

THE MALAYSIAN KENNEL ASSOCIATION

OBEDIENCE TRIALS RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Obedience shows may be promoted and organised either:-
 - i) By the Association itself or by one of its branches or Breed Chapters.
 - ii) By Societies, groups of persons or individuals approved and licenced by the Association.
- b. Dogs (Pedigree or Non-Pedigree) entered at MKA Obedience Shows, must be registered with the Association in accordance with the Association's Regulations.
- c. Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over are eligible for entry at MKA Obedience Shows.
- d. If, in the opinion of the Show Committee, a dog is of a savage disposition it shall be ineligible for entry at any Shows held under the Association's regulations.
- e. Persons disqualified or suspended under the Association's Rules are not eligible to take part in any MKA's or Licenced Shows.
- f. Due to shortage of Stewards, the Committee has given permission for the stewards except the Chief Steward to compete with their dogs, before starting their duties.
- g. Each dog will be allowed to enter 2 classes. The class he is eligible to join and the next higher class if it is the wish of the owner. No dog can qualify for the next higher class until it has passed in the class for which it is qualified to enter.
- h. Each dog is allowed to compete in the same class and obtain a pass at that level for a maximum of 3 times before he is eliminated and must join the higher level except in the Open Class.

2. TYPES OF TRIALS.

- a. Licenced Obedience Trials – Licenced Obedience Trials held under the Association's Regulations are those held under licence granted by the Central Committee of the Association.
- b. Championship Obedience Trials – Open to all competitors at which Obedience Certificates are awarded.
- c. Should an additional class (Rookie Class) be included in any of the obedience trials, then the Pre-Novice rules will apply except that the handler will be allowed the use of food/toys to motivate the dog. The Rookie Class will always be held as the last event of the day to avoid contaminating the grounds by the food used.

3. CERTIFICATES

- a. A certificate of pass will be awarded to all dogs that passed.
- b. A Companion Dog (CD) certificate will be awarded to those dogs that passed in Intermediate Class.
- c. A Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) Certificate will be awarded to those dogs that passed in Open Class.
- d. An Obedience Champion Certificate will be awarded to any dog that was passed by 3 different judges at 3 different trials in the Open Class.

4. MANAGEMENT

Branches or Chapters are responsible for the following:-

- a. Unless under special permission, Judging Rings shall not in any circumstances contain less than 45 meters by 15 meters of clear floor space except that for Championship Show the ring must contain not less than 50 meters by 20 meters. Ring sizes should be where possible, be considerably larger. If the trials is held indoors, the floor must be covered with matting or other non-slip surface.
- b. Classes may be scheduled in any order but this order must be followed at the show except that a Branch or Chapter may reserve the right to vary the order of judging when the entry is known.

5. GENERAL RULES

a. COMMANDS:-

All commands by the Caller Steward / Judge must be in the English language. The command may be given by the use of the handler's voice and /or specific action of the handler in the form of a signal, except for the Open Class where the handler may use voice or signal but not both. Voice command and signal may be given, but must be used simultaneously. A signal should be a gesture but the arms or hands must be promptly returned to their original position. Signals must be inaudible and must not touch the dog. Any unusual noise or movement of the handler may be considered by the judge as an additional command except in the Pre-Novice class.

ADDITIONAL COMMANDS:-

If a judge considers that but for an additional command, the dog would not have performed the principal feature of the exercise, it will receive a non-qualifying score unless otherwise specified under the individual exercises.

b. DEDUCTIONS:-**ZERO**

No points are awarded, the dog cannot qualify in the Trial.

OVER 50%

More than half the maximum points allocated for the exercise are deducted, the dog cannot qualify in the Trial.

SUBSTANTIAL

Any number of points over 20% and up to 50% of the maximum points allocated for the exercise.

MINOR

Any number of points up to 20% of the maximum points allocated for the exercise.

DOG SITTING IN FRONT OF HANDLER

If a dog does not sit in front of its handler in the recalls, retrieves or jumping exercise, anticipates the finish, or fails to finish, the penalty for this error shall not be greater than a substantial deduction, for each fault.

DOG'S NAMES

Unless otherwise stated under Description of Exercise, the dog's name may be used only at the commencement of any exercise.

ENTERING THE RING

On the Steward's call of the dog a catalogue number, the handler will enter the ring with the dog on lead and stand near the starting peg.

FINISH OR GOING TO HEEL

The dog is required to move to the heel position and at no time must the handler be crowded by the dog. The dog is also required to sit at heel without command immediately it reaches that position.

FOOD

Food shall not be carried or given to a dog under test except in the Rookie Class.

HANDLER RECEIVING ORDERS

The handler must wait for the Judge or Caller Steward to give the various orders. Failure to comply with this rule may incur a penalty. The Judge must inform the handler before the start of the exercise if he intends using a signal in lieu of a verbal order for any specific exercise.

HANDLER RETURNING TO THE DOG

When the handler returns to the dog, he will walk around the back of his dog to the heel position.

HEELING

During the heeling exercise, the commands: "Halt", "Stand", and "Down" must be followed by the order "Forward" or "Exercise Finished".

PENALTIES

Corrections to the dog during Trials will be penalised.

MISBEHAVIOUR

If any time whilst handler and dog are in the ring, the handler is guilty of any breach of the Trials Rules, or other misbehaviour, a penalty may be incurred and deducted from the total score.

REPRIMANDS

Reprimands must not under any circumstances be used in the ring. A reprimand, either verbal or physical, may incur a penalty or disqualification.

PRAISE

Praise is allowed where stipulated in Description of Exercise and between exercises.

TURNS

All turns (other than About Turns) will be of 90 degrees. Left About Turns will be performed with the dog on the left hand side of the handler at all times.

6. GUIDES TO JUDGES

The responsibility for making the test interesting to the public and worthwhile to the exhibitor is left to the Judge who must not permit the judging to drag so that handlers and those watching become bored and competing dogs to tire. The Judge must remember that he is judging the dogs only on their ability to perform the tests set for them. The Judge must not be too lenient in his marking of exhibits as dogs should not attain their titles upon work of poor quality.

