

4-H Dog Obedience Classes

BEGINNER NOVICE 1

This class is for dogs and handlers who have never shown before.

Exercises and Scoring

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| 1. Heel on Leash | 40 points |
| 2. Figure Eight | 40 points |
| 3. Sit for Exam | 40 points |
| 4. Sit Stay | 40 points |
| 5. Recall | 40 points |
| Maximum Total Score | 200 points |

Heel on Leash

The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: "Forward" and "Exercise Finished."

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 may be used to signify the starting point for the heel on leash exercise.

Signs to be used are "Right turn," "Left turn," "About turn," "Slow," "Normal," "Fast" and "Halt/Sit." "Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. Turn signs may be placed in any sequence and may be repeated. Both the fast and slow signs must be followed by a normal sign. The "Halt/Sit" sign will be used once at the end of the exercise. The judge will standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At the "Halt/Sit" sign, the handler will stop. The dog should sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order "Exercise finished" at the completion of this exercise.

Heel on Leash, Scoring

If a handler is constantly controlling the dog by tugging on the leash, constantly talking to the dog or is adapting to the dog's pace, that dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for this exercise.

Minor deductions will be made for lagging, heeling wide, forging, crowding, poor sits, failure to sit at a halt, and other heeling imperfections. Similar deductions will be made for any tightening or jerking of the leash, for a handler who guides the dog with the leash, or does not walk at a brisk pace. Minor 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.

A one-time single phrase of praise or encouragement by the handler to the dog will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, and atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.)

Figure Eight

The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The orders are: "Forward," "Halt," and "Exercise Finished."

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight will be performed on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again.

A one-time single phrase of praise or encouragement by the handler to the dog will be allowed without penalty.

Figure Eight, Scoring

Scoring is the same as the 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.

The orders are: "Sit your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog" and "Exercise finished."

This exercise is to be performed with the dog on a 6' leash.

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will command the dog to sit if they are not already sitting. The handler will then stand with the dog sitting in the heel position and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet to the end of the leash, turn and face the dog.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog's head. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

Sit For Exam, Scoring

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 sit. Either of these will be penalized substantially.

A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it stands, lies down, or moves away from the place where it was left either before or during the examination, or growls, snaps, or displays resentment.

Substantial deductions will be made for an extra command to the dog after the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay and left the heel position.

Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves its feet at any time or stands or moves away after the examination has been completed. Minor or substantial deductions, even to the point of a nonqualifying (NQ) score, will be made for shyness.

Minor deductions will be made for any tightening of the leash during the exercise.

Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position.

The orders are: “Sit your dog,” “Leave your dog,” and “Exercise finished.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The leash remains attached to the dog’s collar and will be dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and the handler before the exercise begins. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order “Sit your dog,” the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit, if they are not already sitting. 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. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front, and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order “Exercise finished.”

Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring, Scoring

A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for 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, or any additional command or signal as the handler is walking around the ring.

A substantial deduction 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 position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order “Exercise finished.”

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handler to leave their dog, except 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. These will be penalized substantially and in extreme cases, the dog may be released.

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.

The orders are: “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” and “Exercise finished.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The leash is removed for this exercise and kept by the handler. The handler may hold the leash in either hand, put the leash in a pocket or drape it around their neck.

The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward, approximately 25 feet, to a location as directed by the judge, turn to face the dog. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. Thereafter, the handler’s arms and hands should hang naturally at the sides until the dog has sat in front.

The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop, and sit in front near the handler. While the dog is coming directly to the handler, a onetime single phrase of praise or encouragement will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.)

The dog must come close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. (No finish will be required of the dog by the handler.)

After the judge orders “Exercised finished,” the handler will reattach the leash to the dog’s collar.

BEGINNER NOVICE 2

This class is for dog and handler teams in their second year of showing, first-time dogs with experienced handlers or first-time handlers with experienced dogs, or teams who have not yet earned a qualifying score in Beginner Novice.

Exercises and scoring same as Beginner Novice 1.

PRE-NOVICE

This class is for dog and handler teams who have earned a qualifying score in Beginner Novice.

