

Summary of substantial changes to Scent program effective January 1, 2020

- Trial Hosts may elect to allow bitches in season to compete – with restrictions
- Head Halters may be worn on show grounds.
- If resets for multiple dogs are being offered, a judge may enter the reset of their class. All entries in the reset section of the class will be judged by the same judge.
- Fault for handler calling alert, then encouraging their dog to keep working
- Substantially smaller search area sizes allowed
- In all classes the distances, search area square footage and time have changed. Level 2 Detective class is no longer a container class. Level 3 will have one handler known distraction item.
- Judges will have to set search time for Super Sleuth, Private Investigator and Detective Diversions classes
- New Ranger set of classes -3 level of classes that the dog must work at a distance from the handler.
- The description of items used in searches under Search Area Guidelines updated
- Judges should work with trial hosts on determining appropriate classes to use per search area.
- Judges may set the odor hides if they choose.

There were clarifications, extended explanations made throughout the document.