

AKC Obedience - Charts & Tables

Jump Chart

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(an invoice to turn into the club after judging)

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(to have by the phone(s) with the questions needed to ask)

AKC Obedience Jump Charts

(Chapter 4, Section 11)

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Regular Classes + Approved Breeds for ¾ Jump Height - Preferred & Optional Classes --- ½ Jump Height
 Measured height nearest multiple of 2" to the height of the dog's withers.

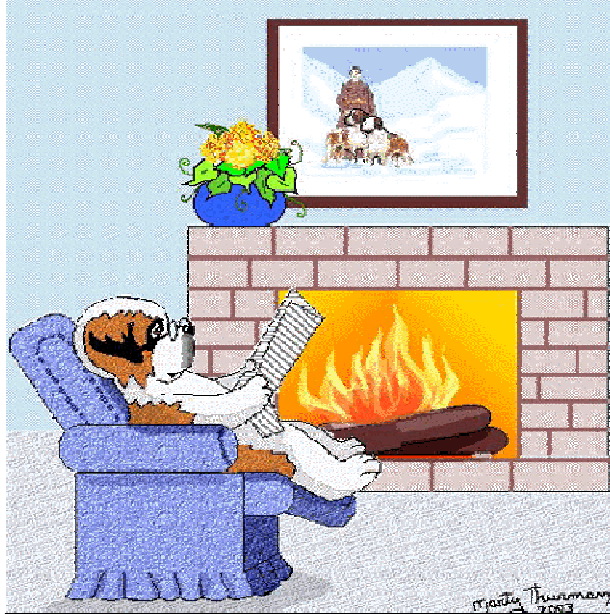


Chart For Once the Height at the Withers

| Height to be Jumped | Broad Jump Hurdles | High Jump Chart Board Combinations |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 4" | (8) 1 | 4" = 4 |
| 8" | (16) 2 | 8" = 8 |
| 10" | (20) 2 | 10" = 8 + 2 |
| 12" | (24) 2 | 12" = 8 + 4 |
| 14" | (28) 3 | 14" = 8 + 4 + 2 |
| 16" | (32) 3 | 16" = 8 + 8 |
| 18" | (36) 3 | 18" = 8 + 8 + 2 |
| 20" | (40) 3 | 20" = 8 + 8 + 4 |
| 22" | (44) 3 | 22" = 8 + 8 + 4 + 2 |
| 24" | (48) 4 | 24" = 8 + 8 + 8 |
| 26" | (52) 4 | 26" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 2 |
| 28" | (56) 4 | 28" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 4 |
| 30" | (60) 4 | 30" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 4 + 2 |
| 32" | (64) 4 | 32" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 |
| 34" | (68) 4 | 34" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 2 |
| 36" | (72) 4 | 36" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 4 |

Chart for ¾ the Height at the Withers

| Measured Height | Height to Jump | Broad Jump |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Less than 10" | 4" | (8) 1 |
| 10 to less than 12 1/2" | 8" | (16) 2 |
| 12 1/2 to less than 15" | 10" | (20) 2 |
| 15 to less than 17 1/2" | 12" | (24) 2 |
| 17 1/2 to less than 20" | 14" | (28) 3 |
| 20 to less than 23" | 16" | (32) 3 |
| 23 to less than 25 1/2" | 18" | (36) 3 |
| 25 1/2 to less than 28" | 20" | (40) 3 |
| 28 to less than 31" | 22" | (44) 3 |
| 31 to less than 33 1/2" | 24" | (48) 4 |
| 33 1/2 to less than 36" | 26" | (52) 4 |
| 36 to less than 39" | 28" | (56) 4 |

Chart for ½ the Height at the Withers

(Preferred Open & Preferred Utility & Optional Classes)

| Measured Height | Height to Jump | Broad Jump |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 12" or less | 4" | (8) 1 |
| Greater than 12" up to 18" | 8" | (16) 2 |
| Greater than 18" up to 22" | 10" | (20) 2 |
| Greater than 22" up to 26" | 12" | (24) 2 |
| Greater than 26" up to 30" | 14" | (28) 3 |
| Greater than 30" up to 34" | 16" | (32) 3 |
| Greater than 34" | 18" | (36) 3 |



Broad Jump: To cover a distance equal to TWICE the height of the High Jump

4 hurdles shall be used for a jump of 48" to 72"
 3 hurdles shall be used for a jump of 28" to 44"
 2 hurdles shall be used for a jump of 16" to 24"
 1 hurdle shall be used for a jump of 8"

When decreasing the number of hurdles in the Jump, the highest hurdle(s) shall be removed first.

56 Approved Breeds Jumping ¾ Their Height at the Withers

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Akita | Dogue De Bordeaux | Otterhound |
| Alaskan Malamute | Estrela Mountain Dog | Pekingese |
| Argentine Dogo | Field Spaniel - Effective 3/30/23 | Pembroke Welsh Corgi |
| Basset Hound | French Bulldog | Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen |
| Bergamasco | Glen of Imaal Terrier | Portuguese Podengo |
| Bernese Mountain Dog | Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen | Pugs |
| Black Russian Terrier | Great Dane | Saint Bernard |
| Bloodhound | Great Pyrenees | Scottish Terriers |
| Bolognese | Greater Swiss Mountain Dog | Sealyham Terrier |
| Borzoi | Irish Wolfhound | Shih Tzu |
| Bulldog | Kishu Ken | Skye Terrier |
| Bullmastiff | Kooikerhondje | Sussex Spaniel |
| Cane Corso - Effective 3/30/23 | Kuvaszok | Swedish Vallhunds |
| Cardigan Welsh Corgi | Lagotto Romagnolo | Teddy Roosevelt Terrier - Effective 3/30/23 |
| Caucasian Mountain Dog | Leonberger | Thai Ridgeback |
| Chinese Shar-Pei | Mastiff | West Highland White Terrier |
| Chow Chow | Neopolitan Mastiff | |
| Clumber Spaniel | Newfoundland | |
| Dachshund | Norwich Terrier | |
| Dandie Dinmount Terrier | Old English Sheepdog Effective 1/1/2024 | |



Jump Setting Guidelines

High Jump Board Combinations

| | | |
|------|---|-------------------|
| 4'' | = | 4 |
| 8'' | = | 8 |
| 10'' | = | 8 + 2 |
| 12'' | = | 8 + 4 |
| 14'' | = | 8 + 4 + 2 |
| 16'' | = | 8 + 8 |
| 18'' | = | 8 + 8 + 2 |
| 20'' | = | 8 + 8 + 4 |
| 22'' | = | 8 + 8 + 4 + 2 |
| 24'' | = | 8 + 8 + 8 |
| 26'' | = | 8 + 8 + 8 + 2 |
| 28'' | = | 8 + 8 + 8 + 4 |
| 30'' | = | 8 + 8 + 8 + 4 + 2 |
| 32'' | = | 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 |
| 34'' | = | 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 2 |
| 36'' | = | 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 4 |

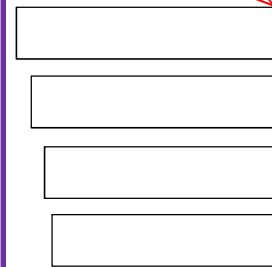
Broad Jump Hurdle Layouts

| High Jump Set at: | Broad Jump Hurdles Set at: | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 4'' | 8'' | One Hurdle |
| 8'' | 16'' | Two Hurdles |
| 10'' | 20'' | |
| 12'' | 24'' | |
| 14'' | 28'' | Three Hurdles |
| 16'' | 32'' | |
| 18'' | 36'' | |
| 20'' | 40'' | |
| 22'' | 44'' | |
| 24'' | 48'' | Four Hurdles |
| 26'' | 52'' | |
| 28'' | 56'' | |
| 30'' | 60'' | |
| 32'' | 64'' | |
| 34'' | 68'' | |
| 36'' | 72'' | |

All Hurdles are 8'' in width

Lining up the Hurdles

The right hand sides of the hurdles are aligned in a straight row.



The shortest hurdle stays in place and all others telescope out from it - spaced evenly apart.



Print and trim for a pocket-size
guide to fit in your regulations.

Breeds Jumping
 $\frac{3}{4}$ Height at Withers:

| |
|--|
| Akita |
| Alaskan Malamute - May 1, 2020 |
| Argentine Dogo |
| Basset Hound |
| Bergamasco |
| Bernese Mountain Dog |
| Black Russian Terrier |
| Bloodhound |
| Bolognese |
| Borzoï |
| Bulldog |
| Bullmastiff |
| Cane Corso - March 30, 2023 |
| Cardigan Welsh Corgi |
| Caucasian Mountain Dog |
| Chinese Shar-Pei |
| Chow Chow |
| Clumber Spaniel |
| Dachshund |
| Dandie Dinmount Terrier |
| Dogue De Bordeaux |
| Estrela Mountain Dog |
| Field Spaniel - March 30, 2023 |
| French Bulldog |
| Glen of Imaal Terrier |
| Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen |
| Great Dane |
| Great Pyrenees |
| Greater Swiss Mountain Dog |
| Irish Wolfhound |
| Kishu Kens |
| Kooikerhondje |
| Kuvaszok |
| Lagotto Romagnolo |
| Leonberger |
| Mastiff |
| Neopolitan Mastiff |
| Newfoundland |
| Norwich Terrier |
| Old English Sheepdog - January 1, 2024 |
| Otterhound |
| Pekingese |
| Pembroke Welsh Corgi |
| Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens |
| Portuguese Podengo |
| Pug |
| Saint Bernard |
| Scottish Terrier |
| Sealyham Terrier |
| Shih Tzu |
| Skye Terrier |
| Sussex Spaniel |
| Swedish Vallhund |
| Teddy Roosevelt Terrier - March 30, 2023 |
| Thai Ridgeback |
| West Highland White Terrier |



Know When Applicable Penalties Apply Beyond The Exercise's Scoring Section

The Regular BIG 3 Classes --- Novice & Open & Utility



Quick Guide For Following the Scoring Paths Which Connect The Exercises



| Classes | Exercise | Scoring Penalties, plus the <u>Applicable Penalties</u> Listed in the Scoring Section of an Exercise | Chapter | Section | <u>Applicable Penalties</u> Reference |
|---------------|---|--|----------|-----------|---|
| Novice | Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | <p>Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions, will be made for additional commands or signals to heel or for failure of dog or handler to speed up noticeably for the fast or slow down noticeably for the slow.</p> <p>Minor or substantial deductions shall be made for lagging, heeling wide, forging, crowding, poor sits, failure to sit at a halt and other heeling imperfections. Deductions should also be made for a handler who guides the dog with the leash, any tightening or jerking of the leash, or does not walk at a brisk pace.</p> | 3 | 6 | <p style="text-align: center;">Foundation Exercise</p> <p>Chapter 2, Section 18, Heel Position + Chapter 2, Section 19, Hands and Arms + Chapter 2, Sections 20 & 21 Commands & Signals</p> |
| | Stand For Examination | <p>The scoring of this exercise will not start until the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay, except for such things as rough treatment by the handler or active resistance by the dog to its handler's attempts to have it stand. Either of these will be penalized substantially.</p> <p>A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it sits or lies down, moves away from the place where it was left either before or during the examination or growls, snaps or displays resentment.</p> <p>Minor or substantial deductions, even to the point of a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for shyness. Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves its feet at any time or sits or moves away after the examination has been completed.</p> | 3 | 8 | <p style="text-align: center;">Foundation Exercise</p> <p>Chapter 2, Section 18, Heel Position + Chapter 2, Sections 20 & 21 Commands & Signals</p> |
| | Heel Free | <p>This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without either the leash or the Figure Eight. The scoring and orders will be the same.</p> | 3 | 9 | <p style="text-align: center;">Foundation Exercise</p> |
| | Recall | <p>A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it is given an additional command and/or signal to stay, if it fails to come on the first command or signal, if it moves from the place it was left before being called or signaled to come, or if it does not sit close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or moving either foot.</p> <p>Substantial deductions will be made for a handler's extra command or signal to sit or finish and for a dog that fails to remain sitting and either stands or lies down, fails to come at a brisk trot or gallop, fails to sit in front, or fails to finish or sit at heel.</p> <p>Minor or substantial deductions will be made for slow or poor sits, for finishes that are not prompt or smart, for touching the handler on coming in or while finishing, and for sitting between the handler's feet.</p> | 3 | 11 | <p style="text-align: center;">Foundation Exercise</p> <p>Chapter 2, Section 18, Heel Position + Chapter 2, Section 19, Hands and Arms + Chapter 2, Sections 20 & 21, Commands & Signals</p> |
| | Sit Stay – Get Your Leash | <p>A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for the following: The dog moving a substantial distance away from the place where it was left any time during the exercise, not remaining in the sit position until the handler has returned to heel position, and repeatedly barking or whining.</p> <p>Scoring of the exercise for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit starts with the first order, "Sit your dog." These will be penalized substantially and in extreme cases the dog may be released.</p> <p>Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves even a short distance from where it was left, that barks or whines only once or twice, or that changes from the sit position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has said, "Exercise finished." A substantial deduction, under Miscellaneous Penalties, must be made for a dog that does not remain under control while exiting the ring.</p> | 3 | 13 | <p style="text-align: center;">Foundation Exercise</p> <p>Chapter 2, Section 18, Heel Position + Chapter 2, Section 19, Hands and Arms + Chapter 2, Sections 20 & 21 Commands & Signals</p> |
| | Group | | | 3 | 14 |

