



SAYFC North Region
Sheepdog Trial Competition



Sunday 8th September 2024

Objectives

The objectives of this competition are to test the ability of a dog, as part of a team with the handler, to manage sheep properly under the differing circumstances that may be encountered in daily work and to encourage the next generation into the skill that is Sheepdog Trailing.

Location

The 2024 North Region Sheepdog Trial Competition will be held on **Sunday 8th September**
Venue: TBC

Facilities

Please bring your own lunch with you.

Course Rules

1. There will be 4 sheep per run, and each competitor will be allowed **7 minutes** to complete their run.
2. If a dog grips or bites any sheep, they will be disqualified and asked to retire from their run. The judge's decision on any disqualifications is final.
3. There will be enough time on the day to allow competitors to run twice – once in the morning and once again in the afternoon, if they so wish.
4. There will be one judge and one allocated timekeeper.
5. Competitors are only to send out their dog (starting their time) when they are happy and satisfied with the positioning of the sheep at the top of the course.
6. Competitors can send their dog out Away or Come-By from the starting post.
7. If a competitor and their dog miss a set of gates, the competitor is encouraged to continue on and complete the course.
8. Competitors must remain at the post, until they are at the chute, where they can leave the post and help their dog push the sheep through the chute.
9. Every competitor has the right to retire at any point, if they so wish.
10. Competitors are asked to help push their sheep into the next field once their run is finished.

Course:

- 4 sheep at top post. **Gather** 180 yards from handler at bottom post.
- **Fetch** set of gates are 7 yards apart and 75 yards from handler, in the centre of the course.
- Sheep to be brought to handler at the bottom post, and moved **Anti-Clockwise** around the post.
- **Drive** gates to the right hand side of the course are 7 yards apart and 70 yards from the handler. Sheep to be turned to the left once through the gates. *At this point, the competitor may leave the bottom post to aid their dog.*
- **Chute** set at 70 yards from the handler to the left of the course. Once the sheep are through the Chute, the run is complete and the timer is stopped.
- Competitors are to assist in moving their sheep into the next field.

Scale of Points:

(No points will be awarded for any phases of the work that have not been completed within the prescribed time limit.)

- Outrun (20)
- Lift (10)
- Fetch (20)
- Drive (20)
- Chute (20)
- Total = 90 points

General:

Winner CANNOT qualify for National Competition through competing at this trial, due to our Trial not having the same judging format as National. Members who are interested in qualifying for National Competition should contact Jenny@sayfc.org to find their local Nursery Trial.

Sponsorship

This event is very kindly being supported and sponsored by:

The International Sheepdog Society

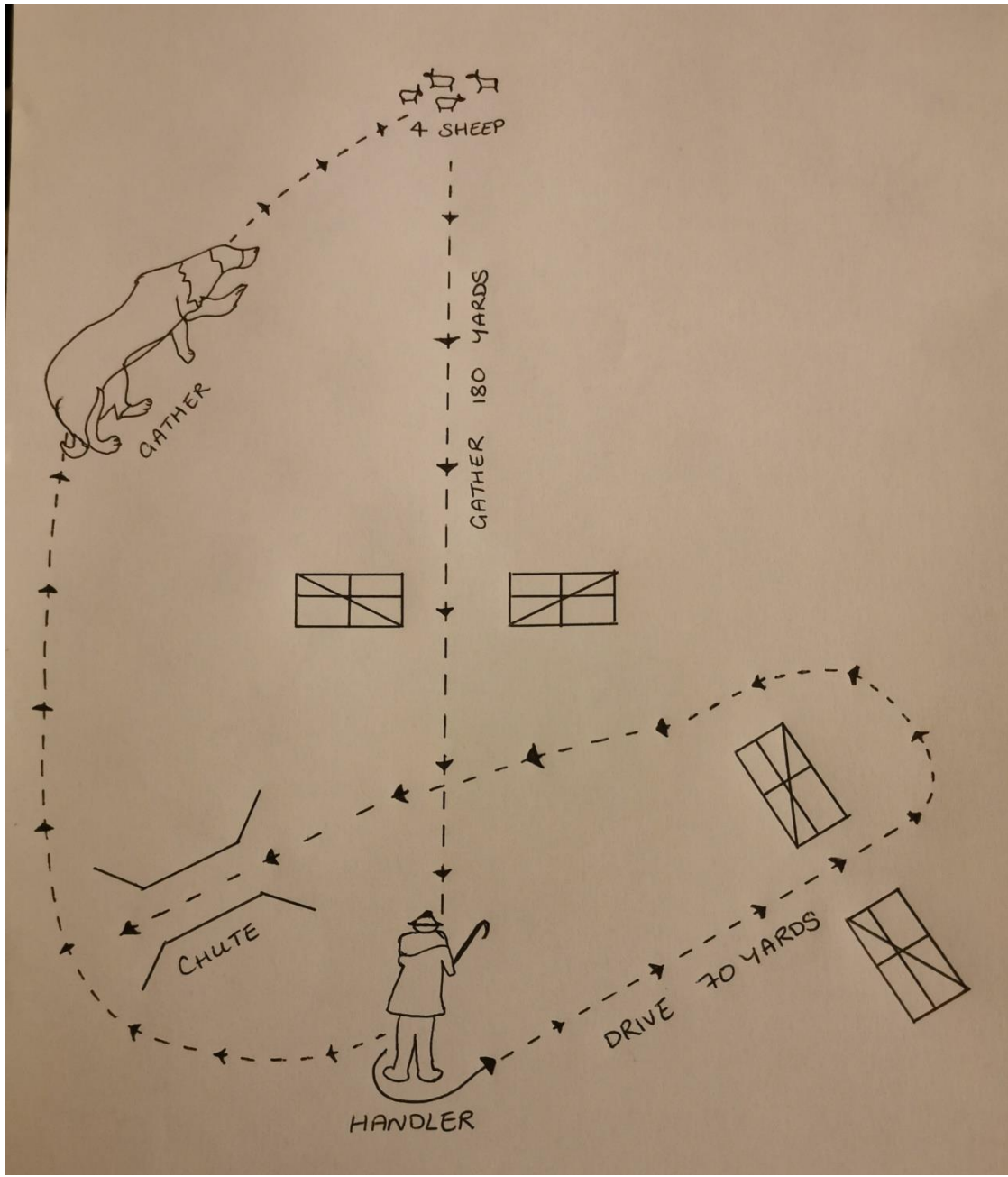


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