



Kennel Club Regulation Booklets

This is one of a series of booklets designed to present the Regulations in a more accessible form. The complete set of Rules & Regulations is of course still available within the Kennel Club Year Book.

There are booklets available for Breed Shows, Obedience Shows, Agility Shows and Flyball Competitions, Working Trials and Bloodhound Trials, Heelwork to Music and Field Trials.

KENNEL CLUB RALLY REGULATIONS

As at 1st October 2012

1. Welfare of Dogs

A person whose dog is entered at a competition held under these Regulations should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

2. Eligibility

- a. Dogs entered for these competitions must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
- b. Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 1 classes. Only dogs of 12 calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 2 or Level 3 classes or special classes which incorporate jumps or similar exercises.
- c. Competition hosts may accept entries not for competition at their discretion, and dogs of four calendar months and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to enter not for competition.
- d. If, in the opinion of the General Committee, a dog is of a savage disposition it shall be ineligible for entry for any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
- e. Persons disqualified or suspended under Kennel Club Rules are not permitted to take part in any event recognised by the Kennel Club.
- f. No activity shall be conducted which permits, encourages or develops aggression in a dog.

3. Classes at Rally Competitions

- a. A Rally competition shall comprise at least one standard competition class at Level 1, Level 2 and/or Level 3 which shall be divided into both Class A and Class B as set out in Annex A to these Regulations.
- b. A competition host may in addition stage one or more special classes not conforming to the standard class tests set out in Annex C. Such classes must contain the word 'Special' in the title of the class, and shall not count towards progression, titles or awards in standard competition classes.

4. Permission to hold Events

The General Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any competition held under these Regulations.

5. Guarantors

- a. The person making application to schedule a competition under these Regulations shall be the Guarantor for the event. In the case of a competition being held by a registered Society, the Guarantor will be nominated by the Society.
- b. The Guarantor shall be responsible for the event, its safety and its finances.
- c. All entry forms together with any other documents must be preserved by the Guarantor for at least twelve months and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if required.

6. Application to Host a Rally Competition

- a. The application to hold a competition must be submitted to the Secretary of the Kennel Club, 1-5 Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB, and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- b. A competition host's initial application to hold an event under these Regulations must be received at least six months before the proposed date of the competition. Subsequent applications should be received at least six weeks before the proposed date of the competition.
- c. The application must provide full details of the proposed competition and include a declaration that the event will meet the requirements of these Regulations, including the provision of suitable facilities and adequate numbers of stewards, and have in place satisfactory procedures and policies in respect of health and safety procedures for dogs, handlers and spectators. The Kennel Club may, at its discretion, require further financial and other relevant information from an organisation before approving it for the first time to host a Rally competition.
- d. Rally competitions may be run in conjunction with other dog sports events but may not be run in conjunction with other organisations' Rally events. Competition hosts must indicate on the application if the competition is being held in conjunction with another dog sports event and, if so, must describe the event.

7. Schedules

- a. A Schedule, incorporating an entry form, must be published for each competition, two copies of which must be sent to the Kennel Club on publication, at least one month before the date of the competition.
- b. Schedules and entry forms should follow the layout and content of the current Rally specimen schedule and entry form published by the Kennel Club.

8. Entry for Competition

- a. A dog must at the time of entry for a Rally competition be registered as required by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given on the entry form. Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required. A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a competition may be validly entered by the new owner provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the Kennel Club before the competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).
- b. A separate application for entry must be made by each owner and acceptance of the entry declaration must be given in accordance with the provisions specified thereon - whether in writing or via the internet. Entries cannot be accepted without the appropriate fees or acceptance of the entry declaration.

9. Acceptance of Entries

- a. When determining how many dogs can be efficiently judged, competition hosts should allow 4 minutes per dog plus an allowance for walk-through, any run-offs and class awards.
- b. Entries must close at the time indicated in the Schedule, which must be no later than fourteen days before the first day of the competition.
- c. Entries received by post bearing the postmark of the date for closing of entries or before must be accepted subject to any proviso included in the Schedule.
- d. Entries from competitors claiming that missing entries have been correctly posted must be accepted on the day of the competition. Such claims will have to be substantiated to the Kennel Club which will request documentary evidence, subsequent to the competition.
- e. The competition organiser should promptly notify senders if entries are received with missing or incomplete information or insufficient fees. Entry forms with missing or incomplete information or insufficient entry fees do not constitute valid entries.
- f. The competition host must send out confirmations by post or email for all accepted entries, either immediately following processing or after the closing date. If confirmations do not include running order/ team number(s), walk-through times, ring plans and all other pertinent information, this information must be sent separately to all competitors with accepted entries no later than seven days before the first day of the competition.

- g. The competition host has the discretion to refuse moves from one level to another after entries close. However, moves from the A class to B class must be allowed, even on the day of the competition.
- h. Competition hosts will not delay judging to accommodate late-arriving competitors, and are not required to refund any entry fees for competitors unable to compete with their dogs under these circumstances, whether or not the competitor was responsible for the late arrival.

10. Animals Allowed in Competition.

No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of a competition during its continuance, except any dog registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the General Committee. However, at the discretion of the host organisation, a dog brought to the competition by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the competition, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

11. Free Passes

The organiser of a competition shall provide all competitors with a free pass enabling them to enter the competition at any time of the day on which their competition is scheduled, but in the case of a dog owned in a partnership only one such free pass need be issued. Additional free passes may be issued at the competition organiser's discretion.