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|---------|-----------------------------|--|---|----|--|
| Open | Heel Free | Orders and scoring are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight. | 4 | 6 | Review Heel on Leash & Figure Eight for Exercise Scoring. |
| | Command Discrimination | <p>A dog that fails to obey the handler's first command and/or signal for each position and stay, or that does not stay until the handler returns to heel position must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.</p> <p>Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that changes position after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said "Exercise finished."</p> <p>Minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for the handler's hands and arms not hanging naturally.</p> <p>Depending on the extent, minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for a dog that walks forward.</p> | 4 | 8 | Chapter 2, Section 18, Heel Position + Chapter 2, Sections 20 & 21 Commands & Signals |
| | Drop On Recall | The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall , are the dog's prompt response to the handler's command or signal to drop and the dog's remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command or signal. | 4 | 10 | <u>All applicable penalties</u> listed under the Novice Recall shall apply. |
| | Retrieve on Flat | <p>A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it fails to go out on the first command or signal, goes to retrieve before the command or signal is given, fails to retrieve, or does not return with the dumbbell sufficiently close that the handler can easily take the dumbbell as described above.</p> <p>Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog's slowness in going out, returning, or picking up the dumbbell, not going directly to the dumbbell, unnecessary mouthing or playing with the dumbbell, and reluctance or refusal to release the dumbbell to the handler. Depending on the extent, minor or substantial deductions will be made for dropping the dumbbell.</p> | 4 | 12 | <u>Retrieving Foundation Exercise</u> <u>All applicable penalties</u> listed under the Novice Recall shall apply. |
| | Retrieve Over High Jump | A dog that fails to go over the full height of the jump in either direction, that uses the jump for any aid in going over, or that returns over the jump without the dumbbell must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score. | 4 | 14 | <u>Jumping Foundation Exercise</u> <u>All applicable penalties</u> listed under the Retrieve on Flat and Novice Recall shall apply. |
| | Broad Jump | <p>A dog that fails to stay until directed to jump, refuses the jump on the first command or signal, or steps on or between the hurdles must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.</p> <p>Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that does not return directly to the handler, that displays any hesitation or reluctance in jumping, or that touches the jump.</p> | 4 | 16 | <u>All applicable penalties</u> listed under the Novice Recall shall apply. |
| | Stand Stay – Get Your Leash | <p>A non-qualifying (NQ) score is required for a dog that does any of the following: Fails to stand on the first command and/or signal, moves a substantial distance away from the place where it was left, sits or lies down before the handler has returned to heel position, or repeatedly barks or whines.</p> <p>Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that sits or lies down after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said, "Exercise finished."</p> <p>Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for the dog that moves a short distance from where it was left, or that moves its feet repeatedly while remaining in place.</p> <p>A substantial deduction, under Miscellaneous Penalties, must be made for a dog that does not remain under control while exiting the ring.</p> | 4 | 18 | Foundation Exercise? No applicable penalties listed back to the Novice Sit Stay – Get Your Leash which has almost the same wording as to penalties; therefore, I am listing this as a Foundation exercise for now. |
| Utility | Signal Exercise | <p>A dog that fails to obey the handler's first signal to stand, stay, down, sit or come, or that receives a verbal command from the handler to do any of these parts of the exercise, must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.</p> <p>A substantial deduction will be made for any audible command during the heeling or finish portions of the exercise. Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that walks forward on the stand, down or sit portions of the exercise. The deduction could be up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score.</p> | 5 | 7 | <u>All applicable penalties</u> listed under the Heel on Leash & Novice Recall (after the dog has been signaled to come) exercises will apply. |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------|-----------|--|
| | Scent Discrimination | <p>A dog that retrieves a wrong article or that does not complete the retrieve of the right article must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score. If the "After a sit" method used, anticipating the command or signal to retrieve must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score. If the "Send directly" method is used, any additional command or signal to retrieve must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.</p> <p>Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that is given an additional command and/or signal to stay, once the handler leaves the dog to take an article, that changes position while the handler is taking or scenting the article, or moves from the place where it was left. Similar deductions will be made for a handler petting the dog while scenting the article, for any roughness in giving their scent to the dog, not returning their arm and hand to a natural position after giving the scent and before turning, excessive motions when turning toward the articles, or for not turning in place or for talking to the dog after the judge has taken the article.</p> <p>Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that is slow, that does not go directly to the articles, that does not work continuously, or that picks up the wrong article, even if it is immediately put down again. There should be no penalty for a dog that takes a reasonably long time examining the articles, provided it is working continuously.</p> | 5 | 9 | <p>Foundation Exercise</p> <p><u>All applicable penalties</u> listed under the Heel Free, Novice Recall and the Retrieve on Flat will apply.</p> |
| | Directed Retrieve | <p>A non-qualifying (NQ) score is required for any commands or signals to position the dog after the handler turns to face the glove, for a handler failing to give a verbal command to retrieve, for a dog that retrieves a wrong glove or that does not complete the retrieve of the designated glove.</p> <p>Depending on the extent, a substantial deduction up to and including a non-qualifying (NQ) score will be made for a handler who does not turn in place, does not face the designated glove, does not give the verbal command to retrieve simultaneously or immediately after giving the direction to retrieve, or for a dog that does not go directly to the designated glove.</p> | 5 | 11 | <p><u>All applicable penalties</u> listed under the Heel Free, Novice Recall and the Retrieve on Flat will apply.</p> |
| | Moving Stand & Examination | <p>A non-qualifying (NQ) score is required for a dog that does any of the following: displays fear or resentment; moves from the place where it was left; sits or lies down before it is called; growls or snaps; repeatedly whines or barks; fails to heel, stand, stay, or accept the judge's examination; or fails to return to the handler.</p> <p>Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves its feet repeatedly while remaining in place or for a dog that returns to the handler as defined in the Novice Recall but not to heel position.</p> | 5 | 13 | <p><u>All applicable penalties</u> of the Novice Heel Free, Stand for Examination and Recall exercises will apply.</p> |
| | Directed Jumping | <p>A dog will receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it: anticipates the handler's command and/or signal to go out; fails to leave the handler; does not go out between the jumps; does not stop and remain at least 10 feet past the jumps without an additional command; anticipates the handler's command and/or signal to jump; returns over the wrong jump; knocks the bar off the uprights; or uses the top of any jump for aid in going over.</p> <p>Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that does not stop on command that does not stop in the approximate center of the ring about 20 feet past the jumps, that does not sit, that receives an additional command to sit after the dog has stopped, or that anticipates the handler's command to sit.</p> <p>Minor or substantial deductions, depending on the extent, will be made for slowness in going out, for touching the jumps, or for any hesitation in jumping.</p> | 5 | 15 | <p><u>All applicable penalties</u> listed under the Novice Recall shall apply.</p> |
| All Classes | Leaving The Ring | <p>The handler is required to enter and exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. The Novice Sit Stay (& Open Stand Stay) Get Your Leash requires a substantial penalty. The other classes are judgment calls (minor or substantial) as to the severity of the fault taking place when leaving the ring.</p> | 2 | 25 | |

Always, if in doubt, do take the time to double-check the Obedience Regulations and read the full content of that exercise in question. Take the time to refer to the Regulations to make the right decision; you owe that to the team(s).



Judge's Orders To Be Used As Stated in "Quotes" per the Regulations

Before starting each exercise, the judge will ask, "Are you ready?"
At the end of each exercise the judge will say, "Exercise finished."

| Classes | Exercise | Actual Judge's Order(s) In "Quotes" per the Regulations (Do not add or subtract words) | Chapter | Section |
|--|---|---|---------|---------|
| Novice | Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | "Forward", "Halt", "Right turn", "Left turn", "About turn", "Slow", "Normal" and "Fast". | 3 | 5 |
| | Stand For Examination | "Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog." | 3 | 7 |
| | Heel Free | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | 3 | 9 |
| | Recall | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." | 3 | 10 |
| | Sit Stay – Get Your Leash | "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog." Judge to inform handlers to, "Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." | 3 | 12 |
| | Group | "Sit your dogs," "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs." The judge will tell the exhibitors "Maintain control of your dogs." as they are about to exit the ring. | 3 | 14 |
| Open & Preferred Open | Heel Free | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | 4 | 6 |
| | Command Discrimination | "Leave your dog" and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog." | 4 | 7 |
| | Drop On Recall | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish." | 4 | 9 |
| | Retrieve on Flat | "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." | 4 | 11 |
| | Retrieve Over High Jump | "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." | 4 | 13 |
| | Broad Jump | "Leave your dog," "Send your dog," and "Finish." | 4 | 15 |
| | Stand Stay – Get Your Leash | "Stand your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash" and "Back to your dog." Judge to inform handlers to, "Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." | 4 | 17 |
| Utility & Preferred Utility | Signal Exercise | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel Free, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." On further order to "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish. | 5 | 6 |
| | Scent Discrimination | "Take an article," "The taking of the article from the handler," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." | 5 | 8 |
| | Directed Retrieve | "One," "Two," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish." | 5 | 10 |
| | Moving Stand and Examination | "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel." | 5 | 12 |
| | Directed Jumping | "Send your dog," "Bar," "High" and "Finish." | 5 | 14 |

| Classes | Exercise | Actual Judge's Order(s) In "Quotes" per the Regulations (Do not add or subtract words) | Chapter | Section |
|------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Preferred Novice | Exercises | Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Stand for Examination, Heel Free, and Recall will use the same Judge's Orders as the Regular Novice exercises. | 11 | 4, 5 6, 7 |
| | Stay – Sit or Down Handler Walk Around the Ring | "Sit your dog," or "Down your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished." | 11 | 8 |
| Beginner Novice | Heel Free | "Forward" and "Exercise Finished." | 16 | 6 |
| | Figure Eight | "Forward," "Halt," and "Exercise Finished." | 16 | 8 |
| | Sit For Exam | "Sit your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog" and "Exercise finished." | 16 | 10 |
| | Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring | "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished." | 16 | 12 |
| | Recall | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Exercise finished." | 16 | 14 |
| Graduate Novice | Heel Free | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | 17 | 4 |
| | Drop On Recall | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish." | 17 | 5 |
| | Dumbbell Recall | "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish." | 17 | 7 |
| | Dumbbell Recall over High Jump | "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish." | 17 | 9 |
| | Recall over Broad Jump | "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish." | 17 | 11 |
| | Stand Stay – Get Your Leash | "Stand your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash" and "Back to your dog." Judge to inform handlers to, " Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." | 17 | 13 |
| Graduate Open | Signal Exercise | Orders the same as in the Novice Heel Free, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." On further order to "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish. | 18 | 4 |
| | Scent Discrimination | "Take an article," "The taking of the article from the handler," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish." | 18 | 6 |
| | Go Out | "Send your dog" and "Back to your dog." | 18 | 7 |
| | Directed Jumping | "Leave your dog," "Bar" or "High," and "Finish." | 18 | 9 |
| | Moving Stand And Examination | "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel." | 18 | 11 |
| | Directed Retrieve | "One," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish." Glove 2 is not used. | 18 | 12 |
| Versatility | 2 Regular Novice 2 Regular Open 2 Regular Utility | Review the Novice, Open and Utility Judge's Orders | Chapters 3, 4, 5 All Sections | |



Judging Procedures, Chapters & Guidelines

{In one location for a quick and easy reference guide for the Foundation exercises}

{Always read the Regulations in their entirety for a full understanding}

How the AKC Obedience Exercises Are To Be Performed

****According to The Regulations****

Obedience Judges' Guidelines Chapter 3: Judging the Dogs. The judge has absolute control and unquestioned authority over all persons and dogs in the ring. With this authority comes the responsibility to be courteous and considerate. Be as systematic in your ring procedure from dog to dog as conditions permit. Judges are required to make their own decisions and to accept the responsibility this implies. A judge's comments, other than orders to the handler of a dog, shall be limited to a brief greeting, instructions on positioning the dog, and instructions covering the group exercise. A judge will never ask handlers about club affiliations, their opinions or about their dogs' past performances. The actual judging procedure may vary from judge to judge, but performance requirements must remain the same.

Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3: Excuse Unable to Examine, Disqualification for Attacking, Excuse – Dog on Dog. Excuse any dog that in your opinion exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached or examined in the normal manner. Signs may include moving away, growling, showing its teeth, and rolling its eyes. Any dog that displays such demeanor is a threat to you. When you excuse the dog, mark your judge's book "Excused – Unable to Examine." Disqualify any dog that attacks or attempts to attack any person in the ring. An attack is defined as a bite or an attempt to bite anyone, including its own handler, without valid extenuating circumstances, for example accidentally biting the hand when grabbing a toy offered as an award during awards. Whenever possible, keep the exhibitor and the dog in the ring. Call for the Superintendent, Trial Chairperson or Secretary immediately and fill out the "Disqualification for Attacking" form (AEDSQ1). Be certain to clearly communicate your decision to the exhibitor of the dog using the word "disqualified," and explain that the dog may not be shown again in any AKC event until it is officially reinstated by the American Kennel Club. As the judge you have little latitude regarding your responsibility to disqualify or not. Refer all questions to the Trial Chairperson or the Field Representative if present. Mark your book "Disqualified, attacked," give the exhibitor of the dog a copy of the disqualification form and deliver the original to the superintendent. You may be contacted by the Events Department at a later date for additional information. Disqualifications for attacking are very serious and different from other disqualifications. **The failure to appropriately address a potentially dangerous dog compounds the vulnerability of future judges.** Therefore it is of the utmost importance to use the word "disqualified" or "excused," as appropriate, when dismissing an exhibitor whose dog is vicious or shy. Excuse any dog that attacks another dog. **Call for the Superintendent, Trial Chairperson or Secretary immediately,** and fill out the "Judge's Form Dog on Dog Attack" form (AEDSQ3). Such an incident that results in contact with injury to either dog is to be reported to the Trial Chairperson immediately, as it must be addressed by the trial committee.

Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3: Judging Position. Positioning is important for two reasons: first, to establish consistency of judging in the minds of exhibitors and spectators and, second, to properly evaluate the dog and handler the entire time they are in the ring. In determining a position for each exercise choose one that allows you to see both dog and handler without having to turn away to see one or the other. Being in the right position to observe a dog's performance is essential. There is no perfect position, but this does not mean that some positions are not better than others. All dogs shall be viewed from the same relative position. When viewing the dog and handler from the side, **try to observe from the dog's side without the handler between you and the dog.** Fronts and finishes are to be judged from a position in front of the handler. The judging of an exercise normally begins when the judge gives the first order, except for the unusual circumstances as stated in the Obedience Regulations.

Chapter 1, Section 10: Identification. Club clothing, AKC event clothing, or breed clothing may be worn by anyone exhibiting a dog or by ring stewards. 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.

| Class | Exercise | Judging Procedure | Chapter | Section |
|--------|------------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| Novice | Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | Chapter 2, Section 1: Heeling Pattern. The same pattern should be maintained as far as practicable for each competing dog. This is a foundation exercise, and it determines the standards for all exercises in which the dog is heeling. The minimum heeling requirements for any class are normal heeling, a fast, a slow, a left turn, a right turn, an about-turn, a halt, and a sit. The heeling patterns should not be in the area of the table and/or gate and should have only one element of an exercise on a leg. (For example, there shall not be a halt and a slow on the same leg of an exercise.) A fast must always be on a long dimension of the ring; slow may be either on the short or long dimension of the ring. The fast and slow should be of significant length, not just several steps. No pattern will have more than one fast and one slow. If possible, have one leg of the heeling pattern with no element on it. The "L" pattern is a minimal pattern. Other patterns are acceptable, but excessive complexity should be avoided. Judging Procedure: In scoring this exercise, judges shall accompany the handler at a discreet distance so that they can observe any signals or commands given by the handler to the dog. The judge must do so without interfering with either dog or handler. The judge should attempt to be in a position during the course of the exercise so that the dog and the handler may be observed from the rear, front, and side. | 2 | 1 |
| | | Judging Procedure: The dog need not be sitting at the start of this exercise. The judge must be alert to keep handlers from going more or less than about 6 feet and must penalize, even to the point of non-qualifying, the dog whose handler backs away when leaving. The examination is complete when the judge lifts their fingers and palm from the dog's hindquarters. Judges should not expose themselves needlessly to the danger of being bitten. Should a dog in the ring give warning that it may bite if you proceed with the examination, you should excuse the dog from the ring and mark the judge's book "Excused – Unable to Examine." If a dog attempts to attack or bites any person in the ring, the judge must disqualify the dog, mark the judge's book "Disqualified – Attack" and fill out the "Disqualification for Attacking" form (AEDSQ1). | 3 | 5 |
| | Stand For Examination | Judging Procedure: This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without either the leash or the Figure Eight. The scoring and orders will be the same. | 3 | 7 |
| | Heel Free | | 3 | 9 |

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| | Recall | Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3: Recall Exercises. To have both dog and handler under constant observation in these exercises, a judge should take a position in line and slightly to the rear of the dog, facing the handler but at an adequate distance to one side. This is a foundation exercise and governs the faults and behavior of a dog in all exercises where the dog is moving toward the handler. Finishes are required to be executed promptly, smartly, and straight. This applies to faults in all exercises where the dog returns to heel position. The finish is not a principal part of any exercise. Therefore, failure to finish or extra commands or signals to finish do not require a non-qualifying (NQ) score for any exercise. The judge should never ask the handler to touch the dog or otherwise assist the judge in making a decision. If, in the judge's opinion, the dog is not close enough to the handler, it must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score. | 3 | 10 |
| | Sit Stay – Get Your Leash | Judging Procedure: Prior to the start of judging, the judge will instruct the steward where to place the leash after the Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise. The leash will be placed inside the ring near the gate entrance on a chair or similar leash holder. The handler and dog will be positioned at least 30 feet from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. The judge must be in position to watch the dog and handler throughout the exercise including exiting the ring. | 3 | 12 |
| | Group | Judging Procedure: If a judge observes any signs of aggression or potential problems when the dogs are being assembled outside the ring for the group exercise or once the dogs are brought into the ring, the judge must excuse the dog and mark the judge's book "Excused" and state the reason. Any handlers who physically correct their dogs before or after the group exercise or while exiting the ring must be penalized under Miscellaneous Penalties. Judges must stand with their full attention on the dogs and handlers during the group exercise and remain alert to any potential problems. To have both dog and handler under constant observation in this exercise, a judge should take a position slightly to the rear of the dogs at one end of the row(s) of dogs. | 3 | 14 |
| Open & Preferred Open | Heel Free | Judging Procedure: This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without either the leash or the Figure Eight. The scoring and orders will be the same. | 4 | 6 |
| | Command Discrimination | Judging Procedure: This exercise may be performed in an area of the ring that is at least 40 feet in length. The 15-foot distances must be clearly marked. The judge must be positioned so that both the dog and handler are under continuous observation during the entire exercise. An excellent position for judging this exercise is at an adequate distance to the side and slightly to the rear of the dog. Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3: The first position change is performed with the handler standing with the dog sitting in heel position and requires the dog to stand or down from the sit position. The dog is not required to stand or down in a specific style which may result in the dog ending up somewhat out of the starting heel position. When changing from a sit to a down, a dog may raise its hindquarters to do so without penalty, provided the movement is continuous. If a dog stands and then downs, it has added a position change, and must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score. | 4 | 7 |
| | Drop On Recall | Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3: In addition to the Recall (see Novice Recall) Drop on Recall. A perfect drop has three characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dog's prompt response to the handler's command or signal to drop • No delay or slowness to down • The dog must drop completely to a down position | 4 | 9 |
| | Retrieve on Flat | Judging Procedure: A judge should not place a dumbbell that is improperly thrown but should require the handler to throw the dumbbell again. A judge will not ask the handler's opinion when deciding whether a dumbbell is to be thrown again or not; it is the judge's sole responsibility to make this decision. Once the decision is made, the judge or steward will retrieve the dumbbell. Under no circumstances should the handler be penalized for a bad throw. Requiring the handler to re-throw the dumbbell signifies that the exercise is being restarted; therefore, the handler may pet, praise, and reposition the dog without penalty before the exercise is begun again. The retrieve, including the pickup, must be brisk and without hesitation. Once the exercise begins, the handler may not adjust their feet or position. Chapter 4, Section 11: The judge will require the dumbbell to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 20 feet, too far to one side or too close to the ring's edge. | 4 | 11 |
| | Retrieve Over High Jump | Judging Procedure: The judge must make certain that the handler throws the dumbbell at least 8 feet beyond the jump. Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3: In the Retrieve over High Jump exercise the handler, with the dog sitting in heel position, must be at least 8 feet in front of the jump or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the handler complies before the exercise begins. During this exercise a judge must stand clear of both the handler and the dog in order to prevent any interference with the dog's performance. The judge should be positioned so that both the dog and handler are under continuous observation during the entire exercise. Placement of Jumps. The judge will place the jumps in the ring giving special attention to lighting and ring enclosures, and make an observation from a dog's line of sight. Jump Faults. All jumps are to be judged the same way. There are four faults associated with jumps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to clear the jump or the height of the jump; knocking the bar off the uprights • Using the jump for aid in going over • Touching the jump • Hesitation or reluctance to jump | 4 | 13 |

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| | | <p>Measuring: In all classes with jumps, as the dog is brought into the ring, the judges may, at their discretion, measure the dog to verify the height at the withers. The measurement is made using an ordinary folding ruler or steel tape that may be calibrated to show the correct jump height. Nothing may be attached to determine level position. No other measuring device is required or acceptable in the ring. The ruler or tape is held by the judge. Measurements made by the judge are final and are not subject to verification.</p> | 2 | 1 |
| | Broad Jump | <p>Judging Procedure: A handler standing too close or too far from the side of the jump shall be required to move to the proper position.</p> <p>Obedience Judges' Guidelines Chapter 3: In setting up the broad jump, the judge should make every effort to avoid having the dog jump toward the open gate or close to the table, and ensure that adequate room is allowed from all sides of the jump for the take-off, jumping and on the far side for landing and turning. The hurdles are to be positioned so the dog will be turning away from the ring barrier after landing. The dog and handler must be at least 8 feet in front of the first edge of the jump. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the handler complies before the exercise begins. During the exercise, the judge must stand clear of the handler and the dog in order to prevent any interference with the dog's performance. The judge must be positioned so that both the dog and the handler are under continuous observation during the entire exercise. This exercise is a Novice Recall, except for the jump and the position of the handler.</p> | 4 | 15 |
| | Stand Stay – Get Your Leash | <p>Judging Procedure: Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide where the leash will be placed, outside the ring on a chair or similar leash holder. The leash will be placed outside the ring by the steward after the dog and handler have entered the ring for judging. When positioning the dog and handler for this exercise, the judge should ensure that such positioning will permit the dog to keep the handler in its direct line of vision as the handler leaves and returns to the ring, and that the handler, when reentering the ring, is at least 15 feet away from the dog until ordered to return. During this exercise the judge must be in position to watch the dog and see the handler leave and return to the ring. Once the exercise is finished, the judge must watch the dog and handler exit the ring together.</p> | 4 | 17 |
| Utility & Preferred Utility | Signal Exercise | <p>Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3: Judges should note that heeling is exercises apply. A dog may non-qualify in the heeling portion using the same standards as in the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight. In the Utility classes, a judge should bear in mind that only during the stand, stay, drop, sit, and come parts of this exercise is it required to non-qualify (NQ) a dog for receiving a command or audible signal. Although penalized substantially, it is possible for the dog to receive a passing score if given a command or audible signal during other parts of the exercise. The Obedience Regulations Chapter 5, Section 6, requires the judge to have the handler leave the dog at one end of the ring on the stand and then proceed on the judge's order to the other end of the ring. This should place the handler about 3 to 4 feet from the opposite end of the ring. An excellent position for judging the stand, drop, sit, and come parts of this exercise is at an adequate distance to the side and slightly to the rear of the dog when the dog is in the stand-stay position. This exercise is composed of three principal parts: a heeling portion, the signal portion, and a recall portion.</p> | 5 | 6 |
| | Scent Discrimination | <p>Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3: The judge should be certain that the handler and dog are in position to observe: the placement of the articles should they choose to do so. The judge must take the necessary precautions to ensure the articles to be used by the handler are not fouled by the judge or any other scent.</p> | 5 | 8 |
| | Directed Retrieve | <p>Judging Procedure: The judge should be certain the gloves are visible to the smallest and largest dogs. The judge may point to the designated glove at the same time they give the order. The direction the handler turns is at the option of the handler, no matter which glove is designated, but the dog should maintain heel position throughout the turn and sit at heel when the turn is completed. Giving the direction to the dog must be done with a single motion. When the motion stops, the direction is completed.</p> | 5 | 10 |
| | Moving Stand And Examination | <p>Judging Procedure: This exercise may be judged from the side while the dog and handler are heeling and until the dog is to be examined.</p> | 5 | 12 |
| | Directed Jumping | <p>Judging Procedure: The judge should determine the 10-foot distance before beginning the class. The same sequence of jumps should be used for each dog.</p> <p>Obedience Judges' Guidelines Chapter 3: In the Directed Jumping exercise, the dog is not required to go to the other end of the ring, only to a point about 20 feet beyond the jumps and in the approximate center. If the dog stops on command and remains at this point, it should not be penalized for not having gone out far enough. An excellent position for judging this exercise is on the side of the ring of the designated jump, parallel to and slightly to the rear of the handler and dog.</p> <p>There are several key points that require your attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dog must move at a brisk trot or gallop until commanded to sit. • The dog must go out about 20 feet beyond the jumps. • The handler should give the command to sit when the dog is about 20 feet beyond the jumps. • The dog must stop and sit promptly on command. <p>The judge should not place a mark 20 feet beyond the jumps. The reference to 20 feet beyond the jumps is to require the sit command be given prior to the dog reaching the ring barrier so that the dog may be evaluated on its ability to stop and sit on command.</p> | 5 | 14 |

