

SARDOC MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Candidate

Completes application, medical form, member I.D. form and returns to Coordinator.
Area director notified that candidate needs to complete physical fitness test within 3 months to 1 year.
Completes and returns the candidate test to the Coordinator.
Is not a voting member.
Must attend at least 2 formal SARDOC training sessions per year.
Is not automatically a voting member upon completion of physical fitness test. Requires a confidence vote from the membership.

Non-Operational Handler/Field Support

Voting member.
Be a fieldable member or be in the process of becoming a fieldable member of a fielding agency.
Attend two SARDOC training sessions per year to receive operational status.
Must have or be in the process of obtaining a first aid/CPR card.
Participate in and assist in the non-handler aspects of a mountain search practice.
Be able to navigate, day or night, in an unfamiliar wilderness area using a map and compass.
Be familiar with SAR dog search operations as they relate to man tracking, grid and aerial searching.

To Move to Operational Support

Be fieldable with a fielding agency.
Attend two formal SARDOC training sessions per year.
Have first aid/CPR card.
Request confidence forms and written test from Coordinator.
Have 3 SARDOC OPERATIONAL HANDLERS and 3 SARDOC OPERATION SUPPORT members or SARDOC OPERATIONAL HANDLERS sign confidence forms and return to Coordinator along with completed written test.
Coordinator will review written test, completed confidence forms and discuss person with area director to make determination whether ready for testing or not.
If determined ready for testing. Coordinator will notify Area Director to begin setting up tests.
Testing to begin within one month from date Coordinator notifies Area Director to set up test.
Area Director responsible for setting up test and arranging for testers (final selection of testers/area to be approved by coordinator PRIOR to notifying person requesting test of date and time of test!)
Coordinator sends test forms to Area Director or tester for use on test.
One Tester responsible for returning completed test forms to Coordinator for personnel file and notifying Coordinator IMMEDIATELY as to the outcome of the test.
Testers should make written notation on test on subjects that look questionable or may need clarification at a later date.
Coordinator arranges for Certificate, patch and I.D. card to be issued. (Usually presented at the next general membership meeting)(Only first patch is awarded free of charge. Future patches purchased by members, as needed)

To Move To Operational Handler

Be fieldable with a fielding agency.

Attend two formal SARDOC training sessions per year.

Have first aid/CPR card.

Request confidence forms and written test from Coordinator.

Have at least 3 OPERATIONAL SARDOC HANDLERS complete the confidence forms with the other 3 forms completed by either operational SARDOC handlers or operational SARDOC support, or 3 members of testee's local fielding agency that have worked with the testee and can provide support for the testee on missions.

Coordinator will review written test, completed confidence forms and discuss person with the area director to make determination whether ready for testing or not.

If determined not ready for testing, Coordinator will notify person requesting test of this and what areas Need to be worked on to improve skills, etc before testing.

If determined ready for testing, Coordinator will notify Area Director to begin setting up tests.

Area Director responsible for setting up test and arranging for testers (final selection of testers/area to

Be approved by coordinator PRIOR to notifying person requesting test of date and time of test!)

Testing to begin within one month from date Coordinator notified Area Director to set up test.

Coordinator sends test forms to Area Director or tester for use on test.

One tester responsible for returning completed test forms to Coordinator for personnel file and notifying Coordinator IMMEDIATELY as to the outcome of the test.

Testers should make written notation on test on subjects that look questionable or may need clarification at a later date.

Coordinator arranges for Certificate, patch and I.D. card to be issued. (Usually presented at the next general membership meeting)(Only first patch is awarded free of charge. Future patches purchased by members, as needed)

NOTE: Air scent testee's passing their larger area test does not automatically allow them to field in their own county. Successful completion of the area test allows the testee to petition the Coordinator for permission to field within their own county. Permission to field will be based on feedback from the testers on the performance level of the testers on the area test and their recommendations. All air scent tests must be completed within 60 days of the first test. Should handler have received authorization to field based on large area test performance and does not complete tests within 60 days or does not successfully complete one or more of the night and/or multi-subject test, permission to continue to field with their local fielding agency will be revoked by the coordinator. Depending on the situation, anyone not completing their tests within the time frames mentioned above is subject to submitting confidence forms, re-testing, etc. at the discretion of the Coordinator.

Moving to Water, Avalanche, Evidence, Cadaver, Disaster Specialty Status

Same procedures as for Operational Support and Operational Handler

NOTE: Should a handler be requested to perform a search in a discipline for which they are not certified, they must contact the Coordinator PRIOR to the mission to receive permission to field. Permission to field is not automatic and will be based on the scenario, handler's experience in particular discipline and overall performance of the team.