The Judge should look for the following points in testing a dog and penalise accordingly:

- a. Enjoyment and willingness to work is to be desired; fear and dislike to work shall be penalised.
- b. Gentleness and smoothness of handling is to be greatly desired.
- c. Signalling correction to a dog from a distance is not permitted.
- d. Talking to the dog by the handler, snapping a finger, slapping of sides and stamping of feet, etc, or attracting the dog by means of offering or tempting with food, etc, shall be penalised with the exception of the Heel Exercises in the Pre-Novice and Novice Classes.
- e. During the heel routine, the handler must walk briskly with the dog at his left side and with a completely loose lead. Guiding the dog by means of the lead shall be penalised.
- f. The dog should never anticipate the handler's commands but wait for commands and /or signals.
- g. At the judge's order for the handler to halt, the handler must stop and the dog must sit smartly at heel without command or signal and not move until commanded to do so.

7. EXHIBITS

a. BITCHES IN OESTRUM

Bitches in oestrus shall not be permitted to compete in Trials nor to remain within the precincts of the Trial.

b. ENTRY NUMBER

The handler will be provided with the dog's catalogue number which will be worn where it can be clearly seen.

c. FOULING THE RING

A dog which fouls the ring shall receive a deduction of 10 points which shall be taken off the total score.

d. REMOVAL OF A DOG

The Judge may order the removal from competition of any dog which does not obey its handler, any handler who interferes wilfully with another competitor or his dog, or whose behaviour is objectionable. The Judge may exclude from competition any dog which he considers unfit to compete.

e. **JUDGING PROCEDURES**

Unless specifically approved by the MKA, a non-qualifying score shall not in itself necessarily constitute grounds to order removal, and dogs should generally be given the opportunity to complete the Trials exercises.

f. **SCORE SHEETS – JUDGING**

Each score sheet shall be signed by the Judge who must personally indicate the points on the score sheet at the conclusion of each exercise and total the scores before any awards are made. The Judge shall hand the score sheet to the Chief Scorer immediately after each sheet is completed.

g. **CHANGE OF POSITION**

No request for a change of position in group exercises will be allowed.

h. **TIES**

Two or more separate exhibits shall not be placed equal in any awards. In the event of tied score it shall be decided by a count-back of the sum of points in the following manner:

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|--------------|--|
| PRE-NOVICE | : Heel on Lead plus Recall |
| NOVICE | : Heel Free plus Recall |
| INTERMEDIATE | : Heel Free plus Drop On Recall |
| OPEN | : Sit/Down /Stand In Motion Plus Retrieve Over High Jump |

In the event of a tied score still remaining, it will be left to the discretion of the Judge to count back any exercise he/she selects.

i. **GROUP EXERCISE**

Group Exercises shall consist of a minimum of three dogs and a maximum of ten dogs and must be judged by the same person who officiated in the individual exercises segment of the Trial. Each dog must have a separate handler for the group exercises. If there are insufficient entrants the Judge will ask the Steward to furnish stand-in dogs to make up a group. These dogs may be left on lead and the handler may stay with the dog.

j. **BREAKING FROM POSITION**

When a dog sits or moves all 4 feet after the command STAY in the :-

STAND STAY

GROUP STAND STAY

It is deemed to have broken from position.

k. **RE JUDGING**

If a dog has failed a particular part of an exercise, it shall not ordinarily be re-judged or given a second chance, but if the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar or unusual conditions, the judge may, at his own discretion, re-judge the dog on the entire exercise.

l. **RETRIEVING**

A dog which refuses to give up an article in the Retrieve On Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump and Scent Discrimination, is deemed to have not retrieved the article and must receive a zero score for that exercise. When presenting, where the article is dropped and not delivered to hand, the penalty must be substantial.

m. **STARTING AND FINISHING**

Prior to the start of each exercise, the Judge will ask the handler, "Are you Ready?" All judging will finish when the Judge orders "Exercise Finished".

n. **EQUIPMENT**

All ring equipment necessary for the proper conduct of the Trials shall be provided by the organisers conducting the Trials. The Judge must inspect and approve all equipment used in the Trials and ensure that it complies with the Rules.

o. **COLLARS AND LEADS**

All dogs shall have a slip or fixed collar which must remain on the dog at all times. No spiked collars shall be permitted. It is the responsibility of the Steward to check that dogs being judged have on the proper approved collars prior to the start of judging. The minimum length of lead will be approximately 1 metre and maximum approximately 2 metres, fitted with a snap fastener. All dogs shall enter and leave the ring on a lead. In exercises that require a dog to be off-lead, the lead will be taken off and handed to the Steward where appropriate at the starting peg.

p. **HOLDING THE LEAD**

Handlers must use sufficient length of lead to give freedom of movement and show a distinct loop at all times.

q. **DUMBBELL**

The dumbbell shall be made of wood and /or plastic and must be shaped like a dumbbell. It may be painted but shall not be covered with foreign material. The

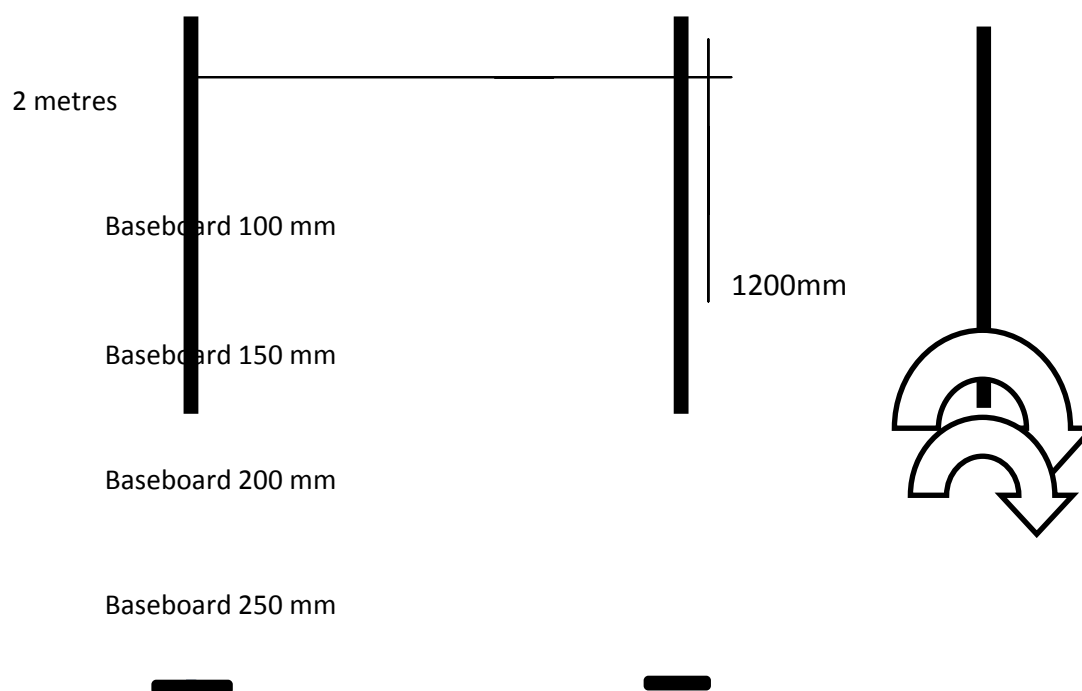
weight and shape of the dumbbell should be in proportion to the size and/or breed of the dog.

