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## Today's Random Little Tidbit – **Visual Examples for Marking the Judge's Book**

**Random Little Tidbit #42** is about the Judge's Book itself, you might want to review that article.

<https://saintbernardarchive.com/library/>

This article is a continuation of **#42** incorporating the recent **AKC Blog** post:

### **How the book should be marked**

"Our Event Records Team, the people responsible for reviewing and processing each book, have asked us for help. The variety of miscellaneous notations, from one judge to another, is causing confusion for staff and creating processing delays.

"In an effort to assist and establish consistency, we have created the chart below (attached as a printable PDF) and request that you, our judges, use this as your guide in marking the judge's books. Additional notations and/or explanations, other than what is listed, should be made on the inside cover of the book and emailed to [obedience@akc.org](mailto:obedience@akc.org). This information is supported by the *Obedience Judge's Guidelines, Chapter 5, Procedures for Judges to Follow in Marking the Judge's Book.*"

### **The following five (5) pages consist of:**

1. The chart mentioned above from the Blog, (1 page)
2. Visual charts of the Judge's Book listing examples for filling out the book correctly, (2 pages)
3. Chart listing Excusals, Releases, Disqualifications and Options to rejudge, (2 pages)
4. Refer back to Tidbit **#42** for blank Judge's Book pages to printout and practice entering information from the chart(s) correctly.

The two (2) charts in items **2** & **3** may be laminated back-to-back to have on the Judge's Table for easy and quick reference.

Exhibitors may also find the charts useful in understanding how a Judge's Book is to look when checking your scores after the class is judged.

**Blog Address:** <https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/about/> Sign up to receive updates.

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**Obedience: These are the Most Common Reasons for Judge Book Notations**  
**“Marked Book” is how the Judge’s Book Should be Marked**

*\*\*\*Additional notations/explanations should only be made  
on the inside cover of the book and emailed to [obedience@akc.org](mailto:obedience@akc.org) by the judge\*\*\**

<b>Judge’s Observation</b>	<b>Disqualify</b>	<b>Release</b>	<b>Excuse</b>	<b>“Marked Book”</b>
Blind	X			<b>Disqualified – “Blind”</b> Total Score is left blank
Changed in appearance for cosmetic reasons	X			<b>Disqualified – “Changed”</b> Total Score is left blank
Dog attempts to attack or attacks a person inside the ring *Judge Must Complete Form	X			<b>DISQUALIFIED</b> <b>“Attempt/Attacked Person”</b> Total Score is left blank
Unable to Examine			X	<b>Excused – “Unable to Examine”</b> Total Score is left blank
Dog on Dog Attack *Judge Must Complete Form			X	<b>EXCUSED</b> <b>“Dog on Dog Attack”</b> Total Score is left blank
Dog appears dangerous outside ring for Novice Groups			X	<b>Excused – “Appears Dangerous”</b> Total Score is left blank
Dog unfit to compete, Taped, Bandaged, Lamé, Bitch in Season			X	<b>Excused – State a reason from the list here</b> Total Score is left blank
Dog fouled ring		<i>May Release</i>		<b>“NQ” in Total Score</b>
Excessive verbal commands, Dog not under control/out of control		X		<b>“NQ” in Total Score</b>
Food or Training aid in ring		<i>May Release</i>		<b>“NQ” in Total Score</b>
Handler wishes to leave ring (HLR)				<b>“NQ” in Total Score</b>
Fix N’ Go		X		<b>“NQ” in Total Score</b>
NQ’d Novice Exercise		X		<b>“NQ-R” in the Group Ex box</b> <b>“NQ” in Total Score</b>

## Visual Sample In How to Mark the **NOVICE** Judge's Book Correctly

Examples →	Qualifying Scores #101 & #109	<b>HLR</b> <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	<b>Excused</b> <i>State Reason</i>	<b>Released</b> <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	<b>Disqualified</b> <i>State Reason</i>	<b>Absent</b> <i>For the class</i>	<b>Absent</b> <i>Did not return for the Group</i>	<b>Fix 'n Go</b> <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	<b>Correct an error</b> <i>Initial</i>
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A **dog on dog on attack, or attempt, is an Excusal**, an additional form needs to be filled out (AEDSQ3)

