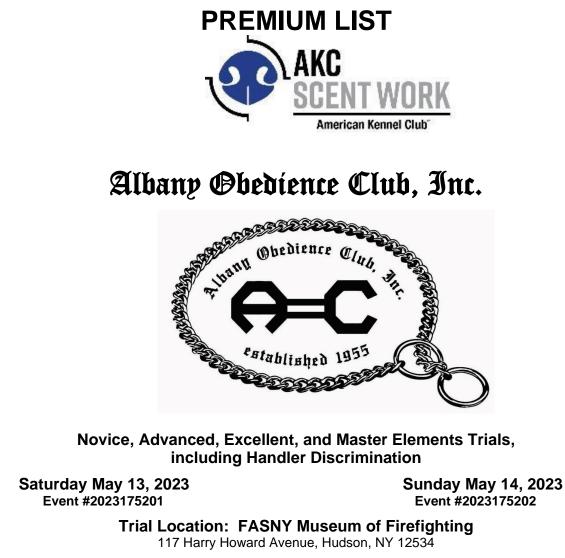
ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED ENTRY LIMIT: 400 per trial

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Wednesday March 22, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Eastern Daylight Time at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight, next day or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed. Application acceptance is First Received.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON Wednesday April 19, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Eastern Daylight Time after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

NOTE: Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender



To be held Indoors and Outdoors

Trial Hours: Saturday and Sunday – 7:30am to 6:00pm Check-in will be held from 7:30-8:30 am daily. General Briefing at 8:30am, first dog to follow. Note: Judging schedules may be adjusted due to weather conditions and or entries. *ALL competitors should plan accordingly.*



CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary

OFFICERS OF THE ALBANY OBEDIENCE CLUB

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TRIAL COMMITTEE

Jeannette O'Hanlon, Lauren Bachner, Jo-Anne Mortimer, Brigidanne Flynn, Fritz Smith, David DeNoble, John O'Hanlon, and Peter Shawhan

JUDGES' ASSIGNMENTS Assignments may change to balance class sizes after closing. All competitors will be notified if changes occur.				
Mr. James Helems	Ms. Jennifer P. Anderson			
#101745	#103461			
Huntington, MA	Wyoming, RI			
Novice, Advanced, Excellent & Master Interiors	Novice, Advanced, Excellent & Master Exteriors			
Advanced Handler Discrimination	Excellent Handler Discrimination			
Mrs. Martha A. Campbell	Ms. Kathy Gregory			
#96355	#102374			
Lunenburg, MA	Saylorsburg, PA			
Novice, Advanced, Excellent & Master Buried	Novice, Advanced, Excellent & Master Container			
Novice Handler Discrimination	Master Handler Discrimination			

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work, by visiting the AKC website at <u>www.AKC.org</u> Or

https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/regulation-resources/

RIBBONS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

Qualifying Score (Q's)_____Dark Green

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

First Place	Blue
Second Place	Red
Third Place	Yellow
Fourth Place	White

A New Element Title Rosette will be awarded to dogs completing the requirements for an element completed. (Container, Buried, Interior, Exterior or HD) Three qualifying scores are needed in a single element to achieve this.

A New Level Title Rosette will be awarded to dogs finishing a level title. (Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Masters) Dog must have obtained each element, except HD, title to achieve this title.

A New Elite Element Title Rosette will be awarded to dogs achieving the requirements for the elite level. A total of ten (10) qualifying scores in the same element, in the same level are needed to achieve this title.

HIGH IN TRIAL (HIT)

Only teams who participate in the same difficulty level in all elements offered (Container, Interior, Exterior & Buried) and qualify in each are eligible to win **High In Trial (HIT)**.

One High In Trial winner is chosen per difficulty level; there is no separate High In Trial for the Novice A and Novice B sections.

The High in Trial is determined by adding the team's faults across the elements. If there is a tie based on faults, then the team's times across the elements will be summed and the faster-finishing team will win.

The High in Trial award is not recorded by the AKC. Teams winning High In Trial will earn HIT rosette.

HIGH COMBINED DIVISION (HCD)

Only teams who participate in the same difficulty level in all elements *plus Handler Discrimination*, and qualify in each, are eligible to win **High Combined Division (HCD)**.