8. JUMPS

a. HIGH JUMP

The High Jump will consist of two grooved uprights 1 1/5 meters high and fill in boards of several sizes so as to provide adjustment for each 25 mm up to 900 mm. The jump should be painted white. The height in millimetres will be painted on each side of each board in clear black figures. The figure on the baseboard will represent the distances of the ground to the top of the board and will be marked "baseboard". Suggested sizes of the boards:-

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| 1 x 250mm | 2 x 200mm | 1 x 150mm | 1 x 100mm |
| 1 x 50mm | 1 x 25mm | | |



The height jumped by the dog must be as near as possible to the height of the dog at the withers or 900mm – whichever is less.

b. BROAD JUMP

The Broad Jump will consist of four separate hurdles 1.6 – 2.0 metres wide and 175 mm high at the highest point. For convenience, the four jumps may be built to telescope. They should be painted white. The following formula is suggested as a guide to Judges when adjudicating the Broad Jump. Two boards to be used for dogs jumping up to 800mm, three boards to be used for dogs jumping over 800mm and up to 1300 mm and four boards to be used for dogs jumping more than 1300mm.



The distance between the first and last hurdle will be spaced so as to cover the distance equal to twice the height of the high jump as set for that particular dog. Hurdles will be removed in proportion to the height of the dog, the highest hurdle will be moved away first. The hurdles will be spaced equally in order of height with the lowest hurdle nearest the dog at the start.

9. CLASS PRIZES OFFERED SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:-

If there are present in the ring-

- Less than 5 exhibits - 1st & 2nd prizes only
- 5 or more exhibits - 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes
- 8 or more exhibits - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes

10. SCORING

| SECTION | PASSING SCORE | TOTAL SCORE |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Pre-Novice | 70 | 100 |
| Novice | 75 | 100 |
| Intermediate | 150 | 200 |
| Open | 160 | 200 |

11. GENERAL REGULATIONS

a. SEMI FINAL

In the event that there are more competitors than the time we are allowed, a Semi-Final will be held to set the Trials Standard.

- b. The maximum number of entries permitted in a class for one Judge to judge shall be 40. No Judge shall judge more than 40 dogs in one day and if the Judge is appointed for two or more classes the combined total of which exceeds 40 , a Reserve Judge will officiate. The Reserve Judge may enter dogs for competition at the show and if not called upon to judge may compete.
- c. Judges must be present at all times while the dogs are under test including the stay exercises.
- d. The MKA shall appoint a Chief Steward whose name must be announced in the Schedule and who must not enter or work a dog at the Show. The Chief Steward alone shall be responsible for the control of any running order and for the smooth running of each class, and whose decision in such matters shall be personally conveyed to the Judge and shall be final.
- e. Any dog which is not present for the Stay or Scent exercises when called for testing, will be considered to have withdrawn from the Class.
- f. Once the trials has started, no dogs will be allowed into the judging ring except for those which are being judged. Disciplinary action may be taken against handlers/owners who do not abide by this rule.

PRE-NOVICE

HEEL ON LEAD

POINTS: 40

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

Dog and handler are to work as a team. Handlers will not be penalised for encouragement or extra commands.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

On order from the Judge "Forward" the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name then give a command to heel and at the same time commence walking briskly at Normal pace.

The dog must work on a loose lead. Any tightening or jerking of the lead, or any act, signal or command which in the opinion of the Judge gives the dog assistance must be penalised.

At each order from the Judge to "Halt", the handler must stop and the dog must sit smartly at heel and not move until ordered to do so.

The handler and dog must execute a "Figure Eight" in which they must heel twice around two Stewards standing approximately three metres apart. There must be at least one "Halt" during this portion of the exercise. The Judge may replace a Steward in "Figure Eight" or may take the place of a Steward himself.

ORDERS FROM JUDGES

Forward – Right turn – Left turn – About turn – Halt – Stand – Down - Figure of eight - Lead out – Exercise Finished.

These orders may be given in any sequence and repeated.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO : For a dog which is unmanageable.

OVER 50% : If the handler continually tugs on the lead, adapts his pace to the dog, or if the dog does not complete the principal feature of the exercise.

MINOR : For poor sits, stands and downs; for occasional guidance with the lead and for other imperfections in heeling. A severe minor deduction is to be applied for missing a sit, stand or down.

PRE-NOVICE

STAND STAY

POINTS : 10

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to stand steadily beside the handler on a loose lead until the completion of the exercise and not show undue resentment or shyness.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

On order from the Judge, the handler will move forward and stand the dog. The handler and dog will stay in the position whilst the Judge circles no less than 1 meter around the dog and handler at least once. The Judge will then give the order "Exercise Finished".

Whilst the dog is in the standing position or in the heel position the dog must not show any undue resentment or shyness.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Stand your dog – Exercise finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which attacks, or shows an obvious tendency to attack.

OVER 50% - For a dog that does not complete the principal feature of the exercise, or breaks from position.

SUBSTANTIAL – For a dog that requires more than 1 command to stand.

MINOR – For a dog that moves its feet or for poor stands.

