

Learning Trial Committee Funds Available

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

The LTC has \$500.00 to allocate and support either mentoring at novice trials or stand alone clinic events to encourage and support novice handlers as they begin trialing. 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 Learning Trial 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 Novice trial managers who would like to have mentoring at a Novice Trial or anyone interested in hosting a Learning Trial Clinic.

Help novice NEBCA handlers get off to a good start. If you are interested in hosting an event please contact the LTC:

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