The High Combined Division award is determined by adding a team's faults across all classes. The team with the fewest faults will be declared the winner of the High Combined Division.

The High Combined Division award is not recorded by the AKC. Teams winning High Combined Division will earn HCD rosette.

TRIAL SITE, BRIEFINGS, WARM-UP, AND STAGING AREA INFORMATION

Trial Hours will be the same on both days of the trial. Trial site will be open to competitors at 7:30 am and will close an hour after the last dog has run for the day. Interior (incl. Container/Buried) search locations may require dog and handler to climb stairs to access the area. Exterior (incl. Container/Buried) search locations may have uneven ground with dirt and or gravel. If you have concerns or special needs, please contact the Trial Chairperson.

The **General Briefing** will take place at approximately 8:30 am near the Check-in table. This briefing consists of introductions of the Trial committee, Judges and a general recap of Site location and Trial rules.

The **Judges Briefing** may take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the briefing the Judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. <u>NO DOGS are to be present during the Judges Briefing</u>.

A **warm-up area** the club shall designate a warm-up area. One labelled container per target odor being used in the trial on that day will be placed in the warm-up area. This will allow handler-dog teams to prepare themselves for the search prior to their run. Each team should limit their warm-up to two minutes or less so that others may be able to use the warm-up area as well. Clubs may also place blank containers.

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging areas will include warm-up and waiting area, as well as a separate area for check-ins and posting of running order and results

SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

Search Area Conditions. Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

Search Area Sizes will be as follows, Container Novice (250-400sqft.), Interior Novice (100-200sqft.), Exterior Novice (200-400sqft.), Buried Novice (150-200sqft.), Handler Discrimination Novice (250-400sqft.) or as required in the latest version of <u>Regulations for AKC Scent Work. (Available on the AKC website at AKC.org)</u>

ADDITIONAL TRIAL SITE INFORMATION

Trial Site. It is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are reallife environments, and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.

Possession of Odors and Training. Chapter 5. Section 35 of the <u>Regulations for AKC Scent Work</u> states "No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area".

Spectator Area. Spectators are encouraged and may observe at the Judge's discretion. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in the class may choose to watch the search from the spectator area or area as designated by the Judge. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide.

Crating space will not be available at this trial. Competitors are required to crate out of their vehicles. Please leave appropriate space between vehicles, eight feet recommended, to allow your dog to exit without encountering another dog or person.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Trial Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

VETERINARIANS

Capital District Veterinary Referral Hospital

222 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110 (518) 785-1094

Animal Emergency Clinic of The Hudson Valley

1112 Morton Blvd., Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 336-0713

24/7 Pet Poison Helpline - 855-764-7661 or 888-426-4435

EMERGENCY SERVICES

For Fire/Ambulance/Police – **Dial 911**

Columbia Memorial Hospital 71 Prospect Ave, Hudson, NY 12534 (518) 828-7601

LODGING

Local Hotel lodgings are available. Please check VRBO or Air B&B for the areas around Hudson, NY for alternate housing arrangements. More hotel options available in Catskill, East Greenbush, Rhinebeck, and Albany NY all of which are about a 30 minutes' drive from Hudson NY.

Please call to check the pet policy prior to booking any accommodations as the policy may have changed since this publication

None of these hotels are endorsed by Albany Obedience Club and no special arrangements have been made by AOC for this trial. This listing is for your convenience only.

- Best Western New Baltimore Inn, 12600 Rte. 9W, Coxsackie, NY 12192 (518) 731-8100 pet fee \$30 per night
- Comfort Inn, 2790 Rte 32, Saugerties, NY 12477 (845) 246-1565 pet fee \$25 per night
- Comfort Inn & Suites, 99 Miller Rd, Castleton, NY 12033 (347) 382-9645 pet fee \$50 per night
- St Charles Hotel. 16 Park PI, Hudson NY 12534 (518) 822-9900 pet fee \$50 per pet per night
- Hudson Whaler, 542 Warren St. Hudson, NY 12534 (518) 217-4334 (limited pet friendly rooms)
- The Wick, Hudson (Marriott) 41 Cross Street, Hudson, NY 12534 (518) 249-6825 pet fee \$50 per night
- Rivertown Lodge, 731 Warren St., Hudson, NY 12534 (518) 512-0954 pet fee \$30 per night fee, limited pet friendly rooms
- Piaule Catskill, 333 Mossy Hill Rd. Catskill, NY 12414 (518)-719-1919 pet fee \$75 per night

There are also nearby campgrounds and State parks which have limited cabin accommodations in addition to RV spots.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE

Address of the FASNY Museum of Firefighting is 117 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534

Note: The Museum is located adjacent to the FASNY Fireman's Home which is a Nursing home for retired Fire personnel. The Nursing home property is not part of the Trial Site location and is a private facility.