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| 1. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight | 40 points |
| 2. Stand for Examination | 40 points |
| 3. Heel Free | 40 points |
| 4. Recall | 40 points |
| 5. Stay – Sit or Down | 40 points |

Maximum Total Score 200 points

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight

The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: “Forward”, “Halt”, “Right turn”, “Left turn”, “About turn”, “Fast”, “Normal”, “Slow”, “Exercise Finished.”

Orders will be called out verbally by the judge and the heeling pattern will be the same for all dogs in the class.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler’s left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler’s freedom of motion at any time. At the final order to “Halt”, the handler will stop. The dog should sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order “Exercise finished” at the completion of this exercise. The judge will then proceed to the designated place in the ring for the figure eight.

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight will be performed on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again.

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Scoring

If a handler is constantly controlling the dog by tugging on the leash, constantly talking to the dog or is adapting to the dog’s pace, that dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for this exercise.

Minor deductions will be made for lagging, heeling wide, forging, crowding, poor sits, failure to sit at a halt, and other heeling imperfections. Similar deductions will be made for any tightening or jerking of the leash, for a handler who guides the dog with the leash, or does not walk at a brisk pace. Minor 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.

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.

All dogs entered in the class will perform the same stay exercise.

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. Orders for this exercise are: "Sit/Down your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position. Prior to starting the exercise, the judge will ask if the handler is ready. When the judge gives the order "Sit/Down your dog," the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit/down. The judge will order "Leave your dog," and the handler will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed straight forward to the edge of the ring. 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. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "Exercise finished."

NOVICE

This class is for dog and handler teams that have earned qualifying scores in Beginner Novice.

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| 1. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight | 40 points |
| 2. Stand for Examination | 30 points |
| 3. Heel Free | 40 points |
| 4. Recall | 30 points |
| 5. Sit Stay – Get Your Leash | 30 points |
| 6. Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay | 30 points |

Maximum Total Score 200 points

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.

The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team.

The orders are: "Forward," "Halt," "Right turn," "Left turn," "About turn," "Slow," "Normal" and "Fast."

"Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. All about turns will be right about turns. Orders for halts and turns will be given only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. The other orders may be given in any sequence, and turns and halts may be repeated. The same heeling pattern will be used for all dogs in the class.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At each order to halt, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on the judge's order. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. The judge will say "Exercise finished" after this portion of the exercise.

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will stand 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight in the Novice classes will be done on leash; the handler may go around either steward first. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. The handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Scoring

If a handler is constantly controlling the dog by tugging on the leash or is adapting to the dog's pace, that dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for the exercise.

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.

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.

Stand for Examination

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment.

The orders are: "Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise finished."

Prior to the start of the exercises the handler will remove the leash and give it to a steward, who will place it on the judge's table or other designated place. The handler will take their dog to the place indicated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler's choice, taking any reasonable time if they choose to pose the dog as in the show ring. 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.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body and hindquarters. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "Exercise finished."

Stand for Examination, Scoring

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.

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. 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.

Heel Free, Performance and Scoring

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.

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.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog, and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or moving either foot. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Recall, Scoring

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.

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.

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.

Sit Stay - Get Your Leash

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position.

The orders are: "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the place designated by the judge for the leash, pick up the leash, turn, and face the dog. The judge will give the order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog." The handler is required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, Scoring

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.

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.

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 leaving the ring.

Group Exercise – Sit and Down Stay

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required at the time.

The orders are: "Sit your dogs," "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

If a dog has non-qualified (NQ) in an individual exercise the judge may release the dog from performing the group exercise. A dog that does not remain sitting during the first part of this exercise may be released from participating in the second part. Dogs that have been released or excused and handlers who have left the ring during the individual exercises may not return for the group exercise.

Dogs must be spaced with a minimum of six (6) feet between each dog and a minimum of 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 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 6 and in a back-to-back row 12 dogs.

The group exercise will be conducted after the last individual team in the class is judged. If there are more dogs competing than can be handled in one group exercise, the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections. A judge with only a single dog competing in a class would be required to have the dog perform the group exercise alone.

