

USSPWDC Perfdog and RANDOM DRAW v_030823

The number of water trial participants is growing and that is a good thing. However, in 2021 and 2022, we experienced wait lists for some of our trials and dog/handler teams did not get in. The current method of entry is timestamp, generated from the internet. This method has resulted in a lot of discussion on the negative aspects of how fast our trials fill and those with faster internet connections perhaps benefiting unfairly. Therefore, for 2023, the Water Activities Committee has proposed, and the USSPWDC Board has approved the use of perfdog.com to manage our water trial entries and random draws as defined in the 2022 Water Trial Manual as a way to ensure everyone has the same opportunity to get into the water trials.

Note: The primary reason our water trials fill so fast is we have one of the largest water trial entries in the US and we are top heavy, meaning we have a lot of Courier and Master entries. The current water trial manual restricts us to a maximum of 35 dogs and/or timing based on the following formula: 6 JWD/hour, 4 AWD/hour, 4 WWD/hour, 3 CWD/hour and 3 Master/hour, which is the limiting factor for entries into our trials. Last year at LaGrange we had 44 entries. We added Friday afternoon to trial 1 and got 35 entries in for Fri/Sat and 27 in for Sunday. Most, not all got in.

USSPWDC 2023 Water Trial Entry Process:

1. www.perfdog.com will be used to accept all water trial entries for all 2023 Water Trials. For help entering online, contact support@perfdog.com. Each person entering the water trial must have a perfdog account.
2. The water trial premium will be uploaded both on perfdog.com and usspwdc.org.
3. The Water Trial Secretary will set up the USSPWDC events (Trial 1 or Trial 1 and 2) with the maximum number of entrants and timing for each level. (Please note: Both USSPWDC June trials are already in perfdog. Click on water trials, set the date range from January - December – take a look!!). Originally the maximum number of entrants for each level will be set to “0”. Therefore, all who enter the trial(s) will automatically be placed on a waitlist for the random draw(s). The day after the Random Draw Deadline, the Water Trial Secretary will conduct the random draw for each Water Trial from the wait lists.
4. The PWDCA Water Trial Manual allows a Club to guarantee water trial entries for 5 dogs per trial/site for key trial workers who have agreed to work at the trial. However, in general, USSPWDC will not designate or guarantee entry for trial workers. In extenuating circumstances, which will be evaluated on a case by case basis, the Host Committee(s) may propose guaranteed entry for one or more key trial workers. The proposed guaranteed entry must be approved by the Water Activities Committee (WAC).
5. USSPWDC will comply explicitly with the 2022 Water Trial Manual for **Conducting the Random Draw**:
 - If the stated entry limit(s) is exceeded during the draw period the club shall conduct the random drawing from all entries received. Otherwise, the random drawing is not necessary.
 - The random drawing shall be held within 48 hours of the end of the draw period specified in the premium. The date, hour and location of the draw must be stated in the premium
 - In conducting the drawing for entries, the Trial Secretary shall avoid any method that raises any questions as to its randomness and impartiality.
 - **One drawing shall be held for each trial.** The Trial Secretary or a group of Trial Secretaries shall conduct the draw.
 - The Trial Secretary(s) selects individual dog entries (or numbers assigned to each entry) - **USSPWDC will use perfdog's excell sheet random draw process to generate a random list of entries.**
 - When the allowable entry limit has been drawn, all remaining entries shall be drawn for a position on the Wait List. If openings in the trial become available before the closing date the openings shall be filled in order by entries on the waiting list.
6. The day after the Random Draw Deadline the Secretary will go into “Manage Running Order” and execute “Create Random Running Order” for all Trial 1 and Trial 2 entries.

7. Entrants will be notified by perfdog.com that they are in the trial(s) and will have 72 hours to pay or cancel. (Note: Entrants will not pay until they receive an email from perfdog confirming their entry, but when they set up their account, they will be asked to put a CC on file so they can pay quickly in perfdog – optional).
8. Entries not selected in the random draw will be placed on a Trial specific (Trial 1 or Trial2) waitlist and will be notified by the Trial Secretary that they are waitlisted.
9. If there are cancellations, entrants will be moved off the trial specific waitlist into Trial 1 or 2 accordingly and notified and will have 72 hours to pay or cancel.
10. Entrants are responsible for their dog's entry, cancellation and move ups. If an entrant is notified that they are in the trial(s) and pays the entry fees, then cancels from the trial prior to the trial close date, the entrant will be responsible for a non-refundable \$3.00 service fee. If the entrant cancels from the trial after the trial is closed, there is no refund of either the \$3.00 service fee or entry fees.
11. Entrants will continue to use the USSPWDC.org website (jotform) links for meals, T-shirts, volunteers, substitute steward and practice day sign ups. **The jotforms will be opened on the website two days after the Random Draw are conducted so participants can sign up AFTER they accept and pay for their entry into the trial.**

Timeline for the June 3rd and 4th JR/App Workshop and Water Trial

- April 24 Water Trials Opens
- May 8 - Random Draw Deadline 5 pm
- Random Draws are conducted
- May 10 - Jotforms open on website
- May 16 Water Trial closes
- June 3rd Workshop
- June 4th Water Trial 1
- Trail Chair – Karen Childers - usspwcnsb@gmail.com
- Trial Secretary – Terry Revak – pwdjuno2020@yahoo.com

Current Timeline for June 24-25th Water Trials:

- May 1 Water Trial Opens in Perfdog.com
- May 23 – Random Draw Deadline 5 pm
- Random Draws are conducted
- May 25 - Jotforms open on website
- June 6 – Water Trial Closes
- June 23 – Practice day
- June 24 – Water Trial 1
- June 25 – Water Trial 2
- Trial Chair – Vickie Baker - usspwc4me@gmail.com
- Trial Secretary – Marilu Novy – overlook3pwd@gmail.com