PRE-NOVICE

RECALL

POINTS 20

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to sit where left, off lead, and promptly obey the handler's command to come.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The Judge will give his order "Forward" and "Halt". Then on further order the handler may give the command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk approximately 4 metres away from the dog, about turn and halt. On order from the Judge, the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name and then giving a command to come. The dog must come straight to its handler at a brisk pace and sit directly in front. On order from the Judge "Finish" the handler may give a command and the dog must go briskly and sit in the heel position.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Halt – Leave your dog – About turn – Halt - Call your dog – Finish – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog that breaks from position or does not come on the 1st command.

SUBSTANTIAL – For extra commands, slow response to commands, for failure to come at a brisk pace, for failure to sit, finish or anticipates the finish.

MINOR – For poor sits or finishes.

PRE-NOVICE

SIT STAY (HALF MINUTE)

POINTS 15

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to stay off lead half a minute in the sit position until the completion of the exercise.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

This is a group exercise. The handlers will form a line approximately 1 ½ meters apart. On order from the Judge "Leave your dogs" the handler may give the command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk approximately 4 metres away from the dog, about turn and halt. After ½ minute from the time the

Judge has ordered the handlers to leave, he will give the order "Return to your dogs". The handlers must return to their dogs together, each walking around the back of his dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the Judge orders " Exercise Finished". If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward, or handler, to take the dog away from the other dogs.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Leave your dogs – About turn – Halt – Return to your dogs – Exercise Finished. Judges may delegate a Steward to give the orders: About turn – Halt – Return to your dogs.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which fails to remain in the sitting position or which moves more than half of its body length from where it was left.

MINOR – For minor movements e.g fidgeting, or a dog which barks or whimpers unduly, or if a handler does not leave or return with other handlers.

PRE-NOVICE

DOWN STAY (ONE MINUTE)

POINTS: 15

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to stay off the lead for 1 minute in the down position until the completion of the exercise.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

This is a group exercise. The handlers will form a line approximately 1 ½ meters apart. On orders from the Judge to " Down Your Dogs " followed by " Leave Your Dogs", the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk as directed a distance of at least 4 ½ meters away. On order from the

Judge, the handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt. After one minute from the time the Judge has ordered the handlers to leave, he will give the order "Return to your dogs". The handlers must return to their dogs together, each walking around the back of his dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the Judge orders "Exercise Finished". If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward, or handler, to take the dog away from the other dogs.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Down your dogs – Leave your dogs – About turn – Halt – Return to your dogs – Exercise finished. Judges may delegate a Steward to give the orders : About turn – Halt – Return to your dogs.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which fails to remain in the down position or which moves more than its body length from where it was left.

MINOR – For minor movements, e.g. fidgeting, if a dog barks or whimpers unduly , fails to go down on the command, or if handlers do not leave or return with other handlers.

OBEDIENCE TRIALS JUDGING CHART PRE-NOVICE

Trial Conducted by.....on.....Judge.....

| Exhibit Number | Max Pts |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.Heel On Lead | 40 |
| 2.Stand Stay | 10 |
| 3.Recall | 20 |
| 4.Sit Stay (1/2min) | 15 |
| 5.Down Stay | 15 |

(1min)

TOTAL 100

SCORE:

Less

**Deduction for
Misbehaviour**

Qualifying 70

Score

NOVICE

HEEL FREE

POINTS 40

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog and handler are to work as a team without the use of a lead.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

On order from the Judge "Forward" the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name, then giving a command to heel and at the same time commence walking briskly or at the directed pace. The dog will work off-lead. At each order from the Judge to "Halt" the handler must stop and the dog must sit smartly at heel and not move until ordered to do so. At each order from the Judge to "Fast Pace" the handler must run (pace to be in proportion to the size and /or breed of the dog). The handler and dog must execute a "Figure Eight" in which they must heel twice around two Stewards standing approximately three metres apart. There must be at least one "Halt" during this portion of the exercise. The Judge may replace a Steward in the "Figure Eight" or may take the place of a Steward himself.

ORDERS FROM JUDGES

Forward – Right turn – Left turn – About turn – Fast pace – Slow pace – Halt – Down – Stand – Figure Eight – lead out – Exercise finished. These orders may be given in any sequence and repeated.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which is unmanageable.

OVER 50% - If the handler continually guides the dog, or adapts his pace to the dog or if the dog does not complete the principal feature of the exercise.

MINOR – For poor sits, stands and downs; occasional guidance and other imperfections in heeling. A severe minor deduction is to be applied for missing a sit, stand or down.

NOVICE

STAND STAY

POINTS 10

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to stand steadily off lead until the completion of the exercise and not show undue resentment or shyness.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

On the order from the Judge, the handler will move forward and stand the dog. On further order, the handler will command the dog to stay and will move forward, about turn and face the dog. The Judge must approach the dog from the right or left front, but not direct front. The judge will circle the dog and keep approximately 1 meter from the dog at all times. The judge will then give the order “return to your dog” whereupon the handler will walk around behind the dog to the heel position. The dog must remain in a standing position until the Judge has ordered “Exercise Finished”, and must not show undue resentment or shyness.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Stand your dog – Leave your dog - About turn - Halt – Return to your dog – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which attacks, or shows an obvious tendency to attack.

OVER 50% - For a dog that does not complete the Principal Features of the exercise, or breaks form position.

SUBSTANTIAL – For a dog that requires a 2nd command to stand or slow response to command.

MINOR – For a dog which moves its paws or for poor stands.

NOVICE

RECALL

POINTS : 20

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to sit where left, off the lead, and promptly obey the handler’s command to come.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The Judge will give the order "Forward" and "Halt". Then on further order, the handler may give the command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk at least 6 meters away from the dog. On further order from the Judge the handler will about turn and halt. On order from the Judge the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name and then giving a command to come. The dog must come straight to the handler at a brisk pace and sit directly in front. On order from the Judge "Finish" the handler may give a command and the dog must go briskly and sit in the heel position.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Halt – Leave your dog- About turn – Halt - Call your dog – Finish – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog that breaks from position.

SUBSTANTIAL – For a 2nd command, slow response to commands, failure to come at a brisk pace, failure to sit, finish, or anticipate the finish.

MINOR – For poor sits, or finishes.