This exercise must be performed with the dog on a 6-foot leash. The leash will remain clipped to the dog's collar and the handler will hold on to the leash throughout the entire exercise. The

armband will remain on the handler's left arm. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit without touching the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the end of the leash, without jerking or tightening the leash, turn, and face their dogs. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise.

After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order "Back to your dogs." The handlers must return directly, walking around and in back of their own dog to heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position. The dogs must remain under control between this two-part exercise.

Before starting the Down Stay portion of this exercise, the judge will ask "Are you ready?" On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dog to down without touching the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the end of the leash, without jerking or tightening the leash, turn, and face their dogs. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise.

After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order, "Back to your dogs." The handlers must return directly, walking around and in back of their own dog to heel position. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position. The judge will tell the exhibitors "Maintain control of your dogs." The handlers are required to exit the ring with their dogs under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Group Exercise – Sit and Down Stay, Scoring

A nonqualifying 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 required position until the handler has returned to heel position, and repeatedly barking or whining.

Substantial deductions will be made for the following: A dog that must be repositioned by its handler if it is out of position enough to interfere with an adjacent dog (in extreme cases the dog may be released), that moves even a short distance from where it was left, that barks or whines only once or twice, or that changes position after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said, "Exercise finished." A substantial deduction will be made for jerking or tightening of the leash before the judge has said "Exercise finished;" depending on the extent, the deduction may include a non-qualifying (NQ) score. A substantial deduction, under Miscellaneous Penalties, must be made for a dog that does not remain under control while leaving the ring.

Minor or substantial deductions, depending on the circumstances, will be made for touching the dog or its collar while getting the dog into the down position.

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 or lie down starts with the first order, sit or down your dogs. These will be penalized substantially and in extreme cases the dog may be released.

The timing of each stay exercise begins on the judge's order, "Leave your dogs."

GRAD-NOVICE

This class is for dog and handler teams that have earned qualifying scores in Novice.

Graduate Novice Exercises and Scoring

1. Heel Free and Figure Eight 40 points
 2. Drop on Recall 40 points
 3. Dumbbell Recall 30 points
 4. Dumbbell Recall over High Jump 30 points
 5. Recall over Broad Jump 30 points
 6. Stay – Get Your Leash (Sit, Down) 30 points
- Maximum Total Score 200 points

Heel Free and Figure Eight Performance and Scoring

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.

The orders and scoring are the same as in Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.

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.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, face the dog, and stand naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge's arm or hand signal, the handler will give the command and/or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. If the handler chooses to give both, a command and signal to drop, they must be given simultaneously. The dog must remain down until the handler gives the command or signal to come when ordered by the judge. The dog completes the exercise as in the Novice Recall.

Drop on Recall, Scoring

A non-qualifying (NQ) score must be given to any dog that does not drop completely to the down position on a single command and/or signal or to a dog that does not remain down until called or signaled.

Minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, shall be made for delayed or slow response to the handler's command and/or signal to drop and for slow response to either of the recalls. All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall apply.

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.

The orders are: "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler will present the dumbbell and command or signal the dog to take it. The dog must promptly accept, take and hold the dumbbell. 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. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop without unnecessary mouthing or playing with the dumbbell. On order from the judge to "Take it," the handler will give a command or signal and take the dumbbell. The finish will be performed as in the Novice Recall. All other applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall and Open Retrieve on Flat will apply.

Dumbbell Recall, Scoring

A dog must receive a nonqualifying (NQ) score if it fails to take the dumbbell on the first command or signal or does not return with the dumbbell sufficiently close that the handler can easily take the dumbbell as described above.

Depending on the extent, minor or substantial deductions will be made for unnecessary mouthing or playing with the dumbbell, dropping it, and reluctance or refusal to release the dumbbell to the handler. 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. The orders are: "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish."

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 eight (8) feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, go around the jump to at least 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.