Guideline For Scoring Directed Jumping

Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3: When scoring the Directed Jumping exercise, large variations in performance may occur and there is not a great deal of time to consider how far from perfect each variation is. As an aid to maintaining some consistency in the manner in which all dogs in the class are scored, there should be no question that some type of system needs to be adopted in advance of the class. Although the following suggestion may not fit your particular method of scoring, it may serve as an aid in developing your own individual style. A grid is based on the premise that the closer to perfection, the smaller the deduction. Should the dog go out about 20 feet beyond the jumps, stop on command by the handler and sit in the approximate center of the ring, there is no deduction. (This is represented by an imaginary circle of about 3 feet in the center of the ring at about a distance of 20 feet beyond the jumps.) **Keep in mind that the handler should stop and sit the dog about 20 feet beyond the jump, not precisely 20 feet beyond the jump. If the dog stops and sits on the handler's command at 21 feet or 19 feet beyond the jumps (this is about 20 feet beyond the jumps), no points should be deducted. The key is that the dog stops and sits on command.** The dog should not stop and sit without a command from the handler or stop and/or sit when it arrives at the ring barrier simply because it can go no further. If the dog does either of these, points are deducted because the handler's command did not cause the dog to stop and sit. If the dog stops and sits on the handler's command but the handler has stopped the dog at about the 12-foot distance, a deduction is in order as the handler did not stop and sit the dog at about 20 feet beyond the jumps. Again, the requirement is to stop and sit the dog at about 20 feet beyond the jumps, not precisely 20 feet beyond the jumps. If the dog goes out about 20 feet beyond the jumps, stops and sits on the handler's command but its final position is in one of the corners of the ring, a three point deduction should be made. If the dog goes out only 10 feet beyond the jumps, stops and sits on command but the final position is in the center of the ring, a three point deduction should be made. If the dog goes out about 10 feet, stops and sits on command but the final position is next to the side of the ring, a five or six point deduction is in order.

Sample Scoring Grid For Directed Jumping

| Sample of a Grid for Scoring Directed Jumping | | | | | | |
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| 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Jump | | | | Jump | | |
| <p>Keep in mind...</p> <p>A dog will receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if does not stop and remain <u>at least 10 feet past the jumps</u> without an additional command.</p> | | | | | | |

Judge's Report on Ring and Equipment

Chapter 1, Section 34. Judge's Report on Ring and Equipment. The superintendent and the officials of the club holding the obedience trial are responsible for providing rings and equipment that meet the requirements of these regulations. The judges, however, must check both the ring and equipment before starting to judge. Ring size should be determined by the judge pacing the ring. The jumps are measured by the judge to make sure they meet the requirements of the Obedience Regulations. A deviation of up to one-half inch is considered a minor change and is acceptable. If the jumps are made of a material other than wood, they must meet all the requirements of the Obedience Regulations, including weight and flat finish. Having checked the jumps, the judge will place the jumps in the ring, giving special attention to lighting and ring enclosures, and make an observation from a dog's line of sight. If mats are placed under the jumps, they should be at least 4 feet in width. If there are ring or equipment deficiencies, the judge shall bring them to the attention of the trial secretary or superintendent so that they may be corrected in accordance with the provisions of the Obedience Regulations. **If the deficiencies cannot be corrected quickly, the judge will note this fact on the inside front cover of the judge's book and proceed to judge the class under the deficient conditions.** In extreme cases where the deficiencies, in the opinion of the judge, are of such major proportion as to seriously affect the dog's performance or safety, the judge will give each handler the option of not competing. If the handler's decision is not to compete, they will be referred to the trial secretary or superintendent for a refund of the entry fee. Under no condition may a judge refuse to judge a class.

After the trial, the judge must report to the AKC any undesirable ring conditions or deficiencies that were not promptly corrected at their request.

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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 person in the ring. Fill out form (AEDSQ1) | X | | | | X | 1 2 | 17 25 |
| 5. | Dog <u>attempts</u> or <u>attacks</u> a dog 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. | Identification. 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 – may be released depending on the extent | | X | | | X | 2 2 | 3 25 |
| 20. | Barking/snapping – may be released depending on the extent | | X | | | X | 2 | 25 |
| 21. | Foul ring - may be released | | 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. Release 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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When Excused State Reason – When Released Carry NQ to Total Score Box Do not state reason

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

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

| Utility Equipment for the Ring: | | |
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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 |

Reminders:

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.

Obedience Regulation Guidelines:

"This book cannot cover all situations; nor can it substitute for common sense."
Those words also hold true for this Reference Chart Guideline.


Glossary of Obedience Terms:

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."

* AKC Obedience Regulations - Distance Requirements *



| Rings & Conditions <small>(minimum) Chapter 1, Sections 32 & 33</small> | Novice | Open | Utility | Outdoors | An indoor ring should be rectangular and about 40 by 50 feet for all obedience classes. The floor must have firm footing, using rubber or similar non-slip material at least 4 feet wide for takeoffs and landing of all jumps unless the judge feels the surface does not require it. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Not less than 30' x 40' | Not less than 30' x 40' | Not less than 35' x 50' | Not less than 40' x 50' | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Novice Exercises <small>Chapter 3</small> | Heel On Leash and Figure Eight | Heeling Pattern. The heeling patterns should not be in the area of the table and/or gate and should have only one element of an exercise on a leg. (For example, there shall not be a halt and a slow on the same leg of an exercise.) A fast must always be on a long dimension of the ring; slow may be either on the short or long dimension of the ring. The fast and slow should be of significant length, not just several steps. No pattern will have more than one fast and one slow. If possible, have one leg of the heeling pattern with no element on it. Keep in mind physically challenged handlers, LARGE breeds, and the space they may need – beforehand. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Stand For Examination | The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet, and then turn and face the dog. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Heel Free | See Heel on Leash and Figure Eight | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Recall | The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, the handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring , turn to face the dog. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sit Stay - Get Your Leash | The leash will be placed inside the ring near the gate entrance on a chair or similar leash holder. The handler and dog will be positioned at least 30 feet from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. The judge must be in position to watch the dog and handler throughout the exercise including exiting the ring. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Group | Dogs must be spaced with a minimum of six (6) feet between each dog and a minimum of four (4) feet from the ring barriers. Judges will position the dogs in the approximate center of the ring in one row or back-to-back in two rows with a minimum of six (6) feet between the rows. If the back-to-back formation is used, it must be used for all groups in the class. On a 50' side of the ring the maximum # of dogs allowed in a single row would be six (6) and in a back-to-back row twelve (12) dogs (see table): | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Cones  | For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand facing the judge, midway between two cones that are 17 to 37 inches high and no more than 15 inches wide at the base , that will be placed 8 feet apart (measured from inside of base to inside of base). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regular & Preferred Open Exercises <small>Chapters 4 & 12</small> | Heel Free & Figure Eight | This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Novice Heel On Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Command Discrimination | Judging Procedure: This exercise may be performed in an area of the ring that is at least 40 feet in length. The 15-foot distances must be clearly marked. The judge must be positioned so that both the dog and handler are under continuous observation during the entire exercise. An excellent position for judging this exercise is at an adequate distance to the side and slightly to the rear of the dog. Reference to Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Drop On Recall | The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, the handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring , turn to face the dog. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Retrieve On Flat | After the dumbbell is thrown at least 20 feet , the judge will order the handler to "Send your dog." The judge will require the dumbbell to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 20 feet, too far to one side or too close to the ring's edge. Size of dumbbell to be in proportion to the dog. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Retrieve Over High Jump | The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at least 8 feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump and will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise. On the judge's order the handler will throw the dumbbell at least 8 feet beyond the jump. (These 8-foot distances must be clearly marked.) Judging Procedures: The judge must make certain that the handler throws the dumbbell at least 8 feet beyond the jump. Reference the Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Broad Jump | The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This 8-foot distance must be clearly marked.) Handlers may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes about two (2) feet from the jump. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Stand Stay - Get Your Leash | The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. Judging Procedures: Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide where the leash will be placed, outside the ring on a chair or similar leash holder. When positioning the dog and handler for this exercise, the judge should ensure that such positioning will permit the dog to keep the handler in its direct line of vision as the handler leaves and returns to the ring , and that the handler, when reentering the ring, is at least 15 feet away from the dog until ordered to return. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jumps | Refer to Chapter 4, Sections 13 & 15 for specific High Jump & Broad Jump measurements and requirements. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Measuring Dogs | In all classes with jumps, as the dog is brought into the ring, the judges may, at their discretion, measure the dog to verify the height at the withers. The measurement is made using an ordinary folding ruler or steel tape. Nothing may be attached to determine level position. No other measuring device is required or acceptable in the ring. (Chapter 2, Section 1) Review Appendix A for ¼ Jump Heights Table & Appendix B for Standard Jump Height Table. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Regular & Preferred Utility Exercises <small>Chapters 5 & 13</small> | Signal Exercise | Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." The handler will signal the dog to stay, go to the other end of the ring, then turn and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give the signals to down, sit, come and finish as in the Novice Recall. |
| | Scent Discrimination | The handler will present all ten (10) articles to the judge. The judge or steward will handle each of the remaining eight (8) articles while randomly arranging them on the floor or ground about 6 inches apart. The closest article should be about 20 feet from the handler and dog. The articles are to be visible to both dog and handler and that they are far enough apart so that there will be no confusion of scent among articles. Size of articles to be in proportion to the dog. |
| | Directed Retrieve | Handlers will stand with their backs to the unobstructed end of the ring midway between and in line with the jumps. The judge or steward will drop the gloves across the end of the ring. One glove is dropped about three (3) feet in from each corner, and the remaining glove is dropped in the center, about three (3) feet from the end of the ring. Judging Procedures: The judge should be certain the gloves are visible to the smallest and largest dogs. |
| | Moving Stand And Examination | On the judge's order the handler may command or signal the dog to heel. After the handler has proceeded about 10 feet, the judge will order "Stand your dog." The handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10 to 12 feet. The handler will then turn either to the right or left to face the dog, which must stand and stay in position. |
| | Directed Jumping | The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring, about 20 feet from the jumps and midway between them. On the judge's order the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the unobstructed end of the ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. Judging Procedures: The judge should determine the 10-foot distance before beginning the class. The same sequence of jumps should be used for each dog. Reference the Obedience Judges' Guidelines Chapter 3. |
| | Jumps | Refer to Chapter 4 (Open), Sections 13 & Chapter 5 (Utility), Section 14 for specific High Jump & Bar Jump measurements |
| | Measuring Dogs | Measuring. In all classes with jumps, as the dog is brought into the ring, the judges may, at their discretion, measure the dog to verify the height at the withers. The measurement is made using an ordinary folding ruler or steel tape Nothing may be attached to determine level position. No other measuring device is required or acceptable in the ring. (Chapter 2, Section 1) Review the Appendix A for ¼ Jump Heights Table & Appendix B for Standard Jump Height Table. |
| Preferred Novice Exercises <small>Chapter 11</small> | Review → | Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Stand For Examination, Heel Free, Recall, Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, as they are all judged in the same manner as the Regular Novice classes. |
| | Stay – Sit - Down Handler Walk Around the Ring | The dog and handler should be positioned approximately equidistant to each side of the ring as to be perpendicular to and facing one of the sides. The handler will walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge, with all dogs entered in the class being judged the same way. |
| Beginner Novice Exercises <small>Chapter 16</small> | Heel On Leash | Rally signs will be used for this exercise and will be placed to the right of the handler's path except for those indicating a change in direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the team to aid in that change. The "Start" sign, while not required, may be used to signify the starting point for the heel on leash exercise. |
| | Figure Eight | Refer to Regular Novice Figure Eight exercise as the Beginner Novice Figure Eight is judged in the same manner. |
| | Sit For Exam | The distances are the same as the Regular Novice Stand For Examination |
| | Sit Stay – Handler Walks Around The Ring | On the judge's order the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. |
| | Recall | The handler will then walk forward, approximately 25 feet, to a location as directed by the judge, turn to face the dog. |
| Graduate Novice Exercises <small>Chapter 17</small> | Heel On Leash And Figure Eight | This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Novice Heel On Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash. |
| | Drop On Recall | The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, the handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog. |
| | Dumbbell Recall | On the judge's order, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, to face the dog and stand naturally. Size of dumbbell to be in proportion to the dog. |
| | Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump | The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight (8) feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, go around the jump to at least eight (8) feet beyond the other side of the jump, then turn, face the dog and stand naturally. (These 8-foot distances will be clearly marked.) The height of the jump will be the same as it is for the Open Retrieve Over High Jump exercise. |
| | Recall Over Broad Jump | The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight (8) feet from the jump, (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) facing the lowest hurdle. On the judge's order the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, go around the hurdle(s) to at least eight (8) feet beyond the last hurdle, then turn and face the dog. The jump will be set to cover a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog. |
| | Stand Stay – Get Your Leash | This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Open A class Stand Stay – Get Your Leash. |
| Graduate Open Exercises <small>Chapter 18</small> | Signal Exercise | Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." The handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay, go at least ten (10) feet from the dog, then turn and face the dog. |
| | Scent Discrimination | This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Scent Discrimination except as stated in the Graduate Open chapter. The handler will present four articles, consisting of two (2) sets only. |
| | Go Out | The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position facing the unobstructed end of the ring in the approximate center at any distance from about 20 feet beyond the jumps up to midway between the jumps. |
| | Directed Jumping | The handler will stand with the dog sitting at the unobstructed end and in the center of the ring. The handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay then walk forward to the other end of the ring. The judge will order either "Bar" or "High" for the jump, The dog will be sent over only one jump. |
| | Moving Stand And Examination | This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Moving Stand And Examination except that the handler may pause/hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand. |
| | Directed Retrieve | This exercise will be performed as in the Utility Directed Retrieve except that a center glove is not used. |