An **attempt or attack of a person is a Disqualification**, an additional form needs to be filled out (AEDSQ1)

Dog Number	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109
Heel on Leash & Figure Eight (40 Points)	1.5	4	0.5	3	<b>Disqualified Changed in Appearance</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	6	7	<del>10</del> 11 jc
Stand For Examination (30 Points)	0	2	<b>Excused Unable to Examine</b>	0			2	0	0
Heel Free (40 Points)	4	<b>HLR</b>		5.5			4.5	<b>NQ</b>	2
Recall (30 Points)	1			<b>NQ</b>			2		0.5
Sit-Stay Get Your Leash (30 Points)	0						1		0
<b>Subtotal</b>	6.5	<b>NQ</b>		<b>NQ</b>			15.5	<b>NQ</b>	13.5
Group Sit/Down (30 Points)	0	<b>NQ-R</b>		<b>NQ-R</b>			<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>NQ-R</b>	2
Miscellaneous Penalties	0	2	0	0			1	0	0
Maximum Score (200)	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
<b>Points Off</b>	-6.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-15.5
<b>Total Score</b>	193.5	<b>NQ</b>		<b>NQ</b>			<b>NQ</b>	<b>NQ</b>	184.5
<b>Final Qualifying Score</b>	193.5								184.5

	<u>First Prize</u>	<u>Second Prize</u>	<u>Third Prize</u>	<u>Fourth Prize</u>
WINNERS:	101	109	-	-
SCORE:	193.5	184.5		

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## Visual Sample In How to Mark the Judge's Book Correctly OPEN B & UTILITY B & VERSATILITY

Examples →	Qualifying Scores #401 & #408	<b>HLR</b> <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	<b>Excused</b> <i>State Reason</i>	<b>Released</b> <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	<b>Disqualified</b> <i>State Reason</i>	<b>Absent</b> <i>From the class</i>	<b>Fix 'n Go</b> <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	<b>Correct an error</b> <i>Initial</i>	Super or Secretary fill in Move-Up's Armband # & initial
<p><i>A dog on dog on attack, or attempt, is an Excusal, an additional form needs to be filled out (AEDSQ3)</i></p> <p><i>An <u>attempt</u> or attack of a person is a Disqualification, an additional form needs to be filled out (AEDSQ1)</i></p>									

**OPEN B, UTILITY B & Versatility Judge's Book** (Order of the exercises to be filled In by the judge)

**Order Of Exercises (I-VI) 3** (Make note of order being used.)

Dog Number	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	
ROF	1.5	4	<b>Excused – Dog Taped</b> When Excused – state reason	3	<b>Disqualified</b> Changed in Appearance	<b>ABSENT</b>	7	<del>10</del> 11 jc	
DOR	0	2		0			0	0	
ROHJ	4	<b>HLR</b>		5.5			<b>NQ</b>	<b>NQ</b>	2
BJ	1			<b>NQ</b>					0.5
8 + HF	0								0
CD	0						2		
SSGYL	0						0		
Miscellaneous Penalties	0	2	0	0			0	0	
Maximum Score (200)	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Points Off	-6.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-15.5	
<b>Total Score</b>	193.5	<b>NQ</b>		<b>NQ</b>			<b>NQ</b>	184.5	
<b>Final Qualifying Score</b>	193.5							184.5	

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## EXCUSAL vs. RELEASE REFERENCE CHART GUIDELINE

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**When Excused State Reason – When Released Carry NQ to Total Score Box** Do not state reason