NOVICE

SIT STAY (ONE MINUTE)

POINTS : 15

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to stay off the lead in the sit position until the completion of the exercise.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

This is a Group Exercise. The handlers will form a line approximately 1 ½ meters apart. On order from the Judge "Leave your dog", the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk a distance of at least 7 meters away. On order from the Judge, the handlers will about turn to face their dogs and halt. After one minute from the time the Judge has ordered the handlers to leave, he will give the order "Return to your dogs". The handlers must return to their dogs

together, each walking around the back of his dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the Judge orders "Exercise Finished". If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward, or handler, to take the dog away from the other dogs.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Leave your dog – About turn – Halt – Return to your dogs – Exercise Finished. Judge may delegate a Steward to give the orders: About turn – Halt – Return to your dogs

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which fails to remain in the sitting position or which moves more than half of its body length from where it was left.

MINOR – For minor movements, e.g. fidgeting, if a dog barks or whimpers unduly, or if handlers do not leave or return with other handlers.

NOVICE

DOWN STAY (THREE MINUTES)

POINTS : 15

The dog is to stay off lead, in the down position until the completion of the exercise.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE.

This is a Group Exercise. The handlers will form a line approximately 1 ½ meters apart. On order from the Judge to "Down your dogs" followed by "Leave your dogs", the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk as directed a distance of at least 7 meters. On order from the Judge the handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt. After three minutes from the time the Judge has ordered the handlers to leave, he will give orders ". Return to your dogs". The handlers must return to their dogs together, each walking around the back of his dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the down position until the

Judge orders “ Exercise Finished”. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward, or handler, to take the dog away from the other dogs.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Down your dogs – Leave your dogs – About turn – Halt – Return to your dogs – Exercise finished.

The Judge may delegate a Steward to give the orders: About turn – Halt – Return to your dogs.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which fails to remain in the down position or which moves more than its body length from where it was left.

MINOR – For minor movements, e.g. fidgeting, if a dog barks or whimpers unduly, fails to go down on the first command, or if handlers do not leave or return with other handlers.

OBEDIENCE TRIALS JUDGING CHART – NOVICE

Trial Conducted by.....on.....Judge.....

| Exhibit Number | Max Pts |
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|--------------------|-----------|
| 1.Heel Free | 40 |
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| 2.Stand Stay | 10 |
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| 3.Recall | 20 |
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SUB TOTAL

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| 4.Sit Stay (1min) | 15 |
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**5.Down Stay 15
(3 min)**

TOTAL SCORE 100

**Less
Deduction for
Misbehaviour**

**Qualifying 75
Score**

INTERMEDIATE

HEEL FREE

POINTS: 45

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog and handler are to work as a team without the use of lead.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

This exercise must be performed at a higher standard than in the Novice Class. On order from the Judge "Forward", the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name and then giving a command to heel and at the same time commence walking briskly or at the directed pace. The dog will work off-lead. Any unusual or additional act, signal or command which, in the opinion of the Judge gives the dog assistance, must be penalised.

At each order from the Judge to "Halt", the handler must stop and the dog must sit smartly at heel without command or signal and not move until ordered to do so. At each order from the Judge to "Fast Pace", the handler must run (pace to be in proportion to the size and /or breed of the dog). The handler and dog must execute a "Figure Eight" in which they must heel twice around two Stewards standing approximately 3 meters apart. There must be at least one "Halt" during this portion of the exercise. A Judge may replace a Steward in the "Figure Eight" or may take the place of a Steward himself.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Right turn – Left turn – About turn - Fast pace – Slow pace – Normal pace – Halt – Down – Stand – Figure Eight – Lead out – Exercise finished. These orders may be given in any sequence and repeated.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which is unmanageable.

OVER 50% - If the handler continually guides the dog , adapts his pace to the dog, or if the dog does not complete the principal feature of the exercise.

MINOR – For poor sits, stands and downs; occasional guidance and other imperfections in heeling; use of more than one command. A severe minor deduction is to be applied for missing a sit, stand or down.

INTERMEDIATE

STAND FOR TEMPERAMENT TEST

POINTS: 10

The dog is to stand steadily off lead until the completion of the exercise and not show undue resentment or shyness.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

On order from the Judge or Steward to “Stand Your Dog” followed by “Leave Your Dog”, the handler may give his dog a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk as directed a distance of at least 7 meters. On order from the Judge or Steward, the handler will turn to face his dog and halt. The Judge will approach quietly from the front and run his hand gently down the dog’s back. Any undue resentment cringing, growling or snapping will be penalised. After the Judge has finished testing the dog, he will give the order “Return to your dog”. The handler will walk around the back of his dog to the heel position. The dog must not move from the stand position until the Judge or Steward orders “Exercise Finished”.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Stand your dog – Leave your dog – About turn – Halt – Return to your dog – Exercise finished. The Judge may delegate a Steward to give the orders: About turn – Halt – Return to your dog.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which attacks, or shows an obvious tendency to attack, or shows undue resentment or shyness.

OVER 50% - For a dog that does not complete Principal Feature of the exercise, or breaks from position.

MINOR: For a dog that moves its paws or for poor stands.

INTERMEDIATE

DROP ON RECALL

POINTS: 25

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to sit where left off lead and promptly obey handler's commands to come, to down and to come again when called from the down position.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The Judge will give the order "Forward" and "Halt". On further order from the Judge the handler may give a command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk at least 12 meters away. On further order from the Judge, the handler will about turn and halt.

On order from the Judge, the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name and then give a command to come. The dog must come straight towards its handler at a brisk pace. On further order from the Judge, the handler will command the dog to down and it must drop immediately to the down position and remain there until given a command to come. The dog must come straight to its handler at a brisk pace and sit directly in front without further command or signal. The handler may say the dog's name again before giving a command to come from the down position. On order from the Judge "Finish" the handler may give a command and the dog must go briskly and sit in the heel position. The Judge must inform the handler before the start of the exercise if he intends using a signal in lieu of a verbal order.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Halt – Leave your dog - About turn – Halt – Call your dog – Down your dog – Call your dog – Finish – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog that breaks from position, does not come, drop, or come again on the first command.

SUBSTANTIAL – For slow response to commands, failure to come at a brisk pace, for extra commands to sit, or finish, or anticipation of the finish.

MINOR – For poor sits, downs, finishes, or for other minor imperfections.