* AKC Obedience Regulations – Handler’s Guide For Saving Points * + Handler’s Guide For “Going the Distance” Stated in the Exercises



The best advice is to read the Obedience Regulations in full, especially Chapter 2, plus the class chapters a handler will be showing in. Below are a few quick reminders to review where common faults in a variety of exercises may be made. Tidbits #55, #56 & #57 have more detailed descriptions on handler errors, all aimed to gain knowledge for improving one’s performance. Check out the [Random Little Tidbits Index](#) for other Tidbits to gain even more knowledge of this sport. The game of Obedience is to compete against the Obedience Regulations to earn as many points as possible to achieve one’s goal. That is part of the fun and challenge. Knowing where points may be lost is good information for honing one’s skills. Enjoy the challenge to better the game plan!

| Regular Novice Exercises Chapter 3 | Heel On Leash and Figure Eight Chapter 3 Sections 5 & 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chapter 2, Section 19: In all exercises where the dog is required to heel free, one of these options should be followed: (1) when the handler is in motion, the arms and hands must move naturally at the sides and must hang naturally at the sides when stopped; or (2) the right hand and arm must move naturally at the side, while the left hand must be held against the front of the body, centered in the area of the waist, with the left forearm carried against the body. There will be a substantial deduction if the hands and arms are not carried in one of these positions. The hands and arms may be adjusted during the fast portion of an exercise in order to maintain balance. * Chapter 2, Section 20: Excessively loud commands by handlers to their dogs create a poor impression of obedience and should be avoided. When using a signal, it must be a <u>single gesture with one arm and hand only</u>, and the arm and hand <u>must immediately be returned to a natural position</u>. * Position of the arms, hands and movements of the head and/or body <u>that aid</u> the dog will be considered additional signals. * Noticeably <u>accelerate</u> and <u>decelerate</u> on the Fast and Slow. Distances: Keep turns true. Avoid <u>wide Left turns</u>. Avoid <u>military Right turns</u>. Keep About turns tight (going into the turn and coming out on the same pathway.) In other words, avoid making “U” turns. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Cones | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Avoid adapting pace to the dog around the turns. * Avoid widening the outside turn or shortening the inside turn. Keep both turns as equal as possible when rounding the cones. Distances: For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand facing the judge, <u>midway between the two cones</u>. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Stand For Examination Chapter 3 Sections 7 & 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Make sure the dog is comfortable in the position in which it was placed. This will help insure no movement on the dog’s part. * Make sure to <u>start and finish the exercise in Heel Position (Chapter 2, Section 18)</u>. * When leaving the dog, <u>walk forward the full distance</u>, then turn to face the dog. Any backing away from the dog while leaving will result in points lost—even up to non-qualifying (NQ) if backing up nearly the full distance traveled. Distances: The handler is required to walk forward about 6 feet. Practice how many paces that will be. As another guide, the judge is often standing at about 6 feet out and off to the side from the dog at the start of the exercise. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Heel Free Section 9... Refer to Chapter 3 Sections 5 & 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * See Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, the only difference is the dog is off leash. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Recall Chapter 3 Sections 10 & 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * On the judge’s order, the handler will then walk <u>forward</u> to the <u>other end of the ring</u> and turn to face the dog. Keep in mind, the “other end” is close to the ring barrier. When reaching that point, leave room for the dog to accomplish a smart finish without the ring barrier interfering with its movements. Five feet out from that ring barrier is a good guide for stopping. Not going the full distance (stopping short) at the “other end” is judged as a handler error. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler’s sides while a dog is coming in to Front. * Chapter 2, Section 20: Excessively loud commands by handlers to their dogs create a poor impression of obedience and should be avoided. If a signal is used, it must be a <u>single gesture with one arm and hand only</u>, and the arm and hand <u>must immediately be returned to a natural position</u>. Distances: Go the other end of the ring, but leave room for a smart finish. Be aware of stopping too short. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sit Stay - Get Your Leash Chapter 3 Sections 12 & 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * When leaving the dog to retrieve the leash, remember to and wait for the judge’s order “Back to your dog.” Failure to stop and wait for the order will result a penalty, not a NQ. * Make sure to <u>finish the exercise in Heel Position (Chapter 2, Section 18)</u>. * Leave the ring with the dog under control, without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. Distances: The handler and dog will be positioned at least 30 feet from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Group Chapter 3 Sections 14 & 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Remember, a 6 foot leash is <u>required</u> for this exercise. It is to be <u>clipped</u> to the collar. On the judge’s order to leave your dog, handlers are to <u>walk forward immediately</u> to the end of the leash <u>without jerking or tightening the leash</u>, turn, and face their dogs. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise. * Refrain from placing the dog in a Sit or Down with <u>physical guidance</u>. (Chapter 2, Section 23) * On the judge’s order, the handler is to return to Heel Position. * Leave the ring with the dog under control, without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. Distances: Dogs must be spaced with a minimum of 6 feet between each dog and a minimum of 4 feet from the ring barriers. Judges will position the dogs in the <u>approximate center of the ring</u> in one row or back-to-back in two rows with a minimum of 6 feet between the rows. On a 50’ side of the ring the maximum number of dogs allowed in a single row would be six and in a back-to-back row of twelve dogs (see table): <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #004a99; color: white;"> <th>Ring Length</th> <th>Maximum # of Dogs Single Row</th> <th>Maximum # of Dogs Back-to-Back Row</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>50’</td><td>6</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>45’</td><td>5</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>40’</td><td>4</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>35’</td><td>4</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>30’</td><td>3</td><td>6</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Ring Length | Maximum # of Dogs Single Row | Maximum # of Dogs Back-to-Back Row | 50’ | 6 | 12 | 45’ | 5 | 10 | 40’ | 4 | 8 | 35’ | 4 | 8 | 30’ | 3 | 6 |
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| Novice & Open exercises are referred to Foundation exercises. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * When an exercise first appears in an early chapter it is referred to as a Foundation exercise. In future chapters of the scoring sections one will observe the wording “All applicable penalties under the _____ will apply.” | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Regular & Preferred Open Exercises

Chapters 4 & 12

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| <p>Heel Free & Figure Eight Chapter 4, Section 6</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Novice Heel On Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash. * Refer to Chapter 3, Sections 5 & 6 (Foundation exercise) |
| <p>Command Discrimination Chapter 4 Sections 7 & 8</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chapter 2, Section 20: Loud commands by handlers to their dogs create a poor impression of obedience and should be avoided. * If a signal is used, it must be a <u>single gesture with one arm and hand only</u>, and the arm and hand <u>must immediately be returned to a natural position</u>. If a command and signal are given together, they are to be given simultaneously. * Position of the arms, hands and movements of the head and/or body <u>that aid</u> the dog will be considered additional signals. * Make sure to <u>finish the exercise in Heel Position</u>. (Chapter 2, Section 18). <p>Distances: This exercise may be performed in an area of the ring <u>that is at least 40 feet in length</u>. The 15 foot distances must be <u>clearly marked</u>. Stand near that mark for each position change; avoid cutting it short.</p> |
| <p>Drop On Recall Chapter 4 Sections 9 & 10</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * On the judge's order, the handler will then walk <u>forward</u> to the <u>other end of the ring</u>, turn to face the dog. Keep in mind, the "other end" is close to the ring barrier. When reaching that point, leave room for the dog to accomplish a smart finish without the barrier interfering with its movements. Five feet out from that barrier is a good guide for stopping. Not going the full distance (stopping short) at the "other end" is judged as handler error. * Loud commands by handlers to their dogs create a poor impression of obedience and should be avoided. * If a signal is used, it must be a <u>single gesture with one arm and hand only</u>, and the arm and hand <u>must immediately be returned to a natural position</u>. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. * Position of the arms, hands and movements of the head and/or body <u>that aid</u> the dog will be considered additional signals. <p>Distances: Go the other end of the ring, but leave room for a smart finish.</p> |
| <p>Retrieve On Flat Chapter 4 Sections 11 & 12</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Avoid moving one's feet or position once the exercise starts. Hold that stance throughout the exercise. Movement of the feet or position is scored as a handler error after the exercise starts. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. <p>Distances: The dumbbell is to be thrown <u>at least 20 feet</u>. <u>The judge will require the dumbbell to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 20 feet, too far to one side or too close to the ring's edge.</u></p> |
| <p>Retrieve Over High Jump Chapter 4 Sections 13 & 14</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Avoid moving one's feet or position once the exercise starts. Hold that stance throughout the exercise. Movement of the feet or position is scored as a handler error after the exercise starts. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. <p>Distances: The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position <u>at least 8 feet</u> (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump and will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise. On the judge's order, the handler will throw the dumbbell <u>at least 8 feet</u> beyond the jump. (These 8 foot distances must be clearly marked by the judge).</p> |
| <p>Broad Jump Chapter 4 Sections 15 & 16</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The handler is to make a 90-degree pivot while the dog is in <u>midair</u> over the hurdle(s) * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. <p>Distances: The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position <u>at least 8 feet</u> from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This 8 foot distance must be clearly marked by the judge.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Handlers may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes <u>about two 2 feet</u> from the jump. |
| <p>Stand Stay - Get Your Leash Chapter 4 Sections 17 & 18</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * When leaving the dog to retrieve the leash, remember to <u>step out of the ring to pick up the leash, come back into the ring, STOP and wait</u> for the judge's order "Back to your dog." Failure to stop and wait for the order will result a penalty, not a NQ. * Make sure to <u>finish the exercise in Heel Position</u> (Chapter 2, Section 18). * Leave the ring with the dog under control, without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. <p>Distances: The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, <u>approximately 15 feet</u> from the ring gate. Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide where the leash will be placed <u>outside</u> the ring on a chair or similar leash holder. <u>It will be in a direct line of vision as the handler leaves and returns to the ring.</u></p> |
| <p>Jumps Classes Chapter 4 Sections 13 & 15</p> | <p>Refer to Chapter 4, Sections 13 & 15 for specific High Jump & Broad Jump measurements and requirements. Check to see the jumps are set correctly for the dog <u>before entering</u> the ring. This should be a part of the game plan!</p> |
| <p>Measuring Dogs Chapter 4 Section 13</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In all classes with jumps, as the dog is brought into the ring the judges may, at their discretion, measure the dog to verify the height at the withers. The measurement is made using an ordinary folding ruler or steel tape. Nothing may be attached to determine level position. No other measuring device is required or acceptable in the ring. (Chapter 2, Section 1) Review Appendix A & Appendix B for Standard Jump Height, Preferred and ¾ Jump Height Table. A savvy handler may want to train for this just to be ready if it were to occur. Know the dog's height at the withers. |