Dumbbell Recall over High Jump, Scoring

A dog that fails to jump the full height of the jump, that uses the jump for an aid in going over, or that returns over the jump without the dumbbell must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that touches the jump when going over it or for a dog that displays any hesitation in jumping. 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.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump, (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) facing the lowest hurdle. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, go around the hurdle(s) to at least 8 feet beyond the last hurdle, then turn and face the dog. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump and return to the handler as in the Novice Recall.

The depth of the jump will be set to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog.

Recall over Broad Jump, Scoring

A dog that fails to clear the jump, or steps on or between the hurdles must receive a nonqualifying (NQ) score.

Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that touches the jump when going over it, or for a dog that displays any hesitation in jumping. All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall will apply

Stay – Get Your Leash Performance and Scoring

This exercise will be performed and scored the same as the Open class Stay – Get Your Leash.

OPEN

This Class is for dog and handler teams that have qualified in Grad-Novice.

Exercises and Scores

1. Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points
2. Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	30 points
3. Drop on Recall	30 points
4. Retrieve on Flat	20 points
5. Retrieve over High Jump	30 points
6. Broad Jump	20 points
7. Stay – Get Your Leash (Sit, Down)	30 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

Heel Free and Figure Eight, Performance and Scoring

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. Orders and scoring are the same as in Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.

Command Discrimination

The principal features of this exercise are the dog's correct response to the handler's commands and/ or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position.

The orders are: "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."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order to "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog." The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately walk forward 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the second position. The judge will then order "Leave your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the third position. The judge will then order "Back to your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the handler has returned to heel position.

Command Discrimination, Scoring

A dog that fails to obey the handler's first command and/or signal for each position or that does not stay until the handler returns to heel position must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

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."

Minor or substantial deductions, up to a NQ score, will be made for a dog that walks forward.

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.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, face the dog, and stand naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge's arm or hand signal, the handler shall give the command or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. The dog must remain down until the handler gives the command or signal to come when ordered by the judge. The dog completes the exercise as in the Novice Recall.

Drop on Recall, Scoring

A non-qualifying (NQ) score must be given to any dog that does not drop completely to the down position on a single command or signal or to a dog that does not remain down until called or signaled.

Minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for delayed or slow response to the handler's command or signal to drop and for slow response to either of the recalls. All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall apply.

Retrieve on Flat

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog retrieves promptly.

The orders are: "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order "Throw it," the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay. If the handler does use a signal, that signal may not be given with the hand that is holding the dumbbell. After the dumbbell is thrown at least 20 feet, the judge will order the handler to "Send your dog." The retrieve should be performed at a brisk trot or gallop. The dog will go directly to the dumbbell and retrieve it, returning directly to the handler as in the Novice Recall without unnecessary mouthing or playing. On the judge's order to "Take it," the handler will give command or signal and take the dumbbell. The finish will be performed as in the Novice Recall. The dumbbell, will be made of one or more solid pieces of wood or non-wooden material similar in size, shape and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted. Dumbbells will not be hollowed out. They may be unfinished, coated with a clear finish or may be any color. They may not have decorations or attachments but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell will be proportionate to the size of the 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.

Retrieve on Flat, Scoring

A dog must receive a nonqualifying (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.

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. All other applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall will apply.

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.

The orders are: "Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."

This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Retrieve on Flat, except that the dog will clear the high jump both going and coming. 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 will be clearly marked.)

Jump heights shall be set in multiples of 2 inches with no dog jumping less than 4 inches or more than 36 inches. A jump height is determined by the height of the dog at the withers. The actual height

of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be less than 7 1/2 inches at the withers.

(see table in Appendix B for standard jump heights)

The jump height for approved breeds listed below shall be set to three-quarters the dog's actual height at the withers. This jump height shall also be rounded to a multiple of 2 inches. The minimum jump heights for approved breeds will be set in accordance with the table listed in Appendix B.

