

## CONFIDENTIAL (FOR INTERNAL REVIEW ONLY)

**To:** NACSW™ Instructors  
**From:** National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC® (NACSW™)  
**Date:** September 4, 2014  
**Re:** K9 Nose Work® Workshops and Seminars

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Dear CNWI™, ANWI™ and Prospective Instructors

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We have received many questions in recent months about CNWI™, ANWI™ and Prospective Instructors participation in other detection style sporting venues. We would like to take this opportunity to try and clarify things for all of you.

There are two main areas that we have received questions about. The first area is NACSW™ Instructor or Instructor in Training participation in non-NACSW™ trialing events including competing, hosting, officiating, etc. The second area regards hosting or co-instructing educational events which promote methodologies that are not aligned with the K9 Nose Work® mission or methodology.

NACSW™ Instructors and Instructors-in-Training are welcome to participate in other competitive venues as competitors, hosts or officials and to also support their students in other competitive venues. We understand that the more people that are reached in the dog world the more potential opportunities for instructors to reach out to teams and share the fun of K9 Nose Work®. The K9 Nose Work curriculum and training principles are appropriate regardless of what type of detection style sport a person is participating in.

A love of dogs is and will continue to be our primary motivator and our hope is that the wonderful men and woman that have chosen to be K9 Nose Work® instructors and work within the NACSW™ standards will continue to be well liked, professional representatives of the instructor program and the sport.

CNWI™, ANWI™ and Prospective Instructors are welcome to host seminars and present clinics & demos, instruct K9 Nose Work® classes that present information and training methodologies that are supportive of the K9 Nose Work® training methodology and training program.

Everyone that has taken the step to start the instructor program and additionally complete the program have done so understanding and agreeing to the parameters of the program, as well as the requirements and guidelines of certification. Co-presenting seminars & classes that promote methodologies that are not in line with the K9 Nose Work® methodology and core principles would be outside the bounds of your instructor agreement and may pose a concern related to instructor status. If you have questions related to this you are always welcome to email [education@nacsww.net](mailto:education@nacsww.net) for clarification.

If you feel you can no longer abide by the standards and practices or wish to instruct using a different training method please feel free to do so, but note it could put your status within the instructor program at risk.

Others outside the NACSW™ Instructor Program offer scent detection classes and/or workshops. However, they may not market their classes as K9 Nose Work® classes or that their classes are apart of the approved NACSW/K9 Nose Work® Instructor Certification and Training Program. We take great pride in the corps of K9 Nose Work® instructors and the high standards set forth within the K9 Nose Work® instructor program. We are grateful to all the instructors that continue to uphold these high standards and that promote the value of the K9 Nose Work® training methodology for both dogs and their people.

We also want to remind all of you to conduct yourselves professionally in all situations and most importantly when dealing with colleagues both inside and outside the NACSW™ family.

Thank you.  
The NACSW™ Team