12. Documentation

At every competition the following documents must be available:-

- a. The written authority from the Kennel Club to hold the competition which must be clearly displayed.
- b. A current Public Liability Insurance Document, which must be clearly displayed.
- c. A copy of the up to date Rally Regulations.
- d. A copy of the competition Schedule.
- e. The completed entry forms for the competition.
- f. A Kennel Club incident book.

13. Facilities and Equipment

It is the competition organiser's responsibility to provide the following:

- a. Rally exercise signs, station numbers and appropriate holders.
- b. A ring space that is equal to or exceeds the minimum size requirement of 15 X 25 metres. Rings must be enclosed with ring ropes, barriers, fencing or netting and have a suitable, level surface. Hosts may apply to the Kennel Club for permission to use rings with different dimensions where the nature of the venue makes it necessary or desirable.

- c. A large flip chart and easel, blackboard or equivalent for posting order and score information.
- d. Rosettes & Awards
- e. Armbands, ring numbers or adhesive labels for dog and handler identification
- f. Stop watches, clipboards, score sheets, exercise modification forms, other forms and stationery as required.
- g. Jumps for Levels 2 and 3, cones or pylons for obstacle exercises, markers for Serpentine, Figure of Eight and Spirals to be spaced 1.5 meters apart (measured centre to centre). Base of markers not to exceed 200mm diameter.
- h. Sufficient suitable space for handlers to exercise their dogs.
- i. Suitable and adequate clean up materials and dog waste bins.
- j. Adequate toilet facilities.
- k. A source of fresh water
- l. Adequate car parking arrangements.

14. Veterinary Support

The competition host is required to arrange veterinary support compatible with the arrangements for the event and the anticipated entry.

15. Awards

- a. The host organisation shall provide place rosettes to handlers who are placed first to sixth in the A classes. Placement rosettes are not required in the B classes.
- b. The host organisation shall also provide certificates and/or qualifying rosettes to all handlers who receive a qualifying score in the A or B classes.
- c. Other rosettes and special awards may be offered at the discretion of the competition host.

16. Judging

- a. Judges are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published from time to time.
- b. Before judging a Level 1 or Level 2 class at a Rally competition a judge must have:
 - (1) handled a dog and achieved the Level Title for the Level which he or she is judging, or
 - (2) been approved as a Rally judge by the Association of Pet Dog Trainers UK (APDT UK).
- c. In addition the judge must have acted as a scribe steward for a complete standard Rally class on at least one occasion.
- d. A judge may not judge more than 50 dogs per day, but a judge may stipulate a lower number when accepting an invitation and this stipulation, if agreed, shall form a part of the judging contract.

- e. Judges at a Rally competition may enter a class they are not judging, provided it does not conflict with their judging assignment. However, host organisations will not interrupt or delay any class to accommodate judges.

17. Judging Contracts

- a. Invitations to judge at a Rally competition must be made by host organisations in writing and must include a declaration to be signed by the judge, stating that they are qualified to judge. Host organisations must ensure that written acceptances are received and these must be followed by written confirmation of the appointment by the organisation, upon which a judging contract will be deemed to have been formed.
- b. Host organisations are required to include the following wording in judges' invitation letters:

"In accepting this invitation you agree to be bound by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for Judges. In doing so you also recognise that you are obliged to notify us in writing of any change in personal circumstances which will affect your ability to fulfil this judging appointment. You should note that we reserve the right to cancel the contract before the date of the appointment if there is a change in your circumstances which, in our reasonable opinion, would adversely affect your ability to fulfil the appointment."
- c. All judging contracts are subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Kennel Club in the event of the judge being subject to relevant disciplinary action.
- d. In the event of a judge failing to honour an engagement to judge, the General Committee will require reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the General Committee may impose a fine. Similarly, in the event of a society not honouring a judging contract, the society may be required by the General Committee to give reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the General Committee may impose a fine upon the host organisation.
- e. In the event of such fines not being paid within the time stipulated by the General Committee, the judge or Guarantors of the competition, as applicable, may at the discretion of the General Committee be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A42 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the General Committee.

18. Competing.

- a. After a dog has commenced competing in a class, no substitution of handler is permitted in that class.
- b. For the duration of the competition all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
- c. No dog shall be allowed in the judging ring other than those entered and competing in the class being judged.

- d. Any dog which is not presented for competition when its running order is due will be withdrawn from the class.
- e. Food shall not be carried or given to a dog under test.
- f. The use of a toy as an incentive in the ring between or during exercises is prohibited
- g. Dogs must compete in a flat buckle or snap collar. Collars may have tags on them. Decorations and/or costumes are not allowed.

19. Control of Dogs

- a. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time whilst at the competition venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches.
- b. The owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at Kennel Club events must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches. This Regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event).
- c. No person attending a competition may allow a bitch in season to be on the competition ground or to foul any ground used by dogs under test.

20. Removal of Dogs

Where required by the competition secretary or competition manager, or by a judge with the agreement of the competition management, a dog shall cease competing and be immediately removed from the competition if it is:

- a. a bitch which is in season; or
- b. suffering from any infectious or contagious disease; or
- c. interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent; or
- d. of such temperament or so much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety or well-being of any person or other animal; or
- e. likely to suffer if it continues competing.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club.

21. Objections.

- a. An objection to a breach of Kennel Club Regulation(s) may be made direct to the secretary of the competition before the end of the competition. As an alternative, an objection may be lodged directly with the Kennel Club within seven days after the last day of the competition and under these circumstances a copy of the objection must be sent to the competition secretary.
- b. When an objection is lodged the following information must be given:
 - (1) A statement detailing the objection, quoting the relevant regulation(s).
 - (2) The objection fee of £35, or such amount as may from time to time be decided by the General Committee.
 - (3) The name and address of the objector.

