

Along with the general knowledge test, each NSDA standard will have a supplemental written test specific to the standard. Below is the pool from which questions will be selected for the Avalanche certification test.

Supplement Test A: Avalanche

1. What piece of equipment should all SAR personnel wear in avalanche terrain?
2. When a human loses oxygen supply, how long does he have before suffering permanent brain damage?
3. What is the second leading cause of death in avalanche incidents?
4. What is the first concern for avalanche responders when arriving on site?
5. In the training of avalanche dogs, all buried subjects must have these two items.
6. Holes that are used for hiding avalanche training subjects should be comfortable and above all _____.
7. What is appointed any time a training subject is buried?
8. What is the value of an avalanche dog finding an article of clothing buried in the slide?
9. When the avalanche victim is recovered from a burial, what is the first concern of the avalanche responder?
10. What three tools should the K-9 avalanche handler keep close at hand?
11. When a dog shows interest at a specific location, what should the handler do?
12. In avalanche debris, which is better for general balance and travel when needed: skis snowboard or snowshoes?
13. Where should the avalanche guard stand during an avalanche?
14. What must an avalanche responder be prepared for anytime they are dropped by helicopter into a slide area?
15. What vital safety equipment should a handler have on their K-9 if working among crevasses where the K-9 could fall?
16. The K-9 being able to make the find in avalanche debris depends on the K-9 being able to do what? Name several factors.
17. In a search or test, when is the best time to reward an avalanche dog: after each find, later in the search or at the conclusion of the search?
18. What is normally considered the best size of dog for avalanche work?

19. What is the best type of fur coat for avalanche dogs?
20. What first aid supplies should the K-9 avalanche handler carry to care for injury or cuts that might happen to the K-9's feet while working?
21. What is the biggest immediate danger to avalanche dogs posed by the dog-interested skiing public?
22. What is the importance of the PLS to the avalanche dog handler?
23. Who might an avalanche K-9 handler request to aid them in their search efforts?
24. What should be written on the flags carried by the avalanche K-9 handler?
25. How can avalanche dogs take part in extracurricular activities with the handler to help save lives?
26. What is the purpose of a balaclava in avalanche searches?
27. Why is food not allowed in the hole with the subject on an avalanche test?
28. What should a person do if they are trapped and unable to move after being captured in an avalanche?
29. Avalanche K-9's should be accustomed to transport on a number of different vehicles. Name three.
30. When riding a chair lift with a dog, what should the K-9 always wear for safety reasons?
31. How should working avalanche dogs unknown to each other respond when they encounter the other canine for the first time while working on a slide?
32. What should we expect from a well-trained avalanche dog when it finds a strong scent source?
33. What differences in reaction should a handler expect from a seasoned avalanche dog that is faced with the difference between live scent and article scent?
34. List three advantages in training avalanche dogs to find articles.
35. What type of transceiver should a K-9 wear, if or when it wears one?
36. When or where is it most common to find dual handler avalanche dogs?
37. Where in North America do avalanche dogs have the best option for making live finds?
38. Why do thin-coated dogs not make good avalanche dogs?
39. Why is it poor etiquette to bring food onto the avalanche site?