Regular & Preferred Utility Exercises

Chapters 5 & 13

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| <p>Signal Exercise Chapter 5 Sections 6 & 7</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Heeling will be done as in the Novice Heel On Leash. * The judge will order "Leave your dog." The handler will go to the other end of the ring, then turn and face the dog. * When using a signal, it must be a <u>single gesture with one arm and hand only</u>, and the arm and hand <u>must immediately be returned to a natural position</u>. <p>Distances: Go the other end of the ring, but leave room for a smart finish. Be aware of stopping too short.</p> |
| <p>Scent Discrimination Chapter 5 Sections 8 & 9</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * After scenting the article the arms and hands must be returned to a "natural" position. * <u>Turn in place</u> to face the articles—turning in the circle that was occupied by the handler before they started to turn. * <u>After the dog leaves to retrieve</u>, the handler's arms and hands should then be hanging naturally at their sides. <p>Distances: The closest article should be <u>about 20 feet</u> from the handler and dog.</p> |
| <p>Directed Retrieve Chapter 5 Sections 10 & 11</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>Turn in place</u> to face the designated glove. Be aware of over or under turning to face the glove. * In giving the <u>required verbal command</u> either simultaneously or immediately following the giving of the direction, keep in mind the judge (who is standing behind the handler) needs to hear it! * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. <p>Distances: One glove is dropped <u>about three 3 feet</u> in from each corner, and the remaining glove is dropped in the center, <u>about three 3 feet</u> from the end of the ring. Handlers will stand with their backs to the <u>unobstructed end</u> of the ring <u>midway</u> between and in line with the jumps.</p> |

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| | Moving Stand and Examination Chapter 5 Sections 12 & 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In regards to the about 10 feet of heeling, refer to the Novice Heel on Leash Exercise. * Know how many paces it takes to travel 10-12 feet after leaving the dog. Be aware of stopping too short or going too far. * Avoid pausing or hesitating when giving the command and/or signal to stand. <p>Distances: Heeling is about 10 feet. After leaving the dog, the handler moves forward 10-12 feet. Practice those distances.</p> |
| | Directed Jumping Chapter 5 Sections 14 & 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Position of the arms and hands, movements of the head and/or body <u>that aid</u> the dog will be considered additional signals. * If the handler chooses to turn to face the dog when returning, this is to be done while the dog is <u>midair over the jump</u>. * In (Utility B), after the last exercise, leave the ring with the dog under control, without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. <p>Distances: The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring, about 20 feet back from the jumps, and <u>midway</u> between them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * When the dog is about 20 feet past the jumps on the Go Out, the handler will give a command to sit. |
| Preferred Novice Exercises Chapter 11 | Review → Chapter 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Stand For Examination, Heel Free, Recall, Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, as they are all judged in the same manner as in the Regular Novice classes. Leave the ring with the dog under control, without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash after the last exercise. |
| | Stay – Sit / Down Handler Walk Around the Ring Chapter 11 Sections 8 & 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The handler will walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. * Be aware not to cut the corners when walking the perimeter or returning to the dog. * Make sure to <u>finish the exercise in Heel Position (Chapter 2, Section 18)</u>. * Leave the ring with the dog under control, without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. <p>Distances: Walk the full distance of the perimeter of the ring and avoid cutting corners.</p> |
| Beginner Novice Exercises Chapter 16 | Review → Heel On Leash Chapter 3, Sections 6 & 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Refer to Regular Novice Heel on Leash as the Beginner Novice is judged in the same manner, but with signs that give the orders in place of the judge. |
| | Figure Eight Chapter 3, Sections 8 & 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Refer to Regular Novice Figure Eight exercise as the Beginner Novice Figure Eight are judged in the same manner. |
| | Sit For Exam Chapter 16 Sections 10 & 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Make sure the dog is comfortable in the position that it was placed in. This will help insure no movement on the dog's part. * Make sure to <u>start and finish the exercise in Heel Position (Chapter 2, Section 18)</u>. * When leaving the dog, <u>walk forward the full distance</u>, then turn to face the dog. Any backing away from the dog while leaving will result in points lost--even up to non-qualifying (NQ) if backing up nearly the full distance traveled. <p>Distances: The handler is required to walk forward about 6 feet. Practice about how many paces that will be. As another guide, the judge is usually standing about 6 feet out and off to the side from the dog at the start of the exercise.</p> |
| | Sit Stay – Handler Walks Around The Ring Chapter 16 Sections 12 & 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The handler will walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. * Be aware not to cut the corners when walking the perimeter or returning to the dog. * Make sure to <u>finish the exercise in Heel Position (Chapter 2, Section 18)</u>. <p>Distances: Walk the full distance of the perimeter of the ring and avoid cutting corners.</p> |
| | Recall Chapter 16 Sections 14 & 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * On the judge's order, the handler will then walk <u>forward</u> to a location directed by the judge. Not going the full distance of 25-feet (stopping short) is judged as a handler error. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. * Chapter 2, Section 20: Excessively loud commands by handlers to their dogs create a poor impression of obedience and should be avoided. If using a signal, it must be a <u>single gesture with one arm and hand only</u>. * Leave the ring with the dog under control, without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. <p>Distances: The handler will then walk forward, approximately 25 feet, to a location directed by the judge.</p> |
| Graduate Novice Exercises Chapter 17 | Review → Open Heel Free Chapter 4, Section 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Open Heel Free exercise. * Refer to Chapter 3, Sections 5 & 6 (Foundation exercise) |
| | Drop On Recall Chapter 17 Sections 5 & 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * On the judge's order, the handler will then walk <u>forward</u> to the <u>other end of the ring</u> and turn to face the dog. Keep in mind, the "other end" is close to the ring barrier. When reaching that point, leave room for the dog to accomplish a smart finish without the barrier interfering with its movements. Five feet out from that barrier is a good guide for stopping. Not going the full distance (stopping short) to the "other end" is judged as handler error. * Loud commands by handlers to their dogs create a poor impression of obedience and should be avoided. * If a signal is used, it must be a <u>single gesture with one arm and hand only</u>, and the arm and hand <u>must immediately be returned to a natural position</u>. If a command and signal are given together, they are to be given simultaneously. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. * Position of arms and hands and movements of the head and/or body <u>that aid</u> the dog will be considered additional signals. <p>Distances: Go to the other end of the ring, but leave room for a smart finish.</p> |
| | Dumbbell Recall Chapter 17 Sections 7 & 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * On the judge's order, the handler will then walk <u>forward</u> to the <u>other end of the ring</u> and turn to face the dog. Keep in mind, the "other end" is close to the ring barrier. When reaching that point, leave room for the dog to accomplish a smart finish without the barrier interfering with its movements. Five feet out from that barrier is a good guide for stopping. Not going the full distance (stopping short) to the "other end" is judged as handler error. * Avoid moving one's feet or position after the dog is called. Hold that stance! Movement of the feet or position is scored as a handler error. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. <p>Distances: Go to the other end of the ring, but leave room for a smart finish.</p> |
| | Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump Chapter 17 Sections 9 & 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * On the judge's order, the handler will then walk <u>forward</u> to the <u>other side of the High Jump</u>, turn to face the dog. * Avoid moving one's feet or position after the dog is called. Hold that stance throughout the exercise. Movement of the feet or position is scored as a handler error. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. * Position of arms, hands and movements of the head and/or body <u>that aid</u> the dog will be considered additional signals. <p>Distances: The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump. (This 8 foot distance must be clearly marked by the judge.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * After leaving the dog the handler will go around and at least 8 feet beyond the jump. |

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| | Recall Over Broad Jump Chapter 17 Sections 11 & 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chapter 2, Section 20: Excessively loud commands by handlers to their dogs create a poor impression of obedience and should be avoided. If using a signal, it must be a <u>single gesture with one arm and hand only</u>. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. * Position of arms, hands and movements of the head and/or body <u>that aid</u> the dog will be considered additional signals. <p>Distances: The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This 8 foot distance must be clearly marked by the judge.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * After leaving the dog the handler will go around the hurdle(s) at least 8 feet beyond the jump. |
| | Stand Stay – Get Your Leash Chapter 4 Sections 17 & 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * When leaving the dog to retrieve the leash, step out of the ring to pick up the leash, come back into the ring, stop and wait for the judge's order "Back to your dog." Failure to stop and wait for the order will result a penalty, not a NQ. * Make sure to <u>finish the exercise in Heel Position (Chapter 2, Section 18)</u>. * Leave the ring with the dog under control, without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash. <p>Distances: The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide where the leash will be placed, <u>outside</u> the ring on a chair or similar leash holder. <u>It will be in a direct line of vision as the handler leaves and returns to the ring.</u></p> |
| Graduate Open Exercises Chapter 18 | Signal Exercise Chapter 18 Sections 4 & 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Heeling will be done as in the Novice Heel Free. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." * When using a signal, it must be a <u>single gesture with one arm and hand only</u>, and the arm and hand <u>must immediately be returned to a natural position</u>. * If a signal and command are used they must be given <u>simultaneously</u>. <p>Distances: The handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay, go at least 10 feet from the dog, then turn and face the dog.</p> |
| | Scent Discrimination Chapter 18 Section 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Scent Discrimination, <u>except as stated</u> in Graduate Open, Chapter 18, Section 6. <p>Distances: The closest article should be about 20 feet from the handler and dog.</p> |
| | Go Out Chapter 18 Sections 7 & 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position facing the <u>unobstructed end</u> of the ring. * If a signal and command are used they must be given <u>simultaneously</u>. <p>Distances: Standing In the approximate <u>center</u> of the ring at any distance from about 20 feet in front the jumps up to <u>midway</u> between the jumps.</p> |
| | Directed Jumping Chapter 18 Sections 9 & 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The handler will stand with the dog sitting at the <u>unobstructed end</u> and in the <u>center</u> of the ring. * If a signal and command are used they must be given <u>simultaneously</u>. * If the handler chooses to turn to face the dog when returning, this is to be done while the dog is <u>midair over the jump</u>. * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. <p>Distances: The handler is to walk <u>forward</u> to the <u>other end</u> of the ring after leaving the dog.</p> |
| | Moving Stand And Examination Chapter 18 Section 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Moving Stand And Examination. * Handlers may pause/hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand. * If a signal and command are used they must be given <u>simultaneously</u>. <p>Distances: Heeling is about 10 feet. After leaving the dog, the handler moves forward 10-12 feet.</p> |
| | Directed Retrieve Chapter 18 Section 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * This exercise will be performed as in the Utility Directed Retrieve except that a <u>center glove is not used</u>. * <u>Turn in place</u> to face the designated glove. Be aware of over or under turning to face the glove. * In giving the <u>required verbal command</u> either simultaneously or immediately following the giving of the direction, keep in mind the judge (who is standing behind the handler) needs to hear it! * Hands are to be hanging naturally at the handler's sides while a dog is coming in to Front. <p>Distances: Two gloves are dropped about 3 feet in from each corner. Handlers will stand with their backs to the <u>unobstructed end</u> of the ring <u>midway</u> between and in line with the jumps.</p> |