- (4) The name and address of the owner of the dog (if relevant).
 - (5) All relevant evidence.
- c. The objection fee may be returned after consideration of the objection.
- d. With the exception of objections made under Regulation 20 (Removal of Dogs) the dog should be allowed to compete and a full report made to the Kennel Club.
- e. The right to lodge an objection to a dog or any action taken at a competition is limited to anyone in attendance at the competition not under a term of suspension imposed by the Kennel Club, or the owner of a dog competing or his accredited representative.
- f. No objection shall be invalidated solely on the grounds that it was incorrectly lodged.
- g. Objections or alleged breaches of Kennel Club Regulations shall be referred to the General Committee who shall have the power to delegate the hearing of the objection or breach of regulation to the relevant sub-committee or may decide to refer the matter for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rule A42.
- h. Any appeal against the relevant sub-committee decision must be lodged within fourteen days of the decision being given and will be subject to the prescribed appeals procedure

22. Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct at the Competition.

- a. The competition host must immediately report in writing to the Secretary of the Kennel Club any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, or any default, omission or incident at or in connection with the event which may come to his notice, even where the parties concerned have indicated that they intend taking no action, and at the same time forward to the Secretary of the Kennel Club all documents and information in connection therewith which may be in his possession or power. If evidence is placed before the General Committee to its satisfaction that undue influence has been exercised by any person(s), or that any improper means have been used to influence the appointment of a Judge or interfere with the participation of a dog at any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, the General Committee may require all correspondence and evidence in connection with the case to be produced in order that it may deal with the offender(s) under Kennel Club Rule A42.
- b. Those taking part in a competition held under these Regulations shall not openly impugn the decision of the appointed Judge(s) or Assessor(s) or openly criticise the event officials or helpers.

23. Regulations

Competitors and officials at approved competitions shall be subject to Kennel Club Rule A42.

24. Levels, classes and eligibility

The detailed Regulations for eligibility for and progression through the Levels and Classes are set out in Annex A which forms a part of these Regulations.

25. Performance and Scoring

The detailed Regulations and guidelines for successful performance and the scoring of handler/dog teams, and for the conduct and management of Rally competitions, are set out in Annex B which forms part of these Regulations.

26. Description of Exercises and Signs

The detailed Regulations relating to descriptions of the exercises and the signs to be used in a Rally competition are set out in Annex C which forms part of these Regulations.

LEVELS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Levels

Rally handler/dog teams compete at one of three levels.

Classes at each level are divided into Class A and Class B. Class A is for dogs which are working towards achieving the Level Title. Class B is for dogs that have achieved the Level Title, whose handlers wish to continue competing at that level for practice or to gain qualifying scores in order to earn the Excellent title at that Level.

Progression to the next Level does not require either wins or places. Qualification is by achieving a score of at least 170 out of 200 on three occasions under at least two different judges.

2. Eligibility

In the following definitions, 'Level 1 Title', 'Level 2 Title' and 'Level 3 Title' mean the Titles as defined in paragraph 3 below.

Level 1 – Class A

- Open to dogs which have not achieved three qualifying scores of 170 or better in standard Level 1 Class A under two or more different judges.

Level 1 – Class B

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 1 Title, except those that have achieved a Level 2 Title.

Level 2 – Class A

- Open to dogs which have achieved a Level 1 Title but have not achieved three qualifying scores of 170 or better in standard Level 2 Class A under two or more different judges.

Level 2 – Class B

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 2 Title, and have achieved 10 scores of 170 or higher in class 1B. Dogs which have achieved a Level 3 Title are not eligible for this class.

Level 3 – Class A

- Open to dogs which have achieved a Level 2 Title but have not achieved three qualifying scores of 170 or better in standard Level 3 Class A under two or more different judges.

Level 3 – Class B

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 3 Title and have achieved 10 scores of 170 or higher in class 2B.

3. Titles

(Only the highest Level title achieved should be used after the dog's name).

Level 1 Title

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under two different judges in Class A at Level 1. The Level 1 title is designated as RL1 and appears after the dog's name.

Level 2 Title

(Dogs must earn a Level 1 title before entering Level 2)

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under two different judges in Class A at Level 2. The Level 2 title is designated as RL2 and appears after the dog's name.

Level 3 Title

(Dogs must earn a Level 2 title before entering Level 3)

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under two different judges in Class A at Level 3. The Level 3 title is designated as RL3 and appears after the dog's name.

4. 'Excellent' Titles

(Where an Excellent title is used after the dog's name, a Level title for the same Level should not also be used).

Class A Excellent titles

A dog which has qualified in Class A at any level with three qualifying scores each of 190 or over is entitled to the description 'Rally Class A Excellent' with the designations shown below which appear after the dog's name (only the highest designation achieved should be used):

Level 1 Class A – RL1-A.Ex

Level 2 Class A – RL2-A.Ex

Level 3 Class A – RL3-A.Ex

Class B Excellent titles

A dog which has qualified on ten occasions with a qualifying score of 190 or higher achieved in Class B of the relevant Level is entitled to the description 'Rally Class B Excellent' with the designations shown below (only the highest designation achieved should be used):

Level 1 Class B - RL1X

Level 2 Class B - RL2X

Level 3 Class B - RL3X

Dog/handler teams may continue to compete in Class B after the first ten qualifying scores have been earned. For each set of ten qualifying scores earned after the initial ten qualifying scores, the designation will be changed to RL1X2, RL1X3, RL1X4, etc. for Level 1, RL2X2, RL2X3, RL2X4 for Level 2 and RL3X2, RL3X3, RL3X4, etc for Level 3.

