

Program Description

The mission of the Education Committee is to assist all sheepdog handlers in learning and improving the various aspects of herding trial protocol, sheep behavior and handling, evaluating courses and runs, and developing strategies for running their dogs.

The EC has funds to allocate and support either mentoring at trials or stand-alone clinic events to encourage and support all levels of handlers. The funds are intended to help offset the cost of holding an event.

Mentoring can include but is not limited to:

- Critique after trial runs - Video of runs with commentary
- A fun trial with a mentor at the post with the handler
- A handling clinic one day and a trial the following day

Suggested EC topics include but are not limited to:

- Working the sheep pen
- Holding out
- Exhausting sheep
- Scribing
- Recycling sheep to the holding pen
- Running your dog, sizing up the course, developing a strategy
- Some points on judging - Evaluating your dog
- Trial Etiquette on and off the field
- Transitioning from Novice to Open level
- Learning how to put on a trial

The committee is soliciting proposals from trial managers who would like to have mentoring at, or anyone interested in hosting an Education Committee Clinic. If you are interested in hosting an event, please contact a member of the Education Committee.

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