	JUDGE'S OBSERVATION	DISQUALIFY	RELEASE	EXCUSE	OPTION TO REJUDGE		CHAPTER	SECTION
					YES	NO		
1.	Dog blind - W/O USEFUL vision	X				X	1	17
2.	Dog deaf - W/O USEFUL hearing <u>May compete</u>						1	12
3.	Dog changed for <u>cosmetic</u> reasons	X				X	1	17
4.	Dog <u>attempts</u> or <u>attacks</u> a <b>person</b> in the ring. Fill out form (AEDSQ1)	X				X	1 2	17 25
5.	Dog <u>attempts</u> or <u>attacks</u> a <b>dog</b> in the ring. Fill out form (AEDSQ3)			X		X	1 2	17 25
6.	Handler willfully interferes			X		X	1	18
7.	Handler abuses dog - report <i>immediately</i>			X		X	1 2	6 3
8.	Dog unfit to compete -or- Vet excusal in writing			X		X	1	17
9.	Lame - Irregularity of locomotion			X		X	1	17
10.	Dog Taped/bandaged/medical attachments			X		X	1	17
11.	Bitches in season – Bitches attractive to males			X		X	1	14 17
12.	Bench/trial committee excusal			X		X	1	17 & 17a
13.	Unable to Examine (SFE & MS&E)			X		X	3 In Judges' Guidelines	-
14.	<b>Identification.</b> Clothing may display the person's name, the dog's call name and/or the dog's picture. Titles may not be displayed. Writing or graphics on the clothing must not be in poor taste or contain profanity. Clothing must not display any information that would be in conflict with a sponsor of the trial.		See reminders on Page II		X		1	10
15.	Hair - Permitted: eyes, ears or beard... May be tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes as in breed ring		See reminders on Page II		X		1	17
16.	Hair - Not permitted: dyed, chalk, powder, protection, adornment		See reminders on Page II		X		1	17
17.	Leash – fabric, leather, adequate length		See reminders on Page II		X		2	16
18.	Collars - properly fitted and approved by the judge. No special training collars		See reminders on Page II		X		2	17
19.	Fear/nervousness – <b>may</b> be released depending on the extent		X			X	2 2	3 25
20.	Barking/snapping – <b>may</b> be released depending on the extent		X			X	2	25
21.	Foul ring - <b>may be released</b>		X			X	2 2	3 25
22.	Dog out of control or not under control - Uncontrolled behavior - <i>excessive</i> barking or running away		X			X	1 2	18 25
23.	Training in ring – <i>excessive</i> verbal commands		X			X	2	27
24.	NQ score for carrying or offering food in the ring. <b>Release</b> the team because the food is considered a training aid		X			X	2	3
25.	Handler wishes to leave the ring (HLR)		X			X	2	10
26.	Fix n' Go		X			X	2	27
27.	Group – NQ does not return – NQ-R, Rough treatment by the handler, Failed the Sit portion		X			X	3	13

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<b>Equipment that does not meet the requirements of the Obedience Regulations</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>SECTION</b>
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<b>Novice Equipment for the Ring:</b>		
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Identification	See reminders below	1	10
Leash	See reminders below	2	16
Collar	See reminders below	2	17

<b>Open Equipment for the Ring:</b>		
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Identification, leash, collar same as in the Novice classes	See reminders below	1	10
Dumbbell	See reminders below	4	11

<b>Utility Equipment for the Ring:</b>		
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Identification, leash, collar same as in the Novice classes	See reminders below	1	10
Scent articles	See reminders below	5	8
Gloves	See reminders below	5	10

<b>Reminders:</b>
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**Can't compete as is – which is the same as incorrect equipment –**  
**Let them get the right stuff - tag(s) on collar remove/tape it etc...**  
 Stuff happens, we need to remember we're there to help each other while maintaining the integrity of "sport." In the end it is "sport" not life or death, no body dies and we don't need to wound spirits in the process.

<b>Obedience Regulation Guidelines:</b>
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**"This book cannot cover all situations; nor can it substitute for common sense."**  
**Those words also hold true for this Reference Chart Guideline.**

<b>Glossary of Obedience Terms:</b>
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**Excused** – "A dog must be excused any time there is aggressive behavior toward another dog, a dog that is lame, unfit to compete, if there is anything attached to it for medical or corrective purposes, bitch in season, handler who willfully interferes with another competitor/dog, a handler training/disciplining a dog in the ring, or a dog that is unable to be examined."

**Released** – "A dog must be released if it is not under the handler's control. A dog will be released from performing the group exercise if it has non-qualified in the individual exercises. In the group exercise, in extreme cases, a dog that must be repositioned by its handler if it is out of position enough to interfere with an adjacent dog may be released. A dog must be released from the group exercise if it does not remain sitting during the first part. A dog may be released from competition in the class for misbehavior."