PERFORMANCE AND SCORING GUIDELINES AND COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

1. PERFORMANCE

a. Heel Position

The dog is considered in heel position when both dog and handler are facing the same direction and the dog is working in a consistent position within arm's length of the handler. The dog must work on the left side of the handler, unless the handler suffers from a physical disability and has the Judge's permission to work on the right hand side.

b. Rewards

Touch rewards are allowed when the dog/handler team has completed a stationary exercise and before the dog/handler team has begun to heel forward towards the next exercise. An exercise is considered complete when the last element of an exercise has been performed and the dog/handler team has not begun to move forward. Rewards may be given at the completion of any stationary exercises that share a sign. The exercise descriptions in Annex C note if an exercise is considered stationary.

The use of food or toys is not permitted in the ring and handlers making use of them will receive a non-qualifying score.

c. Luring

Luring is the appearance of having a reward in hand. An example of this is holding the thumb and first two fingers together as if holding a treat. No treat need be present. Handlers who appear to be luring and/or lure their dog will receive a non-qualifying score.

d. Commands/Cues

Commands may be spoken or signalled. If both are used and given simultaneously they are considered a single command. Any additional act, signal or command which in the opinion of the Judge has given the dog unfair assistance shall be penalised. Handlers are encouraged to communicate with their dogs throughout the course. Praise and encouragement are not considered commands.

e. Bonus Exercise

The Bonus Exercise is optional and is performed after the dog/handler team crosses the finish line. Dog/handler teams may earn up to ten additional points for the bonus performance. There is one bonus exercise on each course. The bonus is scored the same as other exercises.

2. RING MANAGEMENT

a. Sign Placement

Signs must be placed so that they are on the handler's right with the following exceptions:

- (1) Turns and 180 degree pivots may be placed directly in the handler's path.
- (2) Straight figure 8, Offset Figure 8, Spiral Left, Serpentine and Send Over Jump signs are placed so that they are on the handler's left.
- (3) When halts and pivots are combined, it may be necessary to place a sign so that it is on the handler's left. Judges shall make handlers aware of this during the judge's briefing.
- (4) In some circumstances due to space constraints or safety issues a sign may be placed in a position other than the handler's right. The judge shall make handlers aware of this during their briefing.

b. Multiple Sign Stations

Multiple sign stations are designed to share a stationary element (e.g. Halt Sit and Halt Sit Down). The dog/handler team may choose to perform the shared element (Sit) once or may move forward after completing the first sign to perform the second sign separately.

c. Walk-throughs

Handlers are provided with a 30 minute period during which to walk the course (without dogs) and ask the judge questions. A further walk-through will be given at lunch break for later arrivals. Disabled handlers may have a helper assist them at the discretion of the judge.

d. Course Time

Rally Level 1 courses shall have a maximum course time of 4 minutes and Level 2 and Level 3 courses shall have a maximum time of 5 minutes. The Bonus Exercise, if undertaken, is not included in course time.

e. Start

The Judge will indicate to the dog/handler team that they may begin. Timing will begin when the dog/handler team crosses the Start Line. The dog does not have to be sitting in heel position to begin the course. Dog/handler teams should cross the start line at their normal heeling pace.

f. Finish

Timing concludes as the dog/handler team crosses the Finish Line. If the dog/handler team has not chosen to perform the Bonus Exercise, judging concludes as the dog/handler team crosses the Finish Line. If the dog/handler team has chosen to perform the Bonus Exercise, judging will conclude after the dog/handler team completes the exercise.

g. Bonus Exercise

The Bonus Exercise is an optional exercise. Handlers are not required to perform the Bonus Exercise, but must advise the judge at the Start Line if they wish to do so. Each level has several bonus exercises. The Judge will choose the Bonus Exercise to be offered. Judges may only use one Bonus Exercise on a course, which must be clearly identified on the course map.

3. SCORING GUIDELINES

Each dog/handler team enters the ring with a perfect score of 200 points. Deductions are scored based on the exercise requirements and the scoring guidelines. Deductions are made in one-point increments from a minimum of one point up to a maximum ten point deduction in relation to any one fault. The judge indicates point deductions on the score sheet as faults occur on the course. He or she may be assisted by a scribe steward in recording the deductions.

- a. The minimum deduction is one point.
- b. Dogs which are unmanageable and/or bark excessively will receive deductions based on the severity of the behaviour. The judge may require the removal of a dog from the ring for unmanageable or disruptive behaviour. In severe cases the dog may be required to be removed from the event as set out in Regulation 20 (Removal of Dogs).
- c. If the handler uses physical or harsh verbal corrections, the judge shall note "NQ - P/VC" on the score sheet for that dog/handler team. The judge may, at his or her discretion dependant on the severity of the correction, require the dog and handler to leave the ring immediately. Any handler who has been required to leave the ring due to physical or harsh verbal corrections shall be reported to the competition secretary or competition manager and should be noted in the competition's Incident Book, which must be submitted to the Kennel Club.
- d. If a dog leaves the Rally ring the judge shall score that dog/handler team's performance as NQ - LR, and make a notation of such on the score sheet.
- e. If a dog/handler team goes off course (performs one or more exercises out of order) the team shall receive a non-qualifying score and the judge shall make a notation of NQ - OC on the score sheet.
- f. Touch rewards are allowed when the dog/handler team has completed a stationary exercise. An exercise is considered complete when the team has performed all the features of the exercise.
- g. Any petting or touching rewards that significantly interrupt the flow of the performance of the test shall be scored with a deduction of 1 point or more. "Significantly interrupts" shall be defined as impeding the natural forward flow of movement of the dog/handler team.