Museum Ph: (518) 822-1875

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate. Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered to compete.

Condition of the Dog. - Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the Judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Dogs with bandages, sutures, or visible wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blind dogs can enter. Dogs that are both deaf and blind can participate so long as the Handler is always in control of the dog, the dog can complete the requirements of the class, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the Judge.

CLASSES OFFERED

This is NOT a Class run order.

Class run order will be distributed by the Trial Secretary, by email prior to the trial and/or be posted at the check in area.

- o Handler Discrimination Novice A & B, Advanced, Excellent and Masters
- Novice A and Novice B (run combined) Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried
- o Advanced Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried
- Excellent Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried
- o Masters Containers, Interior, Exterior and Buried

Move ups between trials WILL be offered.

<u>A Move Up form must be received by the Trial Secretary the DAY prior to the start of the first Trial.</u> (May 12, 2023)

HANDLER DISCRIMINATION DIVISON

Handler Discrimination classes are titling classes in which the targeted scent is that of the handler themselves.

Handlers are required to provide their own scented articles in a plastic bag.

- Novice class provide one cotton glove or cotton sock,
- Advanced, Excellent, and Master provide cotton balls or cotton swabs.

VOLUNTEERS/STEWARDS

Please consider volunteering some time to help run a class/element, no experience is necessary.

Trials cannot operate efficiently if there are no Stewards to assist the Judges and keep the trial moving.

Volunteering is a great way to view more experienced teams in action, gain information about the upper levels/element you are not currently trailing at.

Consider that the volunteer working during your run cannot do their run without your assistance as a volunteer.

Please check the box on the entry form to volunteer. The volunteer coordinator will be in touch prior to the trial.

Volunteers are given the opportunity to run first in class and lunch/snack are provided to them.

Thank you in advance for your service.

ENTRY INFORMATION

*an entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class.

Entry fees include a \$3.50 per run AKC recording fee.

Mail entry forms and fees to:

Jennifer Larsen-Fuller 147 Kilmer Road Argyle, NY 12809

Please make checks payable to the Albany Obedience Club.

- No entries will be accepted by phone, email, or fax.
- Entries sent by *Express Mail* or *FedEx* must include a 'signature waiver' allowing them to be left at the Trial Secretary's address with **NO** signature being obtained.
- Inquiries regarding entries may be directed to the Trial Secretary, Jennifer Larsen-Fuller, either by email at sweepndaisy@yahoo.com or telephone at (518) 935-0290.
- General inquiries regarding the trial should be directed to the Trial Chairperson, Joan McMaster, either by email at <u>Joanmcm2009@gmail.com</u> or by telephone at (845) 797-8863.
- No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.
- Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor.
- Checks returned from the bank (Insufficient funds/other reasons) do not constitute a valid entry and the Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee, to the entry fees amount for each returned check.
- <u>No refunds</u> will be given after 6:00 pm Eastern Daylight time on Wednesday April 19, 2023, for ANY REASON except for Bitch in Season (BIS) exemption. A memo on letterhead from their Veterinarian is required to be eligible for a BIS refund. BIS refund will minus \$5 per run processing fee.

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

Albany Obedience Club is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date/time.

- A maximum of 50 entries per day will be placed on the club's wait list.
- All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to 12 pm (noon) Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday April 19, 2023.
- No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. BIS are exempt from this rule provided they submit a memo on letterhead from their Veterinarian. When requesting a refund prior to the start of the trial. Refund will be minus the \$5 per run processing fee.
- If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry.
- Any wait listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. **It is expressly understood** that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.

