with your map.
- Pick up and count the other flags and any other markers.
- Place the end article between your feet, then pull up the last flag.
- Walk about 30 yards in a straight line before exiting the field. The judges will tell you where you need to exit.

For TDX

- Walk 30 yards prior to the track in a straight line with the start flag and the first turn flag.
- Note the start time. VERY IMPORTANT! Write it down.
- Place the start article at the first flag.
- Leave only the first flag and pick up all the rest (leave the cross-track flags).
- Place the other articles at the article flags before pulling the flags.
- After placing the glove at the end, pull the flag and continue in a straight line for about 30 yards and exit the field the way the judges tell you.

For Cross-tracks

- Make certain that you have a radio (provided) or cell phone on plotting day.
- On test day, note the time you enter the field to lay the cross-tracks.
- The primary cross-track layer and secondary cross track layer shall walk side by side about 4 feet apart and will pick up the flags as they are walking the cross-tracks. Remember to pick up any additional markers that you may have used.
- Enter and exit the field where the judges instruct you to do.
- Cross-track layers DO NOT RE-WALK the track.

For everyone

NO TRACKLAYER MAY RETURN CLOSER THAN 50 YARDS OF ANY UNUSED TRACK. BE AWARE OF WHERE THE TRACK IS SO AS NOT TO FOUL IT.

- On test day have a radio or cell phone and the chief tracklayer or test secretary number with you in case you encounter a problem in the field.
- Consult with the judges (if possible) to fix the problem.
- If you get “lost”, attempt to salvage the track. Do not just walk out of the field. Let the judges decide if it is still useable. *(If there is a problem of any kind, tell the chief tracklayer and the judges, but no one else.* It might make someone nervous.
- Tell the chief tracklayer the time you started your track. Make sure the chief tracklayer has your cell phone number in case we need to contact you.
- Please make certain that we have a place to contact you the night before the test in case there are last minute changes for start times.

THANK YOU.....THANK YOU.....THANK YOU.....THANK YOU!!!!!!