- h. Tied scores for place awards** - In the event that two or more dog/handler teams score an equal number of points which are sufficient to qualify one or more of them for a sixth place or higher award, the team(s) with the fastest recorded time(s) shall be placed above those with slower times. In the event that one or more such dog/handler teams have equal scores and equal times, they shall be invited to participate in a run-off using the Bonus Exercise.

4. SCORING (deductions for Level 1 & Level 2)

a) 1 point deduction

- (1) Tight lead, each occurrence
- (2) Slightly out of position – includes performing an exercise with the sign on the wrong side. Apart from exercises defined under ‘Ring Management – Sign Placement’ above, exercises should be performed with the sign on the handler’s right hand side
- (3) Additional cues (given to prompt the dog to perform the exercise) on static exercises
- (4) Dropped lead

b) 2 points deduction

- (1) Moderately out of position sits/downs/fronts/stands/walking eg whilst heeling – persistent lack of attention, dog facing the wrong way, handler unable to touch the dog’s head
- (2) Failure of dog to move with handler
- (3) Overly large circles/270’s/about turns/weaves/spirals, etc.
- (4) Lack of attention/motivation
- (5) Excessive barking (during the course), jumping up, failure of the dog to move with handler as specified in exercise description
- (6) Movement out of position during stand

c) 3 points deduction

- (1) Failure to change pace or maintain pace change
- (2) Dog sitting on or not completing turns
- (3) Significantly out of position sits, downs, stands, walking, presents, finishes, etc.
- (4) Harsh cues/signals
- (5) Wide/curved/inaccurate/loose left/right turns

d) 5 points deduction

- (1) Handler is in front of jump/uprights when sending dog over – Level 2
- (2) Failure to sit, down, stand, wait, come, finish
- (3) Failure of handler to pivot
- (4) Exercise not completed
- (5) Exercise in wrong direction
- (6) Incorrect finish
- (7) Knocking over a cone or exercise sign

- (8) Performing an obstacle exercise backwards or in the wrong direction

e. Non-Qualifying

- (1) Touching the dog to prompt an exercise
- (2) Dog and handler pass on opposite sides of a cone
- (3) Nipping, mouthing
- (4) Deductions totalling ten or more points on any exercise
- (5) Exceeding course time (unless an exercise modification for time has been approved)
- (6) Dog leaves the ring
- (7) Petting/touching rewards given on the move or before exercise is completed
- (8) Consistently tight lead
- (9) Handler performs exercises out of sequence (off course)
- (10) Handler misses or does not attempt an exercise
- (11) Dogs which eliminate or become ill in the ring will be excused from the ring and receive a non-qualifying score
- (12) Physical/harsh verbal correction
- (13) Consistently appearing to lure with food or toy, even if none is present.

- f.** In Level 1 only, when an exercise requires more than one sign to complete, each exercise sign should be listed on the judge's score sheet. Each sign should be scored separately. In Levels 2 and 3 where an exercise requires 2 signs, this is scored as 1 exercise on the judges score sheet.

- g.** The Bonus Exercise has a total point value of ten points. If no deductions are taken, ten points are added to the dog/handler team's score. If errors are made in the performance deductions are taken off the total exercise value of ten and the final number for the exercise is added onto the score. If the handler chooses not to perform this exercise, this exercise has no impact on the dog/handler team's score. A score of zero on this exercise does not impact the dog/handler team's final score. However, if during the Bonus Exercise, the dog leaves the ring, eliminates in the ring, becomes ill, attacks/attempts to attack the judge or other situations occur that would require the judge to excuse the dog and score the run as an NQ, the dog/handler team will receive a non-qualifying score on their performance. This exercise is performed after the dog/handler team crosses the finish line and the timer has stopped timing. (See Annex B.2.f.)

EXERCISES AND SIGNS

LEVEL 1

Level 1 is performed on-lead with the exception of Bonus Exercises 1 and 3. The handler may remove the lead for these exercises or may have the dog drag the lead. A Level 1 course consists of 10 - 15 exercise signs, exclusive of the Start and Finish exercise signs and the Bonus Exercise sign(s). Most of the static exercises are executed within approximately 60 to 120 centimetres of the sign.

The Level 1 exercises are as follows.



START



1. **HALT-SIT.** The handler halts, and the dog sits in heel position. This can be an automatic sit, or the handler may cue the dog to sit. When completed, handler cues dog forward and proceeds to the next exercise station.



2. **HALT-SIT-STAND.** While heeling, the dog/handler team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler then cues the dog to stand.



3. **HALT-SIT-DOWN.** While heeling, the handler comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler then cues the dog to lie down. When the dog is down, the handler resumes a proper heel position, then cues the dog to heel forward from the down.



4. **HALT-SIT-DOWN-SIT.** The first part of this exercise is performed as described in Exercise 3. When the dog is lying down, the handler cues the dog to rise into a sit position. When the dog is sitting, the handler cues the dog to heel and moves toward the next exercise station.



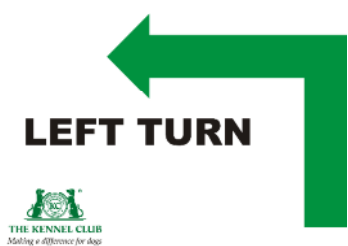
5. **HALT-SIT-WALK AROUND.** While heeling, the dog/handler team comes to a halt with the dog sitting in the heel position. The handler gives the dog a stay or wait cue and walks forward, around the dog counter clockwise, and back to heel position. Handler then cues the dog to heel and moves toward the next exercise station.