Standard Jump Height Table

Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 7½"	4"
7½" to 9"	8"
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10"
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12"
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14"
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16"
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18"
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20"
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22"
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24"
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26"
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28"
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30"
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32"
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34"
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36"
Greater than 37"	36"

List of breeds approved for the three-quarter jump height

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| AKITA | CLUMBER SPANIEL | IRISH WOLFHOUND |
| BASSET HOUND | DACHSHUND | KISHU KEN |
| BERGAMASCO | DANDIE DINMONT TERRIER | KOOIKERHONDJE |
| BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG | DOGO ARGENTINO | KUVASZ |
| BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIER | DOGUE DE BORDEAUX | LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLI |
| BLOODHOUND | ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOG | LEONBERGER |
| BOLOGNESE | FRENCH BULLDOG | MASTIFF |
| BORZOI | GLEN OF IMAAL TERRIER | NEAPOLITAN |
| BULLDOG | GRAND BASSET GRIFFON | MASTIFF |
| BULLMASTIFF | VENDÉEN | NEWFOUNDLAND |
| CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI | GREAT DANE | NORWICH TERRIER |
| CAUCASIAN SHEPHERD DOG | GREAT PYRENEES | OTTERHOUND |
| CHINESE SHAR-PEI | GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN | PEKINGESE |
| CHOW CHOW | DOG | PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI |

PETIT BASSET GRIFFON
VENDÉEN
PORTUGUESE PODENGO
PUG
SAINT BERNARD

SCOTTISH TERRIER
SEALYHAM TERRIER
SHIH TZU
SKYE TERRIER
SUSSEX SPANIEL

SWEDISH VALLHUND
THAI RIDGEBACK
WEST HIGHLAND WHITE
TERRIER

Handlers of these breeds may choose to have the dog jump higher than listed in the table. The stewards, based on the jump height listed, will pre-set the jumps.

Three-Quarter Jump Height Table

Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 10"	4"
10" to less than 12½"	8"
12½" to less than 15"	10"
15" to less than 17½"	12"
17½" to less than 20"	14"
20" to less than 23"	16"
23" to less than 25½"	18"
25½" to less than 28"	20"
28" to less than 31"	22"
31" to less than 33½"	24"
33½" to less than 36"	26"
36" to less than 39"	28"

Retrieve Over High Jump, Scoring

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.

Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that touches the jump when going over it or for a dog that displays any hesitation or reluctance in jumping. All other penalties listed under the Retrieve on Flat apply.

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.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Send your dog," and "Finish."

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 will be marked.) The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and 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 toes about two (2) feet from the jump. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command **or** signal to jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler will make a 90-degree pivot, but will remain in the

same spot. The dog will clear the entire distance of the hurdles without touching them and, without further command or signal, immediately return to a sitting position in front of the handler, finishing as in the Novice Recall.

The broad jump will consist of four white telescoping hurdles set to cover a distance twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog. Use the following chart to determine number of evenly spaced boards to use.

8 inches - 1 board

16 to 24 inches - 2 boards

28 to 44 inches - 3 boards

48 to 72 inches - 4 boards

Broad Jump, Scoring

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.

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. All applicable penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall apply.

Stay – Get Your Leash

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required at the time.

The orders are: “Sit your dog,” “Down your dog,” “Leave your dog,” “Leave your dog to get your leash” and “Back to your dog.”

The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit or down without touching the dog or the dog’s collar. On further order to “Leave your dog,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to a place designated by the judge, turn, and face the dog. After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handler to leave the dog, the judge will give the order “Back to your dog.” The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the required position until after the judge has said “Exercise finished.”

Before starting the second part of this exercise the judge will ask “Are you ready?” On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/ or signal the dog to sit or down without touching either the dog or the dog’s collar. On further order to “Leave your dog to get your leash,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the gate entrance designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop at the gate entrance facing the dog, and wait for the judge’s order “Back to your dog.” The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the required position until after the judge has said “Exercise finished.” The judge will tell the handler “Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog.” The handler is required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Stay – Get Your Leash, Scoring

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 either part of the exercise, not remaining in the required position until the handler has returned to heel position, and repeatedly barking or whining. Scoring of the exercise for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to sit or down starts with the first order, "Sit (or Down) your dog." These will be penalized substantially and in extreme cases the dog may be released.

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 required position after the handler has returned to 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 leaving the ring.

GRAD-OPEN

This class is for dog and handler teams that have qualified in Open and are training for Utility.

