



The inaugural Scent Work Master National, October 12-14, 2025 in Wilmington, Ohio will soon be taking place and we are excited to welcome you as an exhibitor at this event.

The event headquarters, located in Lobby A outside the Roberts A Ballroom will open for exhibitors starting at **6:30AM** for check in on **Sunday, October 12**. The **general briefing will begin at 8:00AM** on Sunday, October 12 in Lobby A, followed by individual briefings for each element at each search area location. For those wishing to crate their dog, they **MUST** first receive a crate tag at the headquarters desk. **Crating can begin no earlier than 6:30AM in the Roberts A Ballroom**. Please remember there will be no soft-sided crates. **Search areas will be revealed and posted on the webpage www.akc.org/scentworkmasternational and at the headquarters desk, on various easels throughout the hotel/Roberts Centre and will be sent to all exhibitors from the MyK9Q app as well as to those that signed up to receive text messages each morning of the event.**

Participants for the Scent Work Master National will receive armband numbers at check-in. Each exhibitor will receive a total of three armbands, one for each day. **Please be sure to wear the correct day's armband on the correct day.** Each band will have the "RUN ORDER" for that date. **This is represented by the initials for each element.** Each exhibitor competes in the element order assigned to them (called their RUN ORDER) based on their Group Number.

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There will be 188 participants divided in four groups on day one. Each group is assigned their RUN ORDER which is the order in which an exhibitor will rotate through the elements. This is shown on the armband for that day. The order of elements is alphabetical only the order of rotation changes depending on group number assigned. Meaning, whatever is your first element you continue through alphabetically. If you start in Containers, then you progress to Exterior, Interior and then back around to Buried. If you start in Interior your progress to Buried then Containers, then Exterior. If you start in Buried, you progress to Containers, then to Exterior, then to Interior. *All participants will compete in the exact same searches for the 2025 event.*

RUN ORDER EXAMPLE SHOWN ON YOUR ARMBAND:

Exhibitor #001 has been assigned to Group 1. The #001 armband will show "BCEI". **BCEI** is the RUN ORDER for this dog. This means the exhibitor will first go to **Buried**, then **Container**, then **Exterior** then **Interior**. **Exhibitors must follow their assigned RUN ORDER as shown on their armband.**

Day 1: October 12 -Assigned Group #s:

Group 1 = Exhibitors # 001 to 047 Run Order BCEI
Group 2 = Exhibitors # 048 to 095 Run Order CEIB
Group 3 = Exhibitors # 096 to 143 Run Order EIBC
Group 4 = Exhibitors # 144 to 188 Run Order IBCE

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Competition Flow: After the first element of the day, armband numbers *within each group* will be given a new and random spot in the run order. This process will be repeated for each next element both days.

Each day every group must finish their element before rotating to the next element. Participants will not be allowed to immediately go to the next element as soon as they are done. Only when all dogs are finished will the rotation to the next element take place. We will post a “not before” time and keep you up to date during the event.

Day 2: October 13th Assigned Exhibitor Group #s:

Group 1 = Exhibitors # 001 to 062 RUN ORDER IEB
Group 2 = Exhibitors # 063 to 125 RUN ORDER EBI
Group 3 = Exhibitors # 126 to 188 RUN ORDER BIE

Day 2, Mon. Oct 13 - HD Challenge: Handlers who opted to participate in the HD challenge MUST first complete all three elements of the Master National as assigned in their Run Order. Once all three elements have been completed, HD exhibitors can continue on to HD Challenge searches. The HD searches run concurrently, and handlers can compete in those back-to-back without having to wait for the entire previous group to complete. Armband numbers for those who opted to compete in the HD challenge will be marked with an “H” after the assigned armband number.

Day 3, Tues. Oct 14 - Final Round: 100 participants will advance to third and final round. The final 100 dogs will be split into 2 groups A / B. The 50 lowest armband numbers will start as final group A and the 50 highest armband numbers will start as final group B. These groups will then swap from A to B and vice versa. The dogs advancing will be announced the evening before via the webpage, text message and messages from the myK9Q app.

Myk9Q APP: This app will allow the exhibitors to follow the flow of each group and each element in real time. Watch a demo of the app by going to the mail website www.myk9Q.com and scroll down to “[How to use myk9Q as an exhibitor](#)”. The QR code can be found in the catalog both online and at the event. The actual app will not open until the day of the event.