6. **HALT-SIT-DOWN-WALK AROUND.** While heeling, the dog/handler team halts and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to lie down, gives a wait or stay cue, then walks forward, around the dog counter clockwise, and back to heel position. The handler then cues the dog to heel from the down position and moves toward the next exercise station.



7. **RIGHT TURN.** This is an accurate 90-degree right turn.



8. **LEFT TURN.** This is an accurate 90-degree left turn.



9. **ABOUT TURN-RIGHT.** This is a 180-degree accurate turn to the handler's right.



ABOUT "U" LEFT



10. **ABOUT "U" TURN.** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 180-degree about turn to the handler's left. When dog and handler are facing the opposite direction, they move forward with the dog in heel position.



270°

RIGHT



11. **270-DEGREE RIGHT (Turn).** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 270-degree turn that begins to the handler's right. However, the final direction taken toward the next exercise station is to the left of the dog/handler team's original position.



270°

LEFT

12. **270-DEGREE LEFT (Turn).** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 270-degree turn that begins to the handler's left. However, the final direction taken toward the next exercise station is to the right of the dog/handler team's original position.



360°
RIGHT



13. **360-DEGREE RIGHT (Turn).** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 360-degree turn (a complete circle) that begins to the handler's right. The final direction is the same as that of the dog/handler team before starting the exercise.



360°
LEFT



14. **360-DEGREE LEFT (Turn).** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 360-degree turn (a complete circle) that begins to the handler's left. The final direction is the same as that of the dog/handler team before starting the exercise.



CALL FRONT
FORWARD RIGHT



15. **CALL FRONT-FORWARD RIGHT.** While heeling the handler stops his/her forward motion and calls the dog to the front position. The dog continues to move during this portion of the exercise – he/she does not sit and then go to the front position. The handler may step backward as the dog turns and moves in to sit in front of and facing the handler. The backward movement of the handler must be no more than four steps taken straight back. The handler is not to move to the side to position him/herself in front of the dog; the dog must move to sit directly in front of the handler. For the second part of the exercise, the handler cues the dog to move from the front position to the handler's right, around behind the handler and into heel position as the handler continues forward.

The dog does not sit in heel position.

Guidance for exercises 11 –14

The handler should make a turn within an approx. diameter of 45cm./18inches. The dog should maintain a consistent position, depending on size & breed.



- 16. CALL FRONT-FORWARD LEFT.** The Call Dog Front part of this exercise is performed as in Exercise 15. For the second part, the handler cues the dog to move from the front position to the handler's left, moving into heel position as the handler continues forward. The dog does not sit and the handler moves forward as the dog comes into heel position.



- 17. CALL FRONT-FINISH RIGHT.** The Call Dog Front portion of this exercise is performed as in Exercise 15. For the second part, the handler cues the dog to Finish by moving from the front position to the handler's right, around behind the handler and finally sitting in heel position. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward towards the next exercise station.



- 18. CALL FRONT-FINISH LEFT.** The Call Dog Front portion of this exercise is performed as in Exercise 15. For the second part, the handler cues the dog to Finish, moving from the front position to the handler's left, and sitting in heel position. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward towards the next exercise station.



- 19. SLOW PACE.** The dog/handler team decreases its pace so that there is a noticeable difference from the dog/handler team's normal pace.



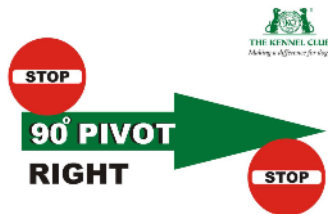
- 20. FAST PACE.** The dog/handler team increases its pace so that there is a noticeable difference from the dog/handler team's normal pace. The pace should be fast enough that the dog at least breaks into a trot.



- 21. NORMAL PACE.** The dog/handler team moves forward at a normal pace that is comfortable for dog and handler.



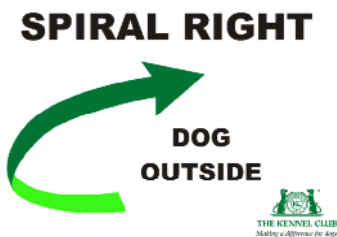
22. **MOVING SIDE STEP RIGHT.** While heeling past the sign, the handler takes one diagonal step with his/her right foot, forward and to the right with the exercise sign on the right. The handler then steps with the left foot, also forward and to the right, along the newly established line. The exercise is performed AFTER the sign.



23. **HALT- 90 DEGREE PIVOT RIGHT-HALT.** With the dog sitting in the heel position, the handler pivots 90 degrees in place to his/her right and halts. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit in the heel position when the handler halts. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward toward the next exercise station.



24. **HALT-90 DEGREE PIVOT LEFT-HALT.** With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler pivots 90 degrees in place to his/her left and halts. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit in the heel position when the handler halts. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward toward the next exercise station.



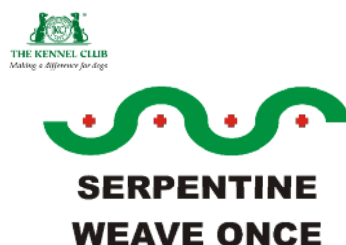
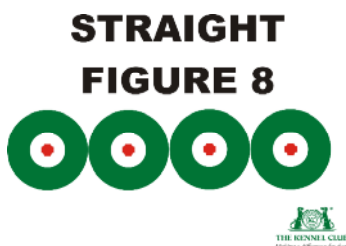
25. **SPIRAL RIGHT-DOG OUTSIDE.** Three cones (pylons) are placed in a straight line approximately 1.5 metres apart. The "Right" direction indicates that the handler turns to his/her right when moving around each of the cones (clockwise). This places the dog on the outside of the turns. The exercise sign is placed next to the first cone facing the direction of the dog/handler team's approach. Dog and handler pass the first cone and proceed to and around the third one, then loop the first cone, proceed to and around the second, then loop the first cone one last time before making an exit to the right.