Graduate Open Exercises and Scoring

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| 1. Signal Exercise | 40 points |
| 2. Scent Discrimination | 30 points |
| 3. Go Out | 30 points |
| 4. Directed Jumping | 40 points |
| 5. Moving Stand & Examination | 30 points |
| 6. Directed Retrieve | 30 points |

Maximum Total Score 200 points

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.

The orders are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash, except for the judge's order to "Stand your dog." This order will only be given when the dog and handler are walking at a normal pace and will be followed by the order to "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish.

Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free, except that handlers may use signals only and must not speak to their dogs at any time during this portion of the exercise. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." On further order to "Leave 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. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal to down, sit, come and finish as in the Novice Recall.

Signal Exercise, Scoring

A dog that fails to obey the handler's first command and/or signal to stand, stay, down, sit or come must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

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 an NQ. 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 Performance and Scoring

This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Scent Discrimination except that the handler will present four articles, consisting of 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.

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.

The orders are: "Send your dog" and "Back to your dog."

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. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. 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 ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely. On the judge's order the handler will return to the heel position by walking around and in back of their dog.

Go Out, Scoring

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.

Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that changes position after sitting or moves even a short distance after stopping.

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.

Depending on the extent, minor or substantial deductions will be made for slowness in going out.

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.

The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Bar" or "High," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at the unobstructed end and in the center of the ring. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay then walk forward to the

other end of the ring, turn to face the dog and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. The judge will order either “Bar” or “High” for the jump, and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the handler over that designated jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as it returns. The dog will sit in front of the handler, and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. The dog will be sent over only one jump.

Directed Jumping, Scoring

A dog will receive a nonqualifying (NQ) score if it is given an additional command and/or signal to stay, if it moves from the place it was left or anticipates the handler’s command and/or signal to jump; fails 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.

Depending on the extent, minor or substantial deductions will be made for touching the jump, or for any hesitation in jumping.

All applicable penalties of the Novice Recall exercise will apply.

Moving Stand and Examination Performance and Scoring

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 Performance and Scoring

This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Directed Retrieve except that a center glove is not used.

UTILITY

This class is for dog and handler teams that have qualified in Grad-Open.

Utility Exercises and Scores

1. Signal Exercise	40 points
2. Scent Discrimination Article # 1	30 points
3. Scent Discrimination Article # 2	30 points
4. Directed Retrieve	30 points
5. Moving Stand and Examination	30 points
6. Directed Jumping	40 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

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. Orders are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash, except for the judge’s order to “Stand your dog.” This order will only be given when the dog and handler are walking at a normal pace and will be followed by the 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.

Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free, except that handlers may use signals only and must not speak to their dogs at any time during this exercise. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." On further order to "Leave 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.

Signal Exercise, Scoring

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.

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. 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.

The orders are: "Take an article," "The taking of the article from the handler," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."

The articles will be provided by the handler and will consist of two (2) sets only. The handler will choose which 2 sets are to be used, metal, leather or wood. Each set of articles will be comprised of five identical objects, which may be items of everyday use. The size of the articles will be proportionate to the size of the dog. The metal set must be made entirely of rigid metal. The leather set must be made of leather. The wood set must be made of one or more solid pieces of wood. The articles may be unfinished, stained or dyed and must be designed so that only a minimum amount of fastening material is visible. The articles in each set will be legibly numbered with a different number and must be approved by the judge.

The handler will present all ten articles to the judge, who will make a written note of the numbers of the two articles they have selected. These articles will be placed on a table or chair within the ring until the handler picks each up separately when ordered by the judge. The judge or steward will handle each of the remaining eight 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 judge must make sure that the articles are visible to both dog and handler and that they are far enough apart so that there will be no confusion of scent among articles. Handlers may choose to watch the articles being placed or face away. After the articles have been placed the handler will face away from the articles with the dog sitting in heel position.

The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. 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. The handler may use

either article first, but must hand it to the judge immediately when ordered. The judge will make certain handlers scent each article with their hands only.