The *Principal Features* of the Regular and Preferred Exercises



| Classes | Exercise | Principal Feature(s) | Chapter | Section | Reference |
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| Novice | Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. | 3 | 5 | Foundation Exercise |
| | Stand For Examination | The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. | 3 | 7 | Foundation Exercise |
| | Heel Free | This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without either the leash or the Figure Eight. The scoring and orders will be the same. | 3 | 9 | Foundation Exercise |
| | Recall | The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come. | 3 | 10 | Foundation Exercise |
| | Sit Stay – Get Your Leash | The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. | 3 | 12 | Foundation Exercise |
| | Group | The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required at the time. | 3 | 14 | Foundation Exercise |
| Open | Heel Free | This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without either the leash or the Figure Eight. The scoring and orders will be the same. | 4 | 6 | This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise except that the dog will be off leash. |
| | Command Discrimination | The principal features of this exercise are the dog's correct response to the handler's first commands and/or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position. | 4 | 7 | Foundation Exercise |
| | Drop On Recall | The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, are the dog's prompt response to the handler's command or signal to drop and the dog's remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command or signal. | 4 | 9 | All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall apply. |
| | Retrieve on Flat | The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog retrieve promptly.. | 4 | 11 | Foundation Exercise |
| | Retrieve Over High Jump | The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go out over the jump, pick up the dumbbell and promptly return with it over the jump. | 4 | 13 | All applicable penalties listed under the Retrieve on Flat apply. Appendix B |
| | Broad Jump | The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until directed to jump, that the dog clear the jump on a single command or signal, and that the dog return to its handler after it has jumped.. | 4 | 15 | All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall apply. |
| | Stand Stay – Get Your Leash | The principal features of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position. | 4 | 17 | Foundation Exercise |
| Utility | Signal Exercise | The principal features of this exercise are the ability of dog and handler to work as a team while heeling and the dog's correct response to the signals to stand, stay, down, sit and come. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. | 5 | 6 | All applicable penalties listed under the Heel on Leash and the Novice Recall (after the dog has been signaled to come) exercises will apply. |
| | Scent Discrimination | The principal features of these exercises are the selection of the handler's article from among the other articles by scent alone and the prompt delivery of the correct article to the handler. In each of these two exercises, the dog must select and retrieve an article that has been handled by its handler. The dog must make this selection based on scent alone. | 5 | 8 | All applicable penalties listed under the Heel Free, Novice Recall and the Retrieve on Flat will apply. |
| | Directed Retrieve | The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay until directed to retrieve and that it complete the retrieve of the designated glove. | 5 | 10 | All applicable penalties listed under the Heel Free, Novice Recall and the Retrieve on Flat will apply. |
| | Moving Stand and Examination | The principal features of the exercise are that the dog heel, stand and stay as the handler moves away; accept the examination without shyness or resentment; and return to the handler on command. | 5 | 12 | All appropriate penalties of the Novice Heel Free, Stand for Examination and Recall exercises will apply. |
| | Directed Jumping | The principal features of this exercise are that the dog goes away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring, stop, jump as directed, and return as in the Novice Recall. | 5 | 14 | All applicable penalties of the Novice Recall exercises will apply. |

| Classes | Exercise | Principal Feature(s) | Chapter | Section | Reference |
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| Preferred Novice | Exercises | Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Stand for Examination, Heel Free, and Recall will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Regular Novice exercises. | 11 | 4, 5, 6, 7 | Regular Novice Chapter 3 All applicable penalties of the Regular Novice exercises will apply. |
| | Stay – Sit or Down Handler Walk Around the Ring | The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit or down position as directed by the judge. | 11 | 8 | Foundation Exercise |
| Preferred Open | Exercises | Heel Free and Figure Eight, Command Discrimination, Drop on Recall, Retrieve on Flat, and Stand Stay – Get Your Leash will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Regular Open exercises. | 12 | 4, 5, 6, 7 | Regular Open Chapter 4 All applicable penalties of the Regular Open exercises will apply. |
| | Retrieve Over High Jump | This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Open Retrieve over High Jump, except that the jump height is to be set at ½ the height of the dog at the withers, rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4- and 18- inch jump heights. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be 12 inches or less at the withers and all dogs over 34 inches are eligible for the 18-inch jump height. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. | 12 | 8 | All applicable penalties of the Regular Open Retrieve Over High Jump apply. Jumps heights are different. Appendix B |
| | Broad Jump | This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Open Broad Jump. The hurdles will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the Preferred Open High Jump setting for each dog in this class. | 12 | 9 | All applicable penalties of the Regular Broad jump apply. Hurdle lengths are different. Appendix B |
| Preferred Utility | Exercises | Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Examination will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Regular Utility exercises. | 13 | 4, 5, 6, 7 | Regular Utility Chapter 5 All applicable penalties of the Regular Utility exercises will apply. |
| | Directed Jumping | This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Utility Directed Jumping exercise except that the jump height is to be set at ½ the height of the dog at the withers, rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4- and 18-inch jump heights. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be 12 inches or less at the withers and all dogs over 34 inches are eligible for the 18-inch jump height. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. | 13 | 8 | All applicable penalties of the Regular Utility Directed Jumping apply. Jumps heights are different. Appendix B |

Always, if in doubt, do take the time to double-check the Obedience Regulations and read the full content of that exercise in question. Take the time to refer to the Regulations to make the right decision, you owe that to the team(s).




The Principal Features of the Optional Titling Exercises



| Classes | Exercise | Principal Feature(s) | Chapter | Section | Reference |
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| Beginner Novice | Heel on Leash | The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. | 16 | 6 | Scoring penalties see Section 7 |
| | Figure Eight | The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. | 16 | 8 | Scoring the same as Heel on Leash Exercise |
| | Sit For Exam | The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. | 16 | 10 | Scoring penalties see Section 11 |
| | Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around Ring | The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. | 16 | 12 | Scoring penalties see Section 13 |
| | Recall | The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come. | 16 | 14 | Scoring penalties see Section 15 |
| Graduate Novice | Heel Free and Figure Eight | This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash.. | 17 | 4 | Regular Novice Chapter 3, Section 6 |
| | Drop on Recall | The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, are the dog's prompt response to the handler's command and/or signal to drop and the dog's remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command and/or signal to drop. | 17 | 5 | Regular Novice Chapter 3, Section 11 & Regular Open Chapter 4, Section 10 |
| | Dumbbell Recall | The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog promptly takes the dumbbell from the handler and delivers it as in the Open Retrieve on Flat. | 17 | 7 | All other applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall and Open Retrieve on Flat will apply. |
| | Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump | The principle feature of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Dumbbell Recall, is that the dog return with the dumbbell over the jump. | 17 | 9 | All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall, Dumbbell Recall and Retrieve on Flat will apply. |
| | Recall Over Broad Jump | The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, is that the dog clear the jump. | 17 | 11 | All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall will apply. |
| | Stand Stay - Get Your Leash | This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Open A class Stand Stay – Get Your Leash. | 17 | 13 | All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall apply. |
| Graduate Open | Signal Exercise | The principal features of this exercise are the ability of dog and handler to work as a team while heeling and the dog's correct response to the commands and/or signals to stand, stay, down, sit and come. | 18 | 4 | All applicable penalties listed under the Heel on Leash and the Novice Recall (after the dog has been given the command and/or signal to come) exercises will apply. |
| | Scent Discrimination | This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Scent Discrimination except as stated in this section. The handler will present four articles, consisting of two (2) sets only. It is the handler's discretion as to which type of article is retrieved. The dog and handler will remain facing the articles and only one article will be retrieved. On the judge's first order, "Take an article," the dog is not required to stay in a sit position . | 18 | 6 | All applicable penalties listed under the Heel Free, Novice Recall and the Retrieve on Flat will apply. |
| | Go Out | The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring and stop as directed. | 18 | 7 | Scoring penalties see Section 8 |
| | Directed Jumping | The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left, jump as directed, and return to the handler as in the Novice Recall. | 18 | 9 | All applicable penalties of the Novice Recall exercise will apply. |
| | Moving Stand and Examination | This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Moving Stand and Examination except that the handler may pause/hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand. | 18 | 11 | Utility Chapter 5, Section 13 |
| | Directive Retrieve | This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Directed Retrieve except that a center glove is not used . | 18 | 12 | All applicable penalties of the Novice Recall exercises will apply. |
| Versatility | 2 Regular Novice 2 Regular Open 2 Regular Utility | Six exercises will be performed: two each from the Novice, Open and Utility classes. There will be no group exercise. The exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular classes. For the purpose of this class, scent discrimination articles 1 and 2 will be considered as a single Utility exercise. | 19 | -----> | Novice - Chapter 3 Open - Chapter 4 Utility - Chapter 5 |

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Knowing Starting Positions of the Various Exercises + Setting Up Your Dog Before the Exercise Starts

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| Regular Novice Exercises <small>Chapter 3</small> | Heel on Leash & Figure Eight | Handler will enter the ring with the <i>dog on a loose leash</i> and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. |
| | Stand For Examination | Handler will stand with the dog in the heel position (Note: Sit is not required or mentioned). |
| | Heel Free | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. |
| | Recall | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. |
| | Sit Stay - Get Your Leash | Handler will take the dog to the place indicated by the judge. Approximately 30 feet from the ring gate. (Note: Sit is not required or mentioned .) |
| | Group | The dogs will be lined up in judging program order. Judges will position the dogs in the <i>approximate center of the ring</i> in one row or back-to-back in two rows with a minimum of 6 feet between the rows. (Note: Sit is not required or mentioned at the beginning of the Group Sit exercise or for the Group Down exercise). |
| | Cones  | For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in the heel position facing the judge , midway between the two cones. |
| Regular & Preferred Open Exercises <small>Chapters 4 & 12</small> | Heel Free & Figure Eight | This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise except that the dog will be off leash. |
| | Command Discrimination | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. |
| | Drop On Recall | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. |
| | Retrieve On Flat | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. |
| | Retrieve Over High Jump | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet (or <i>any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet</i>) from the jump, and <u>will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise</u> . |
| | Broad Jump | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This 8-foot distance must be clearly marked.) When leaving the dog, go to a position facing the right side of the jump . Handlers may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their <u>toes</u> about 2 feet from the jump. |
| | Stand Stay - Get Your Leash | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. Approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. |
| Regular & Preferred Utility Exercises <small>Chapter 5 & 13</small> | Signal Exercise | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. |
| | Scent Discrimination | On the judge's order, "Take an article"; the scoring of the exercise will begin. The handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position , then take an article and return to heel position . |
| | Directed Retrieve | Handler will stand with their back to the unobstructed end of the ring midway between and in line with the jumps . The dog will be sitting in the heel position . |
| | Moving Stand And Examination | Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. |
| | Directed Jumping | Handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring with the dog sitting in the heel position , about 20 feet from the jumps and midway between them. |
| Preferred Novice Exercises <small>Chapter 11</small> | Review → | Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Stand For Examination, Heel Free, Recall, Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, as they are all judged in the same manner as the Regular Novice classes. |
| | Stay – Sit – Down - Handler Walk Around the Ring | The dog and handler should be positioned approximately equidistant to each side of the ring as to be perpendicular to and facing one of the sides . The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. |

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| Beginner Novice Exercises <small>Chapter 16</small> | Heel On Leash | <p>Rally signs will be used for this exercise and will be <u>placed to the right</u> of the handler's path except for those indicating a change in direction, in which case the sign will be <u>directly in front</u> of the team to aid in that change. The "Start" sign, while not required, may be used to signify the starting point for the heel on leash exercise.</p> <p>Handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position.</p> |
| | Figure Eight | <p>Refer to Regular Novice Figure Eight exercise as the Beginner Novice Figure Eight is judged in the same manner.</p> |
| | Sit For Exam | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. Unlike the Novice Stand for Examination, the dog in the Beginner Novice Sit for Exam is to be sitting before the start of the exercise.</p> |
| | Sit Stay – Handler Walks Around The Ring | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge.</p> |
| | Recall | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge.</p> |
| Graduate Novice Exercises <small>Chapter 17</small> | Heel Free & Figure Eight | <p>This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Novice Heel On Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash.</p> |
| | Drop On Recall | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge.</p> |
| | Dumbbell Recall | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge.</p> |
| | Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump | <p>This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Dumbbell Recall except that the dog must clear the high jump. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet (or any <i>reasonable distance</i> beyond 8 feet) from the jump. The handler is to go around the jump to at least 8 feet beyond the other side of the jump, then turn, face the dog and stand naturally.</p> |
| | Recall Over Broad Jump | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump, (or any <i>reasonable distance</i> beyond 8 feet) facing the lowest hurdle.</p> |
| | Stand Stay - Get Your Leash | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. Approximately 15 feet from the ring gate.</p> |
| Graduate Open Exercises <small>Chapter 18</small> | Signal Exercise | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. Heeling will be done as in the Open Heel Free. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." The handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay, go at least 10 feet from the dog, then turn and face the dog.</p> |
| | Scent Discrimination | <p>This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Scent Discrimination except as stated in the Graduate Open chapter.</p> |
| | Go Out | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position facing the unobstructed end of the ring in the approximate center at any distance from about 20 feet beyond the jumps up to midway between the jumps.</p> |
| | Directed Jumping | <p>Handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge.</p> |
| | Moving Stand And Examination | <p>This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Moving Stand And Examination except that the handler may pause/hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand.</p> |
| | Directed Retrieve | <p>This exercise will be performed as in the Utility Directed Retrieve except that a center glove is not used.</p> |