26. **SPIRAL LEFT-DOG INSIDE.** Performed as in Exercise 25, except that the turns of the spiral are to the handler's left (anticlockwise) and the dog is on the inside of the turns. Exit is made to the left, towards the next station.



27. **HALT- 1, 2, 3 STEPS FORWARD.** The dog/handler team halts at the exercise sign. With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler cues the dog to move and takes one step forward, then halts. This is followed by two steps and a halt, then three steps and a halt. The dog moves with the handler and sits each time the handler halts.



LEAVE DOG



CALL TO HEEL

28. **HALT –TURN RIGHT-1 STEP-HALT.** Cue the dog to sit at heel, the dog moves with the handler as they turn to the right and take one full step and halt, the dog resumes the sitting position at heel.

29. **STRAIGHT FIGURE 8.** Four cones (pylons) are placed in a straight line approximately 1.5 metres apart. The exercise sign is placed near the first cone in the line. Entry into the weaving pattern is between the first and second cone with the first cone on the dog/handler team's left. Dog and handler weave through the cones, loop the end cone and weave back to the beginning of the pattern. Exit direction from the pattern is dependent on the placement of the next exercise station.

30. **SERPENTINE** This exercise uses four cones, approximately 1.5 metres apart in a straight line. The dog/handler team enters with the first cone on their left, weaves through the cones and exits at the last cone. The dog/handler team does not weave back down through the cones

Finish

Bonus Exercise 1

BONUS EXERCISE: HALT, LEAVE DOG, CALL TO HEEL. This exercise requires two signs.

At the first sign, the handler will halt and the dog must sit. Once the dog is sitting, the handler will drop the lead or may take it off and proceed to B2, Call to Heel. The handler will stop at this sign. The handler will not turn to face the dog but instead, with his/her back to the dog, will call the dog to move to heel position. The handler may turn his/her head slightly while cueing the dog to heel. The dog must come promptly and sit at heel position. The handler may cue the dog to sit at heel. Once sitting, the handler will pick up/put on the lead and the exercise is considered complete.



Bonus Exercise 2

CALL DOG FRONT-SIDE STEP RIGHT OR LEFT

While moving, handler calls dog to front and may take several steps back as dog comes and sits in front position. Once the dog is sitting in front position, the handler takes 1 full step to either the right or left. The dog must move sideways with the handler and after moving, must sit in front position. Once the dog has moved sideways and is sitting in front, the exercise is complete.



Bonus Exercise 3

HALT LEAVE DOG RECALL-TURN AND CALL-FINISH R/L

This exercise requires two signs.

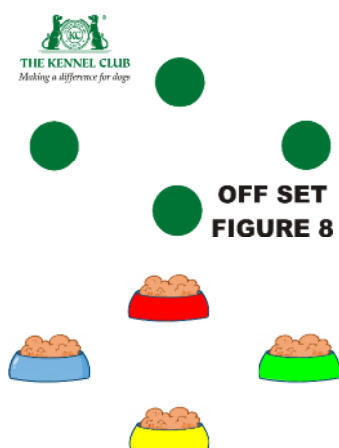
At the first sign the dog/handler team halts and the handler leaves the dog. The handler may take the lead off or the dog may drag the lead. The handler walks to the Turn- Call- Finish R/L sign and turns and calls the dog to front position. The dog must come and sit at front. The handler must cue the dog to finish – right or left, at handler's discretion. The Turn-Call-Finish R/L sign is placed approximately 3 metres from the Halt Leave Dog Recall Sign.

Level 2

Level 2 is performed off-lead. A Level 2 course consists of 15-17 exercise signs, exclusive of the Start and Finish exercise signs and Bonus Exercise signs



START



- 31. OFF-SET FIGURE 8.** This exercise requires four bowls with tempting dog treats. A screen wire cover is placed over the bowls to prevent a dog who breaks heel position from being rewarded by eating the treats. The four bowls are arranged in a flattened diamond pattern – the two “end” bowls are 3 metres apart; the two “side” bowls are 1.5 metres apart. The dog/handler team enters the Figure 8 with the exercise sign to their left according to the position of previous station and turns either to the left or the right. Form a figure of eight around the red & yellow markers. Exit according to position of next station i.e. passing between red & blue; blue & yellow; yellow & green or green & red. There are no halts in this exercise. The handler may cue the dog to leave the bowls alone. **Red, Yellow, Blue & Green for identification ONLY**



- 32. HALT LEAVE DOG-TURN CALL TO FRONT (ANGLED) FINISH R/L** This exercise requires two signs - #32 & 33. At the Halt Leave Dog sign the dog/handler team halts and the handler leaves the dog. The handler walks to the Turn Call to Front (angled) sign



- 33.** At this sign the handler turns and calls the dog to front position. The dog must come and sit at front. This sign is placed a minimum 3 metres away from the Halt Leave Dog sign and is set approx. 1.8 metres to either the right or left of the Halt Leave Dog sign so that the dog is coming from an angle. The dog must come in at an angle and sit in front position. The handler then cues the dog to Finish either Right or Left



34. HALT-LEAVE DOG-RECALL. Two exercise signs are needed for this exercise. The first sign directs the handler to halt and have the dog sit at heel. The handler cues the dog to stay, and then leaves the dog from heel position without instruction from the judge. Handler proceeds to the Turn and Call Front sign.