INTERMEDIATE

DISTANCE CONTROL

POINTS: 30

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to work at heel in response to voice, signal or both, then promptly respond to the handler's command given at a distance.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The Heeling is done in the same manner as in Heel Free. The Judge will give the order "Forward" and the dog and handler are expected to walk until told to About Turn and the handler will be told to stand his dog. On order from the Judge, the handler will command his dog to stay and will move forward at least 6 meters. On further order, the handler will turn to face his dog. On separate and specific order or signals from the Judge in each case, the handler will give signal, voice or both, to sit, stand, and down. Handler is to return to the dog upon the Judge's or Steward's command.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – About turn – Stand your dog – Leave your dog – About turn – Halt – Sit your dog – Stand your dog – Down your dog – Return to your dog – Exercise Finished
The orders may be given in any sequence.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO: For a dog which is unmanageable; which fails on a single command to stand where left, to sit, to stand or to down; which anticipates the signals or commands after the dog has been left. For a dog that moves more than its body length from where it was left.

SUBSTANTIAL: For any double command or failure to respond during the heeling routine, prolonged signals, slow response to signals or for in attention. For a dog that moves more than half its body length from where it was left.

MINOR: For imperfections in heeling.

INTERMEDIATE

RETRIEVE ON FLAT

POINTS : 20

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to retrieve the dumbbell on command.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The Judge will give the order "Forward" and "Halt". On further order from the Judge to throw the dumbbell, the handler may give a command to stay and must throw the dumbbell at least 3 meters away. On order from the Judge "Send Your Dog" the handler may give a command to retrieve. The retrieve must be executed at a fast pace . The dog must sit directly in front of the handler and hold the dumbbell until the Judge orders "Take It" when the handler may give a command to "Give". The dog must remain sitting in front of the handler until the Judge orders "Finish". On the handler's command, the dog must go briskly and sit in the heel position.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Halt – Throw your dumbbell – Send your dog – Take it – Finish – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog that does not retrieve the dumbbell on one command or anticipates the command to retrieve.

OVER 50% - For a dog that does not return to the handler after retrieving the dumbbell".

SUBSTANTIAL – For slowness; for excessive mouthing; for failure to sit in front or finish; for anticipation of the finish, for a dog that plays with the dumbbell after retrieving it.

MINOR – For poor sits, finishes and minor mouthing of the dumbbell.

(Note: For Retrieving points see regulations under subtitle “ Retrieving”)

INTERMEDIATE

BROAD JUMP

POINTS: 20

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog, on command, must jump the entire width of the jump and return to the handler.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The Judge will order the handler to take up position in front of the jump with his dog sitting at heel. On order from the Judge, the handler may give a command to stay and will go to a position facing the right hand side of the jump and stand at least ½ meter from the jump within the range of the first and last hurdles.

On order from the Judge “Send Your Dog”, the handler may say the dog’s name and give command to jump. The dog must clear the entries width of the jump and return to the handler and sit directly in front without further command or signal. The handler must turn right whilst the dog is in mid-air. On order from the Judge “Finish”, the handler may give a command and the dog must go briskly and sit in the heel position. It is the Judge’s responsibility to see that the dog jumps twice the height of the High Jump for that particular dog.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Take up your position – Leave your dog – Send your dog – Finish – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog that refuses to jump on the first command, walks over any part of the jump, does not return to the handler, anticipates the command to jump, or does not complete the principal feature of the exercise.

SUBSTANTIAL – For clipping the jump, slowness, failure to sit or finish, or anticipation of the finish.

MINOR: For a dog that does not jump straight but diagonally; that fails to return smartly to the handler, for crooked sits or poor finishes.

INTERMEDIATE

3 MINUTES SIT STAY (OUT OF SIGHT)

POINTS: 25

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to stay off the lead in the sit position until the completion of the exercise.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

This is a Group Exercise. The handlers will form a line approximately 1½ meters apart. On order from the Judge “Leave Your Dogs” the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and accompanied by a Steward, go out of sight from their dogs to a point previously designated by the Judge. After three minutes from the time the Judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the Steward will order “Return To Your Dogs”. The handlers must return together, to their dogs, each walking around the back of their dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the Judge orders “Exercise Finished”. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward , or handler to take the dog away from the other dogs.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Leave your dogs – Return to your dogs – (May be given by the Steward) – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which fails to remain in the sitting position, or which moves more than half its body length from where it was left.

MINOR – For minor movements, e.g. fidgeting, if a dog barks or whimpers unduly, or if handlers do not leave or return with other handlers.

INTERMEDIATE

5 MINUTE DOWNSTAY (OUT OF SIGHT)

POINTS: 25

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to stay off the lead in the down position until the completion of the exercise.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

This is a Group Exercise. The handlers will form a line approximately 1 ½ meters apart. On order from the Judge to “Down Your Dogs” followed by “Leave Your Dogs”, the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave. Accompanied by a Steward, they will go out of sight to a point previously designated by the Judge. After five minutes from the time the Judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dog, the Steward will order “Return To Your Dogs”. The handlers must return to their dogs together, each walking around the back of his dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the Judge orders “Exercise Finished”. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward to take the dog away from the other dog.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Down your dogs – Leave your dogs – Return to your dogs – Exercise finished (may be given by a Steward).

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which fails to remain in the down position, or which moves more than half its body length from where it was left.

MINOR – For minor movements, e.g. fidgeting, if a dog barks or whimpers unduly, fails to go down on the first command, or if handlers do not leave or return with other handlers.

OBEDIENCE TRIALS JUDGING CHART – INTERMEDIATE

Trial conducted by.....on.....Judge.....

| Exhibit Number | | Max Pts |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 1.Heel Free | | 45 |
| 2.Stand for Temperament Test | | 10 |
| 3.Drop on Recall | | 25 |
| 4.Distance Control | | 30 |
| 5.Retrieve on Flat | | 20 |
| 6.Broad Jump | | 20 |
| SUB TOTAL | | |
| 7.Sit Stay(3min) (out of sight) | | 25 |
| 8.Down Stay(5 min) (out of sight) | | 25 |
| TOTAL SCORE | | 200 |
| Less Deduction for Misbehaviour | | |
| Qualifying Score | | 150 |

OPEN

(OPEN CLASS: ONE COMMAND, BY WORD OR SIGNAL, EXCEPT IN THE “SEND AWAY” EXERCISE. EXTRA COMMANDS OR SIGNAL WILL BE PENALIZED)

HEEL WORK

POINTS: 40

(Voice or signal, not both)

