

National Search Dog Alliance (NSDA)

Area Search Team Field Qualification Tests **PRE-TEST REQUIREMENTS**

Before the Area Search Team Field Qualification Tests are taken, the testing team must provide proof of the following pre-test requirements:

1. The canine is a minimum of one (1) year of age by providing documentation from the canine's veterinarian, canine's AKC or other registration.
2. The handler presents proof of successful completion of NIMS courses IS-100, IS-200 and IS-700, or current versions, by presenting the course certificates.
3. The handler presents proof of current Basic First Aid or higher certification by providing a certificate/card from American Red Cross or other recognized organization.
4. The handler presents proof of current CPR certification by providing a certification card from American Heart Association, the American Red Cross or other organization meeting their criteria.
5. The handler presents proof of canine's successful completion of a temperament evaluation by presenting an AKC CGC certificate, Therapy Dog International certificate, Schutzhund title, AKC obedience title, or other nationally known obedience title or therapy canine certification.
6. The handler presents current training logs for the previous six (6) months, with a minimum of twenty (20) training sessions. Logs should include enough information to establish that the team is keeping track of training and training on a regular basis.
7. The handler presents proof of passing the NSDA Area Search Team written test.
8. Indication Pre-Test (Note: To be done at time of testing, but prior to the field test).

The team being tested must bring documentation in a binder to the test site. Prior to the test, the Evaluator or a member of the Evaluation Team will verify each pre-test requirement by checking documentation and current dates.