



K9 ABC Games™  
SUMMER SCENTSATION :  
SINGLE ODOR

Friday AUGUST 30, 2019

Registration opens July 23, 2019

Closes: August 27, 2019



Host: FOR THE LOVE OF DOGS, Sharon Middendorf  
Odor Official: Sharon Middendorf  
Judge: Kristin Elmquist

Peace United Methodist Church  
5050 Hodgson Road, St. Paul, MN 55126  
Single Odor Level – Birch  
25 dogs maximum

These games are just that...nose work games. They have been designed to help you and your canine partner generalize your skills through searches in a new place with all elements present. They are a skill builder and a skills assessment tool for you and your dog. You can play the games for titles and ribbons or just play for fun.

Some unique characteristics of these games are:

- Each team's search is a continuous and contiguous search of all categories.
- You may ask for coaching at anytime, however you would no longer be eligible for a title.
- The games are open to any team, no odor tests required.
- A dog can be a member of more than one team.
- You can enter at whatever level you wish and move between levels.
- You can earn multiple titles in a single level.
- You can observe others after you have searched and/or at other levels.
- You can enter multiple dogs at different levels and/or enter two at one level (if space is available). Your second dog at a given level will be running FEO, if accepted.
- You can have someone video your searches for you and watch searches after your run.
- You can earn category legs towards a title.

**Games and Timeline (estimate):**

Single Odor Games: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> dog on line at 4:00 pm

**Entry Fees:**

Single Odor (birch): \$55.00 (USD)

**Dual Odor Games:** You have 6 minutes to find 4 hides in the single search area that includes interiors, exteriors, vehicles and containers. Each category will have one hide.

**How to enter:**

**REGISTRATION OPENS ON JULY 23, 2019.**

Please go to: <http://www.k9abcgames.net> and register for the games, **SINGLE ODOR LEVEL only**. When there, follow the instructions to sign up your team. If you select the wrong odor level, it will be changed for you to Single Odor.

**PLEASE NOTE: Your payment link will come in a separate email and person from your registration acceptance email.**

For those new to K9 ABC Games, there is a one time \$5.00 (USD) fee to register each of your dogs. This is a lifetime fee. There is no charge for the handler to register. If you have not already done your one-time, \$5.00 lifetime team registration with K9 ABC Games, please complete that lifetime registration prior to registering for this event.

**If you are accepted into the games, you will receive a separate email from your initial confirmation email with the link to make your payment for the event within 5 days of your registration. Refunds for cancellations will be made up to 5 days before the games (August 25) only if we can fill your spot with a team, minus a \$10.00 processing fee.**

Payment is via PayPal. No PayPal account is necessary. A \$3.00 PayPal convenience fee will be added to your payment.

If you have any questions about registering for this event or would like to volunteer to be a timer, score sheet runner or gate steward, please email [mnwik9trials@gmail.com](mailto:mnwik9trials@gmail.com). Volunteers get priority entry into the games.

**How to play:**

This will be a Single Odor game only. There is NO PAIRING of hides at these games. The games are open to any team, even if they have not yet tested on a give odor (i.e. taken an odor test).

Each team's search is a continuous and contiguous search. This means that there is no delineation or stopping between the categories. For example: there may be containers in the exterior search and vehicles in the interior search, etc. **You move through out the search space and can return to a previously searched area.**

The game is timed for recording and trial management purposes only. Single Odor is a six minute search, four hides, one in each category. There are no placements in the games. The timer will do their best to provide you with a 30-second warning before reaching the maximum time. Faults may be awarded for dropped food, excess destruction of a search area, etc.

**You will be provided information a few days prior to the games on logistics and arrival time**

**“Parking and Check-In”:** Parking is on the side of the church – please park towards the back to avoid line of sight issues. Check in will be inside at the check in desk or as you arrive depending on the number of volunteers we get.

**“Crating”** should be in your vehicle. Please bring whatever you and your dog need to be comfortable. Don't forget your dog's reward and water!

**Dog Gear:** It is expected that you will respect the 'no aversive devices' rule when working your dog. (No choke chains, prong collars, head halters, front-fastening harnesses or e-collars are to be used during searches.)

**Reactive Dogs:** It is the Handler's responsibility to make sure that the dog is wearing a red scarf, giving a suggestion to others to keep their distance. If you see a red scarf on a dog or on a vehicle, please give that dog lots of space. Remember, this sport is open to reactive dogs and to give all dogs, no matter what, their space.

**Warm up box** will be available.