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog and handler are to work as a team without the use of a lead. During the heeling routine the dog will be required to do the Sit, Stand and Down in motion.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The dog shall be required to walk at heel free, and also be tested at fast and slow pace. At sometime during this test, at the discretion of the Judge, the dog shall be required, whilst walking at heel at normal pace, to be left at the Stand, Sit and Down position in any order (the order to be the same for each dog). The caller Steward will alert the handler that a position in motion is coming up by saying the words, “Position Coming Up”. The handler will look directly in front and will see a Ring Steward holding a board with the position required, i.e. Sit, Stand, Down. The caller Steward will then say “Now”, and the handler will give the command to his dog. The handler shall continue forward alone without hesitation, and continue as directed by the Judge until reaching the dog when both shall continue forward together. Heel work may include left about turns and figure of eight at normal and /or slow pace.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Right turn – Left turn – About turn – Left about turn – Fast pace - Slow pace – Normal pace – Stand your dog – Heel your dog – Down your dog – Sit your dog – Position coming up - - Now – Halt – Figure Eight – Lead out – Exercise finished. These commands may be given in any order by the Judge.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO – For a dog which is unmanageable, that refuses to sit, stand or down during the position in motion. For a handler who uses both voice and signal.

OVER 50% - If the handler continually guides the dog, adapts his pace to the dog, or if the dog does not complete the principal feature of the exercise.

SUBSTANTIAL – For a handler who does not leave the dog promptly during position in motion and for a dog which anticipates; for the use of more than one command.

MINOR – For imperfections in heeling, poor sits, stands, downs, occasional guidance.

OPEN

DISTANCE CONTROL

POINTS: 25

(Voice or signal, not both)

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to work at heel in response to voice or signals, but not both, then promptly respond to the handler's commands given at a distance.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The heeling is done in the same manner as in Heel Free. The Judge will give the command "Forward " and the dog and handler are expected to walk until told to about turn and stand his dog. On order or signal from the Judge, the handler will signal his dog to stay and will move forward at least 6 meters. On further order or signal, the handler will turn to face his dog. On separate and specific order or signal from the Judge in each case, the handler will give the signals, or voice, but not both, to stand, sit, down.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – About turn – Stand your dog – Leave your dog – Sit your dog – Stand your dog – Down your dog – Return to your dog – Exercise finished. The orders can be given in any sequence.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO: For a dog which is unmanageable; which fails on a single command to stand where left, to sit, to stand or to down; which anticipates the signals or commands given after the dog has been left . For a dog which moves more than its body length from where it was left. For a handler who uses both voice and signal.

SUBSTANTIAL: For any double command; for failure to respond during the heeling routine; for prolonged signals, slow response to signals or for inattention. For a dog which moves more than half its body length from where it was left.

MINOR – For imperfections in heeling.

OPEN

SEND AWAY

POINTS: 20

(Voice or simultaneous signal is permitted but as soon as the dog leaves the handler, the hand must return to normal position.)

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog on command, is to be sent away to a designated distance and placed in the down position.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The distance for "Send away" shall be a minimum of 9 meters with a maximum being 24 ½ meters.

The dog is to be sent away from the handler. When the dog has reached the designated distance OR the Judge is satisfied after a reasonable time that the handler cannot improve the position of the dog by any further commands, the dog should be commanded to down. Whilst the Judge should take into account the number of commands used during the exercise, importance should be placed upon the handler's ability to direct his dog to the distance indicated in a straight line. On order from the Judge "forward" the handler will move forward and on further order from the Judge "Stand your dog" the handler will stand his dog. On further order from the Judge "Send your dog" the dog will then leave the handler's side and keep moving away from the handler until told to down. The handler chooses on his own accord, to down his dog. This will be observed by the Judge.

After the dog has been commanded to go down, the handler will be ordered to go forward. He will walk towards his dog, and at a halfway point (decided by the Judge), the handler will be ordered to "About turn". At a normal pace, on order from the Judge "Heel your dog" the dog will be commanded to heel to the left of the handler. Then together they will continue walking at heel till ordered to "Halt".

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Stand your dog – Send your dog – Down your dog - Forward – About turn – Heel your dog – Halt – Exercise finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO: A dog that does not perform on the first command, a dog that does not go the required distance or a dog that is unmanageable.

SUBSTANTIAL: A dog that does not go in a straight line from where it was facing; a dog that is slow to go to the required distance; a dog that does not come to heel or that is slow to come to heel when called upon by the handler.

MINOR: Poor heeling, poor stands and sits

OPEN

RETRIEVE OVER THE HIGH JUMP

POINTS: 30

(Voice or signal, not both)

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog on command, will go clearly over the jump, retrieve the dumbbell, and return clearly over the jump.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The Judge will order the handler to take up positions in front of the jump with his dog sitting at heel. On order from the Judge, the handler may give a command to stay and then throw the dumbbell over the jump. The retrieve must be done at a fast pace. The dog must clear the jump in both directions. On its return, the dog must sit directly in front of the handler and hold the dumbbell until the Judge orders "Take It". The handler may give a command to "Give". The dog must remain sitting in front of the handler until after the order "Finish". On the handler's command, the dog must go briskly and sit in the heel position. It is the Judge's responsibility to see that the height jumped is that required for that particular dog's height and breed.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Take up your position - Throw your dumbbell – Send your dog – Take it – Finish – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO: For a dog that does not retrieve the dumbbell on the first command; that fails to make a jump in both directions; that anticipates the command to retrieve. For a handler who uses both voice and signal.

SUBSTANTIAL – For slowness, excessive mouthing, using the top of the jump as an aid, failing to sit in front, or finish, or anticipation of the finish.

MINOR – For clipping the jump in either direction, poor sits or finishes, minor mouthing of the dumbbell.

(Note: For retrieving points see regulations under subtitle "Retrieving")

OPEN

BROAD JUMP

POINTS: 15

(Voice or signal, not both)

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog, on command, must jump the entire width of the jump and return to the handler.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The Judge will order the handler to take up position in front of the jump with his dog sitting at heel. On order from the Judge, the handler may give a command to stay and will go to a position facing the right hand side of the jump and stand at least ½ meter from the jump within the range of the first and last hurdles.

