Line Ups – worked on lead.

In Line Ups, lines of similar items will be set up. The idea is that the dog and handler work each item in the line and work it together moving forward and not swaying backwards and forwards between items. The team can go up the line and come back down it once. If the dog winds an odour after it has passed the item, the dog can return a maximum of 1 item. The handler should stand still and is not allowed to task the dog back or move back. The handler cannot task the dog back to items once they have passed them. If a find is called on another line, correctly on incorrectly, the team will continue from where the find was called. Points or deductions will be made for that find or wrong alert. If the handler is allowing the dog too much line and the dog is going backwards and forwards along the line, the scorer will warn the handler., the clock will be stopped whilst the scorer explains the issue to the handler. If it continues the team should be moved to the next line. This can be done repeatedly. The picture should be the dog and handler progressing as a team. The handler can reward the dog to the sides of the lines to the mouth, or if otherwise outside of the search area.

Items should be able to withstand a normal, focused search without moving.

Hides will not be removed.

Start point for each line will be marked.

Wrong alerts 5-mark deduction - handler can continue with line.

Scorer will inform handlers the order for the lines to be worked.

Hides will be no higher than the height of the smallest dog's nose with feet remaining on floor.

Any found call from the handler, when the dog is indicating on the correct item and within 18cms of a target odour will be correct. Beyond this the scorer will decide how far from the hide the dog can be for it to be correct. This can be greatly affected by conditions, size of dog, hide location etc. and as all scorers are experienced nosework individuals, judgement will be used. Handlers must remember that a wrong does not mean the target odour is not on that item.

Level 1

Hides will be surface or just below surface.

Handlers know how many hides.

One hide per line

Team will move to next line either when they return to start of line, or the maximum number of finds are located.

Maximum 4 lines (max 6 items in line).

Level 2

Hides will be surface or just below surface.

Handlers will not know how many hides.

1 or 0 hides per line.

Team will move to next line either when they return to start of line, or the maximum number of finds are located.

Negative line/s can be included.

Max 4 lines (max 8 items in line).

Level 3

Hides will be surface or just below surface.

Handlers will not know how many hides.

1 or 0 hides per line.

Team will move to next line either when they return to start of line, or the maximum number of finds are located.

Negative line/s can be included.

Max 6 lines (max 8 items in line).

Level 4

Hides will be surface or just below surface.

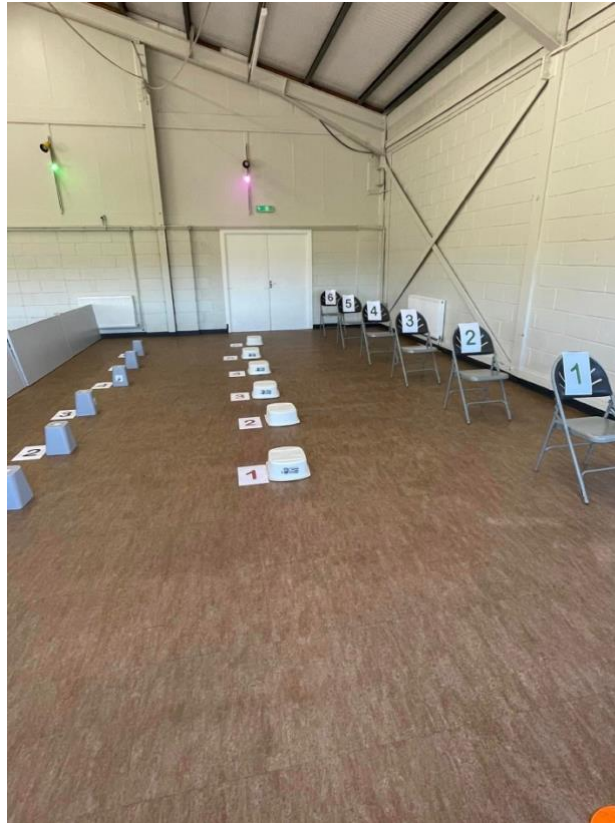Handlers will not know how many hides.

1 or 0 hides per line.

Team will move to next line either when they return to start of line, or the maximum number of finds are located.

Negative line/s can be included.

Max 6 lines (max 8 items in line).

1 distraction odour from group 1, 2, 3, or 4 will be used in a negative line, if a negative line is included.

Level 5

Hides will be surface or just below surface.

Handlers will not know how many hides.

1 or 0 hides per line.

Team will move to next line either when they return to start of line, or the maximum number of finds are located.

Negative line/s can be included.

Max 6 lines (max 8 items in line).

2 distraction odours from group 1, 2, 3, or 4 will be used across entire search in a line with target odour, or a negative line.

Level 6

Hides will be surface or just below surface.

Handlers will not know how many hides.

Negative line/s can be included.

2, 1 or 0 hides per line.

Max 6 lines (max 8 items in line).

Team will move to next line either when they return to start of line, or the maximum number of finds are located.

2 distraction odours from group 1, 2, 3, or 4 will be used across entire search in a line with target odour, or a negative line.

Level 7

Hides will be surface or just below surface or deep.

Handlers will not know how many hides.

Negative line/s can be included.

Max 6 lines (max 8 items in line).

Multiple hides can be in each line.

2 distraction odours from group 1, 2, 3, or 4 will be used across entire search in a line with target odour, or a negative line.

Level 8

Hides will be surface or just below surface, deep or wrapped.

Handlers will not know how many hides.

Negative line/s can be included.

Max 6 lines (max 8 items in line).

Multiple hides can be in each line.

2 distraction odours from group 1, 2, 3, or 4 will be used across entire search in a line with target odour, or a negative line.