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Today's Random Little Tidbit - [Streamlining the Postings of Required Materials at Ringside.](#)

There are a variety of options (chosen by the Judge) in many of the titling obedience classes; therefore, the Judge is *required* to post the chosen options to inform the exhibitors approximately 45-minutes before the class starts. Depending on the number of classes to be judged, that can lead to a large number of postings, and the "white board" (if you are lucky to have one) can end up looking like a cluttered mess. Furthermore, there is not always a lot of real estate near the ring entrance to provide visibility for displaying many of the *required* postings if not condensed in some way. My goal was to have all the required postings visible and easy to find, and all in one spot for a particular class. For example, depending on what classes are to be judged, my new condensed postings will show:

- 1. Required posting**...Heeling pattern (all classes), I post my patterns. Other options are demonstrating or verbally informing the exhibitor. For those at ringside at the start of the class, I will also have a Steward walk the pattern and I will move along to show my observation positions during the pattern. As a handler I do like a posted visual, especially if I am not at the ring at the start time due to a breed conflict or due in another obedience class.
- 2. Required posting**...The chosen exercise order from among the 6 Regular, 6 Preferred **Open/Utility** classes, plus 12 exercise order options in **Versatility**.
- 3. Not required**...but I inform the exhibitor where each exercise will be performed and a suggested path from one exercise to the other. This information helps the exhibitor know where the next exercise will start so they may easily proceed to "set up".
- 4. Not required**...I post my chosen method of handling the *second* scent article in **Regular/Preferred Utility and Versatility** classes. That's good information for the exhibitor to know ahead of time for their game plan.
- 5. Required posting**...The designated glove for the **Regular/Preferred Utility, Graduate Open & Versatility** classes. I place a sticky star on the posting indicating the chosen glove. It is easy to change IF the designated glove needed to be changed before the class starts.
- 6. Required posting**...The designated jump in **Graduate Open**. I place a sticky star on the posting indicating the chosen jump. It is easy to change IF the designated jump needed to be changed before the class starts.
- 7. Required posting**...The designated Sit or Down for the **Preferred Novice**. A sticky star is used once again.
- 8. Not required**...the last exercise is noted for the Stewards. This will enable them to track where the handler will be ending the last exercise. The location can change from class to class so this posting helps the Steward stay on top of things, too.
- 9. Required posting**...**Novice Group Exercise**...“Judges have the option of deciding if a set of group exercises will be conducted after a specified number of dogs **or** if the group exercise will be conducted after the last individual team is judged. As determined, the judge must post this information at the ring”.

[The following pages in this pdf file have a few of the examples I am working on.](#)

I created the charts using MS Word, then printed out the charts and placed two of them back-to-back before laminating (saves laminating costs and bulk). For example, Preferred Utility exercise orders 1 & 2 are back-to-back. Come the day of the trial I only take the charts needed for that day. I tried out a couple of these charts at a recent show I judged and they were well received. The 12 Versatility charts will be created on an as needed basis for the *required* rotation of exercise orders when asked to judge that class.

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