The Albany Obedience Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The Albany Obedience Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the Albany Obedience Club or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses. During searches dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the Judge. Harnesses will be constructed of plain, pliable material and will be designed so that there is minimal restriction of the dog's movement. No special training tools, such as electronic collars, prong collars, head halters, choke chains, or no-pull harnesses may be used during the search. Martingale collars are permitted. No odoremitting collars (such as no-bark collars that spray citronella, or DAP calming collars) may be worn or present in the search area.

Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after their search. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material. Any length of leash and/or retractable leashes are permitted for use during the judged search. Most searches will be conducted entirely on leash, but an off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the Judge. **All dogs must be always on leash**, and retractable leashes cannot be used when on trial grounds (only used during judged searches).

Video/Photographs. A wearable camera such as a "GoPro" may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. Camera must not obstruct the dog's ability to perform the search or aid in the disturbance of a search area. Handlers are not allowed to take video while handling a dog, except for cameras such as the "GoPro" are permitted to be worn by handlers. These videos are for the enjoyment of those who cannot be present to watch the team search, and for the handler to have a keepsake of their experience. Under no circumstances may they share this with any handler competing in the same class who has not yet run. Videos are not permitted to be streamed live, posted, or shared to social media until the conclusion of the trial day.

REFUNDS

No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund.

Bitches in season (BIS) will be refunded the entry fee minus a \$5 per run processing fee. Notification in writing from a veterinarian is required and must be received by the to the Trial Secretary no later than a half hour **prior** to the start of the first class, on the day of the trial.

RINGSIDE

<u>Judges are NOT required to wait for dogs.</u> The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Albany Obedience Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system, stewards, or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought to the search area when required.

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN: Exhibitors MUST check-in for EACH day they are entered in a trial.

Element/Class run order and results will be posted at or near the check in area.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations. Albany Obedience Club reserves the right to request proof of current vaccination status including Rabies. Exhibitors are advised to have a copy of this documentation on hand or available electronically when requested by a member of the Trial Committee or Judges.

AKC Official Entry Form



Mail this form with a check made out to ALBANY OBEDIENCE CLUB, Inc.

Send to:

Jennifer Larsen-Fuller 147 Kilmer Road Argyle NY 12809

Please check box(s) to indicate entry	Contai	ner	Interio	r	Exteri	or	Burie	d	Handle Discrimina	
Saturday May 13, 2023 #2023175201	Novice A		Novice A		Novice A		Novice A		Novice A	
	Novice B		Novice B		Novice B		Novice B		Novice B	
	Advanced		Advanced		Advanced		Advanced		Advanced	
	Excellent		Excellent		Excellent		Excellent		Excellent	
	Master		Master		Master		Master		Master	
Sunday May 14, 2023 #2023175202	Novice A		Novice A		Novice A		Novice A		Novice A	
	Novice B		Novice B		Novice B		Novice B		Novice B	
	Advanced		Advanced		Advanced		Advanced		Advanced	
	Excellent		Excellent		Excellent		Excellent		Excellent	
	Master		Master		Master		Master		Master	

Entry Fee is \$25.00 per class

of classed entered _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____ Total amount due

Make check payable to Albany Obedience Club, Inc.

Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each check returned from the bank.

AKC Registered Name:*			Registration Number:*			
			AKC/PAL/OLP/CP	□ Foreign □		
Call Name:*	Date of Birth: (/mm/dd/yyyy)*	Sex:* Male □	Female		
Breed:*	·		Variety:			
Breeder:						
Sire:						
Dam:						
Owner:*						
Owner's Street Address:*						
City:*	State:*		Zip code:*			
Telephone:* Home 🗆 Mobile 🗆	Email:*					
Handler Name (if different from Owner:		Junior Handler #:				

Fields marked in blue/with asterisk are REQUIRED.

Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known

Be sure to read and sign the Agreement. No form will be processed without signed agreement form

Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club web site

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (<u>UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST</u>) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.	
SIGN HERE X:	Date:
Phone #:	
Email:	
In case of Emergency –Contact	
Name:	
Phone #:	
*****	*****
I would like to volunteer on: Saturday 🗆 Sunday 🗆	
I am running in: Novice 🗆 Advanced 🗆 Excellent 🗆 Masters 🗆	
I am willing to assist during: Novice 🗆 Advanced 🗆 Excellent 🗆 Masters 🗆	