Chart For Calculating Placements Between The Regular And Preferred Classes

| Chart For Calculating Placements Between The Regular And Preferred Classes | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 200 - 190 Scores | REGULAR Armband # | PREFERRED Armband # | 189.5 - 180 Scores | REGULAR Armband # | PREFERRED Armband # | 179.5 - 170 Scores | REGULAR Armband # | PREFERRED Armband # |
| 200 | | | | | | | | |
| 199.5 | | | 189.5 | | | 179.5 | | |
| 199 | | | 189 | | | 179 | | |
| 198.5 | | | 188.5 | | | 178.5 | | |
| 198 | | | 188 | | | 178 | | |
| 197.5 | | | 187.5 | | | 177.5 | | |
| 197 | | | 187 | | | 177 | | |
| 196.5 | | | 186.5 | | | 176.5 | | |
| 196 | | | 186 | | | 176 | | |
| 195.5 | | | 185.5 | | | 175.5 | | |
| 195 | | | 185 | | | 175 | | |
| 194.5 | | | 184.5 | | | 174.5 | | |
| 194 | | | 184 | | | 174 | | |
| 193.5 | | | 183.5 | | | 173.5 | | |
| 193 | | | 183 | | | 173 | | |
| 192.5 | | | 182.5 | | | 172.5 | | |
| 192 | | | 182 | | | 172 | | |
| 191.5 | | | 181.5 | | | 171.5 | | |
| 191 | | | 181 | | | 171 | | |
| 190.5 | | | 180.5 | | | 170.5 | | |
| 190 | | | 180 | | | 170 | | |



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Regular Prizes

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____

Score

Preferred Prizes

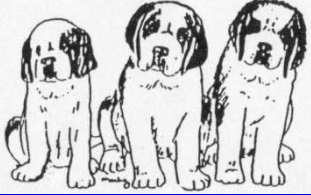
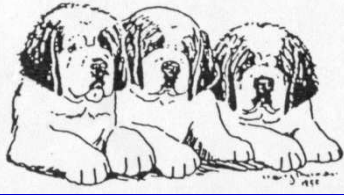
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Score

Circle Class

Open
Utility

1. Instruct the handlers to remove their dog if it starts to move out of position.
2. Maintain control of your dogs.

| <h1 style="color: red;">Group Exercise</h1> | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|-------|----------|---------------|---|------------|-------|----------|---------------|
|  | | | | |  | | | | |
| Judge: John Cox | | | | | | | | | |
| Class <u>NA</u> <u>NB</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Veterans Brace Team Wild Card | | | | | | | | | |
| Catalog # | | | | | Catalog # | | | | |
| Breed | | | | | Breed | | | | |
| Held Signal | Positioned | Bark | Whine | Heel Position | Held Signal | Positioned | Bark | Whine | Heel Position |
| SIT: Stood | Down | Moved | Released | DOWN: NQ | SIT: Stood | Down | Moved | Released | DOWN: NQ |
| Catalog # | | | | | Catalog # | | | | |
| Breed | | | | | Breed | | | | |
| Held Signal | Positioned | Bark | Whine | Heel Position | Held Signal | Positioned | Bark | Whine | Heel Position |
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| Catalog # | | | | | Catalog # | | | | |
| Breed | | | | | Breed | | | | |
| Held Signal | Positioned | Bark | Whine | Heel Position | Held Signal | Positioned | Bark | Whine | Heel Position |
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| SIT: Stood | Down | Moved | Released | DOWN: NQ | SIT: Stood | Down | Moved | Released | DOWN: NQ |

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

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Examples → | Qualifying Scores #101 & #109 | HLR <i>No Reason to be Given</i> | Excused <i>State Reason</i> | Released <i>No Reason to be Given</i> | Disqualified <i>State Reason</i> | Absent <i>For the class</i> | Absent <i>Did not return for the Group</i> | Fix 'n Go <i>No Reason to be Given</i> | Correct an error <i>Initial</i> |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|

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 | Disqualified Changed in Appearance | ABSENT | 6 | 7 | 10 11 jc |
| Stand For Examination (30 Points) | 0 | 2 | Excused Unable to Examine | 0 | | | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Heel Free (40 Points) | 4 | HLR | | 5.5 | | | 4.5 | NQ | 2 |
| Recall (30 Points) | 1 | | | NQ | | | 2 | | 0.5 |
| Sit-Stay Get Your Leash (30 Points) | 0 | | | | | | 1 | | 0 |
| Subtotal | 6.5 | NQ | | NQ | | | 15.5 | NQ | 13.5 |
| Group Sit/Down (30 Points) | 0 | NQ-R | | NQ-R | | | ABSENT | NQ-R | 2 |
| Miscellaneous Penalties | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Maximum Score (200) | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Points Off | -6.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -15.5 |
| Total Score | 193.5 | NQ | | NQ | | | NQ | NQ | 184.5 |
| Final Qualifying Score | 193.5 | | | | | | | | 184.5 |

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

Time Started: 9:00 Time Finished: 9:40

(Please Use Ball Point Pen)

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

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| Examples → | Qualifying Scores #401 & #408 | HLR <i>No Reason to be Given</i> | Excused <i>State Reason</i> | Released <i>No Reason to be Given</i> | Disqualified <i>State Reason</i> | Absent <i>From the class</i> | Fix 'n Go <i>No Reason to be Given</i> | Correct an error <i>Initial</i> | Super or Secretary fill in Move-Up's Armband # & initial |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|

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)

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 | Excused – Dog Taped When Excused – state reason | 3 | Disqualified Changed in Appearance | ABSENT | 7 | 10 11 jc | | |
| DOR | 0 | 2 | | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | | |
| ROHJ | 4 | HLR | | 5.5 | | | NQ | NQ | 2 | |
| BJ | 1 | | | | | | | | 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 | | |
| Total Score | 193.5 | NQ | | NQ | | | NQ | 184.5 | | |
| Final Qualifying Score | 193.5 | | | | | | | 184.5 | | |

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|----------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>First Prize</u> | <u>Second Prize</u> | <u>Third Prize</u> | <u>Fourth Prize</u> |
| WINNERS: | 401 | 408 | - | - |
| SCORE: | 193.5 | 184.5 | | |

Time Started: 9:00 Time Finished: 9:40

(Please Use Ball Point Pen)

| Points Off | Final Score | Judge's Book Conversion Chart For AKC Obedience | | | |
|-------------|--------------|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 0.0 | 200.0 | | | | |
| 0.5 | 199.5 | 10.5 | 189.5 | 20.5 | 179.5 |
| 1.0 | 199.0 | 11.0 | 189.0 | 21.0 | 179.0 |
| 1.5 | 198.5 | 11.5 | 188.5 | 21.5 | 178.5 |
| 2.0 | 198.0 | 12.0 | 188.0 | 22.0 | 178.0 |
| 2.5 | 197.5 | 12.5 | 187.5 | 22.5 | 177.5 |
| 3.0 | 197.0 | 13.0 | 187.0 | 23.0 | 177.0 |
| 3.5 | 196.5 | 13.5 | 186.5 | 23.5 | 176.5 |
| 4.0 | 196.0 | 14.0 | 186.0 | 24.0 | 176.0 |
| 4.5 | 195.5 | 14.5 | 185.5 | 24.5 | 175.5 |
| 5.0 | 195.0 | 15.0 | 185.0 | 25.0 | 175.0 |
| 5.5 | 194.5 | 15.5 | 184.5 | 25.5 | 174.5 |
| 6.0 | 194.0 | 16.0 | 184.0 | 26.0 | 174.0 |
| 6.5 | 193.5 | 16.5 | 183.5 | 26.5 | 173.5 |
| 7.0 | 193.0 | 17.0 | 183.0 | 27.0 | 173.0 |
| 7.5 | 192.5 | 17.5 | 182.5 | 27.5 | 172.5 |
| 8.0 | 192.0 | 18.0 | 182.0 | 28.0 | 172.0 |
| 8.5 | 191.5 | 18.5 | 181.5 | 28.5 | 171.5 |
| 9.0 | 191.0 | 19.0 | 181.0 | 29.0 | 171.0 |
| 9.5 | 190.5 | 19.5 | 180.5 | 29.5 | 170.5 |
| 10.0 | 190.0 | 20.0 | 180.0 | 30.0 | 170.0 |

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| Points Off | Final Score | Judge's Book Conversion Chart For AKC Obedience | | | |
|------------|-------------|---|-------|------|-------|
| 30.5 | 169.5 | 40.5 | 159.5 | 50.5 | 149.5 |
| 31.0 | 169.0 | 41.0 | 159.0 | 51.0 | 149.0 |
| 31.5 | 168.5 | 41.5 | 158.5 | 51.5 | 148.5 |
| 32.0 | 168.0 | 42.0 | 158.0 | 52.0 | 148.0 |
| 32.5 | 167.5 | 42.5 | 157.5 | 52.5 | 147.5 |
| 33.0 | 167.0 | 43.0 | 157.0 | 53.0 | 147.0 |
| 33.5 | 166.5 | 43.5 | 156.5 | 53.5 | 146.5 |
| 34.0 | 166.0 | 44.0 | 156.0 | 54.0 | 146.0 |
| 34.5 | 165.5 | 44.5 | 155.5 | 54.5 | 145.5 |
| 35.0 | 165.0 | 45.0 | 155.0 | 55.0 | 145.0 |
| 35.5 | 164.5 | 45.5 | 154.5 | 55.5 | 144.5 |
| 36.0 | 164.0 | 46.0 | 154.0 | 56.0 | 144.0 |
| 36.5 | 163.5 | 46.5 | 153.5 | 56.5 | 143.5 |
| 37.0 | 163.0 | 47.0 | 153.0 | 57.0 | 143.0 |
| 37.5 | 162.5 | 47.5 | 152.5 | 57.5 | 142.5 |
| 38.0 | 162.0 | 48.0 | 152.0 | 58.0 | 142.0 |
| 38.5 | 161.5 | 48.5 | 151.5 | 58.5 | 141.5 |
| 39.0 | 161.0 | 49.0 | 151.0 | 59.0 | 141.0 |
| 39.5 | 160.5 | 49.5 | 150.5 | 59.5 | 140.5 |
| 40.0 | 160.0 | 50.0 | 150.0 | 60.0 | 140.0 |

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| 200 | | | | | | | | |
| 199.5 | | | 189.5 | | | 179.5 | | |
| 199 | | | 189 | | | 179 | | |
| 198.5 | | | 188.5 | | | 178.5 | | |
| 198 | | | 188 | | | 178 | | |
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| 195.5 | | | 185.5 | | | 175.5 | | |
| 195 | | | 185 | | | 175 | | |
| 194.5 | | | 184.5 | | | 174.5 | | |
| 194 | | | 184 | | | 174 | | |
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| 193 | | | 183 | | | 173 | | |
| 192.5 | | | 182.5 | | | 172.5 | | |
| 192 | | | 182 | | | 172 | | |
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| 190 | | | 180 | | | 170 | | |



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Regular Prizes

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____

Score

Preferred Prizes

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____

Score

Circle Class

Open
Utility

Name

Street Address
City State Zip
Phone number
e-mail address

Expense Sheet For Judging

Expenses shared with another club: Yes _____ No _____

Club: _____

Date: _____

Airfare.....\$ _____

Lodging.....\$ _____

Breakfast _____

Lunch _____

Dinner _____

Meals Total.....\$ _____

Mileage _____ **Miles @** _____ **cents per mile** \$ _____

Airport Parking _____ **@** _____ **per day**.....\$ _____

Other Expenses..... \$ _____

Judging Fee.....\$ _____

Total Expenses..... \$ _____

Thank You,

Name

Street Address
City State Zip
Phone number
e-mail address

Expense Sheet For Judging

Expenses shared with another club: Yes _____ No _____

Club: _____

Date: _____

Airfare.....\$ _____

Lodging.....\$ _____

Breakfast _____

Lunch _____

Dinner _____

Meals Total.....\$ _____

Mileage _____ **Miles @** _____ **cents per mile** \$ _____

Airport Parking _____ **@** _____ **per day**.....\$ _____

Other Expenses..... \$ _____

Judging Fee.....\$ _____

Total Expenses..... \$ _____

Thank You,

Judging Inquiry

John Sue Both

Contact Date _____ Trial Date _____

By _____ Phone () _____

Club _____

IF breed specialty, is it for the breed or an all-breed trial

Location _____

Airport _____

Class(es) NA NB OA OB UA UB NR _____

BNA BNB PN PO PU GN GO VER

Restrictions _____

Dinner(s): Pre-Show _____ Post-Show _____

Agreed Expenses:

Roundtrip Airfare _____ Meals _____

Lodging _____ # of Nights _____

Ground Transportation _____ @ _____ @ _____ per mile

Airport Parking _____ Car Rental/Shuttle _____

Dog Boarding _____ Other _____

Fee: \$ _____ Flat _____ Plus Expenses _____

Definite _____ Expect contact by _____

Availability Inquiry _____ Hold until _____

Other Information _____

Judging Inquiry

John Sue Both

Contact Date _____ Trial Date _____

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Club _____

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Dog Boarding _____ Other _____

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