**A COMPARISON OF AKC and CKC TRACKING TEST PRACTICES**

Here is a comparison between AKC and CKC Tracking Test practices:

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|  | AKC | CKC |
| Number of Judges | 2 | 1 |
| Entry Process | Entries for each Test are accepted until the official closing date and time, even if the advertised  Test limit has been reached. A random drawing of all entries is held within 48 hours after the closing date to determine which dogs will participate in the test. | Each Test has an Open date and a Close date: Entries received before the Open date are returned. Entries received on or after the opening date are marked in receipt order and first entries received are placed in the test, until the limit is reached. No entries may be accepted after the Close date. |
| Worker tracks allowed | Yes, up to four | No |
| Start Article | Yes, Cloth | No |
| Start Scent Pad | No: tracklayer only pauses while dropping start article. | Yes: 1 square metre, thoroughly tramped, then the tracklayer remains immobile on the scent pad for one minute |
| Leash length | Between 20 and 40 feet | Between 5 and 15 metres |
| Distance handler must be from dog | No less than 20 feet, 10 feet in TDU, VST and as conditions dictate in TDX | No less than 3 metres |
| Cross Tracks | Two, parallel, four feet apart, crossing original track in two places | One, crossing original track in two places |
| Distance dog is allowed to follow cross track | 50 yards | 20 metres |
| Re-scent allowed | Yes, multiple | No |
| Watering dog during test | Yes | Yes: handler must approach the dog to provide water, after which the dog must continue working from that point on with only verbal encouragement. |
| Tracking Championship | Pass TD or TDU, plus TDX, and VST | Pass all of TD, TDX, UTD, and UTDX |