



Invitation

IRO Course Area Search (Beginners + Advanced)

Schöneben (AT), September 10th to September 13th 2026

Topics and Contents

- » Search tactics
- » Search patterns / working out an area terrain
- » Directability / base line
- » Getting the scent / scent pools
- » Establish and strengthen the alert behaviour / helpers

Administrative Informations

Course Venue

IRO Trainingsanlage Schöneben,

Upper Austria

Travel directions see attached Information sheet

[GPS: N 48.711771, E 13.951476](#)

Duration

Thursday, 10th of September 2026 – Sunday, 13th of September 2026

Start and allocation of the groups: 10.09. at 08.00 a.m.

End: 13.09. at approx. 4.00 p.m.

Trainers

Dusan Weber (SI)

Alarico Sberlati (IT)

Eva Dauer (AT)

If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the number of instructors/trainers will be reduced accordingly.

Registration and Deadline

Please register online via the "portal.iro-dogs.org" no later than **13th of August 2026**.

Complete registrations are ranked according to date of receipt and you will receive a confirmation. Your place on the course is automatically reserved once the course fee has been received.

Requirements

- » Dogs of all ages and levels, also young dogs
- » Per dog handler only one dog
- » Dog handlers will be used as helpers
- » Proof of all vaccinations according to IRO vaccination scheme (leptospirosis, parvovirus, distemper, hepatitis, rabies) for the dog; the trainer has to check the dog's vaccination status, in case it does not correspond to the IRO vaccination scheme, the dog is not allowed to participate in the course
- » Valid insurance and required vaccinations for the dog for travelling into and staying in Austria.
- » The taking along and use of means of force are prohibited.
- » The Austrian Animal Welfare Act applies.
- » If a participating bitch is in heat, please inform us during the group allocation on the first day of the course.

The number of participants is limited to 24 search and rescue dog teams. Registration in order of date of receipt (postmark).

Accommodation & Catering

Reservation and self-catering have to be arranged by each participant. For questions, Olena Dymnych may be contacted: ausbildung@iro-dogs.org resp.

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Costs

Course fees for IRO-NRO Members: € 300 per participant (€ 180 **WITHOUT** dog).

Course fees for Non-IRO Members: € 600 (€ 360 if participating **WITHOUT** dog).

Please transfer the fee – **FREE OF CHARGE FOR IRO** – indicating the purpose „**IRO Area Course I AT 09/26 - Name**“ to the following account:

Recipient: Int. Rettungshunde Organisation

BIC: RZOOAT2L442

IBAN: AT54 3444 2000 0000 1354

Limited number of participants!

Registrations will be accepted in order of receipt.

The registration is only valid upon receipt of payment to our account!

Hotel Recommendations

See attached "[IRO Training Grounds Infosheet](#)"