

AKC Rule: Section 13d Test Worker Option. A club may set aside tracks for *test workers from previous tests*, as defined and identified by the test giving club. This information and the number of tracks to be set aside must be published in the premium list. Entries from workers are to be drawn first, up to the limits shown in the table below. Once the tracks set aside for workers are filled, any remaining test worker entries will be added to the non-worker entries for the draw of the remaining tracks. There will be no separate alternate list for test workers only. A test worker may not benefit from a track set aside at a test in which they are working. Deviations from the table are not permitted for any test, combined test or multiple tests.

Tracks	TD	TDX	VST
1-4	0	0	0
5	0	1	1
6	2	2	2
7-8	2	2	2
9-11	3	2	2
12 +	4	4	2

Purpose: To encourage tracking personnel to volunteer at DFTA tests, by providing a higher chance for test workers to get drawn into a DFTA Tracking Test. It should be noted that this provision does not guarantee a test worker a slot in a DFTA test. It only provides an increased chance of getting drawn into the test.

Who qualifies?

Any person who works a DFTA Tracking Test is eligible for this program, regardless of DFTA affiliation.

What work qualifies?

- DFTA events tests
- Secretaries, Chairpersons, Judges, Tracklayers, and primary x-track layers will receive 1 draw preference for working 1 test.
- Food providers, Drivers, Secondary x-track layers will receive ½ draw preference per day worked. Example: A driver that works only Sunday will get ½ a draw preference. If they also work Sat, they get a full preference. Hence they can earn a full preference OR a half preference in a weekend.
- No more than 1 full draw preference can be earned per test, for the 1 day standard tracking tests.
- Up to 2 full draw preferences can be earned for the 2 day, 12 dog TDX test, if the worker works all 4 days of the test. No worker can earn more than a ½ preference each day. Examples: A tracklayer who lays track on both Saturday and Sunday can earn 2 preferences. The Chairperson and Secretary earn 2 preferences. A Driver who drives 3 days of the 4 days, will earn 1 and ½ preference. A tracklayer who works Saturday only, and also fills in as a secondary cross track layer on Saturday, earns 1 preference. A driver who drives cross-tracklayers and also serves as the secondary cross-tracklayer on the same day, can only earn ½ preference.

Certification Process:

- A draw preference certificate will be given to each DFTA worker to be used at their discretion in any DFTA event that offers a worker draw.
- It will take 1 draw preference or 2 half preferences to get into the worker draw
- The certificates are given out by the Test Chairperson of the test the worker worked.
- A standard certificate will be used by all chairpersons. The Equipment Chairperson will provide the certificate blanks with the rest of the equipment to the Chairperson.
- The certificates must be sent into the appropriate event secretary with their entry.

- A certificate is non-transferable to another person. It can only be used on an entry of a dog owned, co-owned, or handled by the person to whom it was issued.
- A Certificate can only be used once.
- If there are not enough entries to require a draw, then the worker gets in the test and there is no worker draw required - the certificate is returned to the worker.
- If there is a draw, and the worker entry does not get drawn into the test, the certificate does not get returned.

Carry Over:

Certificates are good for 24 months from issuance date.

Worker Draw:

If there are more entries for a test than tracks being offered, the draw will be conducted as follows:

- The worker draw will be conducted before the general draw from the nonworker entries.
- The only entries in the initial draw pool (worker draw) are the ones submitted with worker certifications.
- The tracks set aside for the worker draw will be drawn.
- After the designated number of set aside tracks are drawn, the remaining entries are put into the draw pool with the remaining worker entries and the draw for the remaining tracks is completed as it has always been done.
- Worker certifications do not get preference for positions on the alternate list.

Chairperson Responsibility:

It is the responsibility of the Chairperson to organize and staff the test to maximize the effectiveness and success of the test. The Chairperson will have final say on the following items, based on their experience:

- How many tracklayers are required given the number of entries
- How many novice tracklayers can be effectively utilized given the experience level of the chief tracklayer and the other tracklayers.
- What, and how many workers in positions other than tracklayers are needed. The Club Tracking Test Manual provides guidance on this subject.