On order from the Judge “Send your dog”, the handler may give a command to jump. The dog must clear the entire width of the jump and return to the handler and sit directly in front without further command or signal. The handler must turn right whilst the dog is in mid-air. On order from the Judge “Finish”, the handler may give a command and the dog must go briskly and sit in the heel position. It is the Judge’s responsibility to see that the dog jumps twice the height of the High Jump for that particular dog.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Take up position – leave your dog – Send your dog – Finish – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO: For a dog that refuses to jump on the first command; that walks over any part of the jump; that does not return to the handler; that anticipates the command to jump; that does not complete the principal features of the exercise. For a handler who uses both voice and signal.

SUBSTANTIAL: For clipping the jump, slowness, failure to sit or finish, anticipation of the finish.

MINOR: For a dog that does not jump straight but diagonally; that fails to return smartly to the handler; for crooked sits or poor finishes.

OPEN

SCENT DISCRIMINATION

POINTS: 25

(Voice or signal, not both)

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to select the correct cloth by scent and promptly retrieve.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

The dog must select by scent and retrieve a piece of cloth which has been handled by its handler. The cloths used will be all in one colour and size (at least 25cm square), the club will supply the cloths for all exhibitors. All cloths must be washed and cleaned before each trial and will be numbered from one to ten. The handler will stand at least 5 meters from the cloths with the dog sitting at heel and facing in the opposite direction to the cloths. Immediately after receiving the cloth, and before imparting his scent, the handler must show the numbered cloth to the Judge. The Judge will choose the numbered cloth the handler will use, then the Judge or Steward will place the other nine (9) cloths at random in an overall area of 1 1/2 meters square and the cloths will be 15cm away from each other. The handler's scent must be imparted only from his hands which must remain in plain sight. Whilst the Judge or Steward is placing the scented cloth amongst the other cloths, the handler must not look around and must stand facing in the opposite direction. On order from the Judge, the handler and the dog will about turn and face the cloths. On further order, the handler may place his hand gently over the dog's nose and may give a command to retrieve. The dog must go to the cloths at a brisk pace, but may take a reasonable time to select the right one provided that he works smartly and continuously and does not pick up any cloth other than the one designated. After picking up the correct cloth, the dog must promptly return and sit directly in front of the handler, hold the article until commanded to give. The dog must remain sitting in front of the handler until after the Judge orders "Finish" and the handler gives the command. The dog must go briskly and sit in the heel position. The judge will take the article from the handler and state clearly "Article Correct" or "Article Incorrect".

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

About turn- Send your dog – Take it – Finish – Article Correct or Article Incorrect – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO : For a dog which fails to go out to the group of cloths, that retrieves the wrong cloth ; that fails to bring the correct cloth to the handler; that anticipates the principle feature. For a handler who uses both voice and signal.

SUBSTANTIAL – Excessively slow in going out or returning does not work constantly, plays with the article, or picks up the wrong article even though the dog puts it down immediately, fails to sit or finish, or anticipates the finish.

MINOR – Mouthing or poor sits or finishes.

(Note: for retrieving points see regulations under subtitle “Retrieving”)

OPEN

STAND STAY IN A GROUP

POINTS : 20

(Voice or signal, not both)

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to stand steadily off the lead until the completion of the exercise and not show undue resentment or shyness.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

This is a Group Exercise. The handler will form a line approximately 1 ½ meters apart. On order from the Judge the handlers will move forward and stand their dogs. On further order from the Judge the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave their dogs and move forward at least 7 meters away. On further order from the Judge to “About turn”, the handlers will turn and face their dogs. The Judge must circle each dog at a minimum distance of 1 meter and all dogs must stay standing till the Judge has circled all the dogs in the group. The Judge will give the order “Return to your dogs” whereupon the handlers will walk around behind their dogs to the heel position. The dog must remain in the stand position until after the Judge orders “Exercise Finished”, and must not show undue resentment or shyness to the Judge, to other dogs and to the handlers. The Judge may instruct a Steward to watch the other dogs while he conducts the circling of each dog and to inform him of any incidents. If a dog starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward or handler to take the dog away from the other dogs. If there are insufficient competitors, the Judge will ask the Steward to furnish standing dogs to make a group. These dogs will not be circled and may be left on lead with their handlers.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Forward – Stand your dog – Leave your dogs – About turn – Halt – Return to your dogs – Exercise Finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO: For a dog that attacks, that shows an obvious tendency to attack, that does not complete the principal feature of the exercise. For a handler who uses both voice and signal.

SUBSTANTIAL– For a dog that requires a second command to stand.

MINOR – For a dog that moves its feet, for poor stands, or if handlers do not leave and return with other handlers.

OPEN

10 MINUTES DOWN STAY (OUT OF SIGHT)

POINTS: 25

(Voice or signal, not both)

PRINCIPAL FEATURE

The dog is to stay off the lead in the down position until the completion of the exercise.

DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISE

This is a Group Exercise. The handlers will form a line approximately 1 ½ meters apart. On order from the Judge to “down your dogs” followed by “Leave your dogs”, the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and, accompanied by a Steward, go out of sight to a point previously designated by the Judge. After ten (10) minutes from the time the Judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the Steward will order “Return to your dogs”. The handlers must return to their dogs together, each walking around the back of the his dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the Judge orders “Exercise Finished”. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward to take the dog away from the other dogs.

ORDERS FROM THE JUDGE

Down your dogs – Leave your dogs – Return to your dogs – Exercise finished.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO: For a dog that fails to remain in the down position; that moves more than half its body length from where it was left. For a handler who uses both voice and signal.

MINOR: For minor movements e.g. fidgeting, or if a dog barks or whimpers unduly, or fails to go down on the first command, or if handlers do not leave and return with others handlers.

OBEDIENCE TRIALS JUDGING CHART – OPEN

Trial Conducted by.....on.....Judge.....

| Exhibit Number | Max Pts |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.Heel Free | 40 |
| 2.Distance | 25 |

Control

3.Send Away 20

4.Retrieve 30

**Over High
Jump**

5.Broad Jump 15

6.Scent 25

Discrimination

SUB TOTAL

7.STAND STAY 20

IN A GROUP

8.Down 25

Stay(10 min)

(out of sight)

TOTAL SCORE 200

Less

**Deduction for
Misbehaviour**

Qualifying 160

Score