Once the handler has returned to heel position with the article, the handler may talk to but not pet their dog. As the handler is scenting the article the judge will ask, "What method will you be using to send your dog?" The handler should respond with either "After a sit" or "Send directly." At this time, the handler may inform the judge the procedure will be the same for both articles. If not informed, the judge will ask the question again for the next article.

The judge's taking of the article will be considered to be the second order. On the judge's order, the handler will place the article on the judge's book or worksheet. Without touching that article, the judge or steward will place it among the others. Once the judge takes the article from the handler, the handler is not permitted to talk to the dog.

On order from the judge to "Send your dog," the handler has the option as to how the dog is sent. The handler may give the command or signal to heel and will turn in place; either right or left, to face the articles. The handler will come to a halt with the dog sitting in the heel position. The handler will then give the command or signal to retrieve. Or the handler may do a right about-turn, simultaneously giving the command or signal to retrieve. In this case, the dog should not assume a sitting position but must go directly to the articles. Handlers may give their scent by extending the palm of one hand in front of the dog's nose or gently touching the dog's nose, but the arm and hand must be returned to a natural position before they turn and face the articles. The dog should go directly to the articles at a brisk trot or gallop. It may take any reasonable time to select the correct article but must work continuously. After picking up the correct article, the dog will complete the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat. This procedure will be followed for both articles. If a dog retrieves the wrong first article, that article and the correct one must be removed. They will be placed on the table or chair, and the next exercise will be done with one less article.

Scent Discrimination, Scoring

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 is 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.

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.

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. 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 completes the retrieve of the designated glove.

The orders are: "One," "Two," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish."

In this exercise the handler will provide three gloves that are predominately white. They must be open and must be approved by the judge. Handlers will stand with their backs to the unobstructed end of the ring midway between and in line with the jumps. The dog will be sitting in heel position. The judge or steward will drop the gloves across the end of the ring while the handler and dog are facing the opposite direction. 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.

The gloves will be designated "One," "Two," or "Three," reading from left to right when the handler is facing the gloves. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order.

When the judge designates the glove by number, the handler will turn in place to face the glove, halting with the dog sitting in heel position. The handler may not touch the dog or reposition it. The handler will give the dog the direction to the designated glove with a single motion of the left hand and arm along the right side of the dog. Either simultaneously with or immediately following giving the direction, the handler must give a verbal retrieve command. The dog must then go directly to the glove, completing the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat.

Handlers may bend their bodies and knees as far as necessary to give the direction to the dogs but must then stand up in a natural position with their arms and hands hanging naturally at their sides.

Directed Retrieve, Scoring

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.

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. 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.

The orders are: "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. 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." Without pausing, 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. The judge will approach the dog from the front to examine it. The exam will consist of the judge gently using both hands in a single smooth motion

beginning at the sides of the dog's neck, proceeding along the body and ending at the dog's croup. On the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the heel position. The dog should return to heel position in a brisk manner.

Moving Stand and Examination, Scoring

A nonqualifying (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.

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.

Depending on the extent of hesitation, minor or substantial deductions will be made for the handler who hesitates or pauses while giving the stand command and/or signal. 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.

The orders are: "Send your dog," "Bar," "High" and "Finish."

The jumps will be placed midway in the ring at right angles to the longest sides of the ring 18 to 20 feet apart. The judge must see that the jumps are set at the required height for each dog, as described in the Retrieve over High Jump.

The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring with the dog sitting in heel position, about 20 feet from the jumps and midway between them. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. 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. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely.

The judge will order either "Bar" or "High" for the first jump, and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the handler over the designated jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as it returns. The dog will sit in front of the handler and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. After the dog has returned to heel position, the judge will say, "Exercise finished." When the dog is set up for the second half of this exercise, the judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the order for the second part of the exercise. The same procedure will be followed for the second jump.

It is optional which jump the judge first indicates, but both jumps must be included. The judge must not designate the jump until the dog has reached the far end of the ring.

Directed Jumping, Scoring

A dog will receive a nonqualifying (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.

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.

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. All applicable penalties of the Novice Recall exercises will apply.