35. TURN & CALL (DOG) FRONT. As the handler approaches this sign, he/she turns to face the dog, leaving ample room behind for the dog to complete a finish. Without further instruction from the judge, handler calls the dog to the front position. Dog must sit close enough to the handler to be touched on the head or the collar. This exercise is completed with the dog sitting in the front position, thus must be followed by either Exercise 36: Finish Right, or 37: Finish Left.



36. FINISH RIGHT. With the dog sitting in front of the handler, handler cues the dog to finish to the right. The dog moves to the handler's right, continues around the handler and sits in the heel position.



37. FINISH LEFT. With the dog sitting in the front position, handler cues the dog to finish to the left. The dog moves to the handler's left, turns toward the handler and moves into a sit in the heel position. The "flip" finish, where the dog leaps up and to the left of the handler, turns in the air and lands in a sit in heel position, is also acceptable.



38. HALT-180 DEGREE PIVOT RIGHT-HALT. The dog/handler team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to heel and pivots 180 degrees in place to his/her right. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit in heel position at the second halt.



39. HALT-180-DEGREE PIVOT LEFT-HALT. The dog/handler team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to heel and pivots 180 degrees to his/her left. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit position at the second halt.



40. HALT-FROM SIT-ABOUT TURN RIGHT & FORWARD. This exercise is performed as in Exercise 38, except that there is no halt following the turn. The handler cues the dog to heel, turns 180 degrees to his/her right, and immediately moves forward with the dog in heel position.



41. HALT-FROM SIT-ABOUT “U” TURN & FORWARD. This exercise is performed as in Exercise 39 except that there is no halt following the turn. The handler cues the dog to move, turns 180 degrees to his/her left, and immediately moves forward with the dog in heel position.

42. CALL (DOG) FRONT-1, 2, 3 STEPS BACKWARD. After calling the dog to front as described in Exercise 15, the handler takes one step backward and halts. This is followed by two steps and a halt, then three steps and a halt. The dog moves toward the handler and resumes a sit in the front position each time the handler halts. Because this exercise concludes with the dog sitting in front of the handler, it must be followed by Exercise 36 (Finish Right) or 37 (Finish Left)

43. SEND OVER JUMPS-Handler Runs By. The jump may be either a solid or bar jump – the broad jump shall not be used. This exercise begins approximately 3 metres in front of and 1.8 metres to the right of the jump. The handler cues the dog to jump, then runs along a line 1.8 metres to the right of the jump. When the dog has completed the jump, the handler calls the dog to heel position and the dog/handler team continues to the next exercise station. If the dog is much faster than the handler, the dog may be called back to the handler without penalty. A line may be drawn on the ground to indicate the 1.8 metres mark.

44. HALT-LEAVE-CALL (DOG) FRONT WHILE RUNNING. The dog/handler team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler gives the dog a stay or wait cue and starts running forward. After 2 or 3 running steps, the handler calls the dog front. The dog must immediately start running to overtake the handler. As the dog approaches heel position, the handler slows down, and stops to allow the dog to come to the front position. The handler may take 3-4 steps backwards to accomplish the front. The speed that the handler runs is determined by the dog’s ability to overtake the handler. The exercise should be completed in approximately 9 metres. Because this exercise concludes with the dog sitting in front of the handler, it must be followed by Exercise 36 (Finish Right) or 37 (Finish Left).

45. MOVING DOWN 7 FORWARD. While moving forward with the dog in heel position, the handler cues the dog to drop directly into a down position without first coming to a halt. The handler may (but is not required to) break the heel position and turn in front of the dog to accomplish this exercise. When the dog is down, the handler returns to heel position, cues the dog to heel, and moves forward.



- 46. HALT-FAST FORWARD FROM SIT.** The dog/handler team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to heel and moves immediately into a fast pace from the halt. This exercise must be followed by Exercise 21 (Normal Pace), or it may be placed as the last exercise on the course, in which case the exercise and performance are concluded as the dog/handler team crosses the FINISH Line.



- 47. HALT-SIDE STEP RIGHT-HALT.** The dog/handler team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler takes one side step directly to his/her right with the right foot and the dog moves sideways with the handler as the handler's left foot moves to meet the right foot. Ideally, the dog moves sideways to the right into heel position and sits. Handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward toward the next exercise station.



- 48. LEFT ABOUT TURN.** While moving forward with the dog in heel position, the handler does an about turn to his/her left, while the dog turns to the right, moving around the handler and back to heel position to continue moving with the handler in the new (opposite) direction. That is, the dog and handler do "opposite" about turns and then come back together as a team.



FINISH



MOVING DOWN LEAVE DOG



(TURN)

CALL TO FRONT FINISH R/L

BONUS EXERCISE 1

MOVING DOWN, LEAVE DOG (Turn) CALL FRONT, FINISH R/L

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign, Moving Down Leave Dog, the handler will cue the dog to down and without hesitating, leave the dog. The handler may also turn and face the dog while cueing the dog to down and without hesitating, leave the dog. The handler may continue to face the dog while walking away. The handler's movement to cue the dog to down and walk away should be smooth and continuous. The handler will proceed to the next sign, (Turn), Call Front Finish R/L. At this sign, the handler will (turn and) face the dog and call the dog to front. The dog must come promptly to front position. The handler will then cue the dog to Finish either Right or Left.



HALT STAND FOR EXAM



RETURN & FORWARD FROM STAND



HALT LEAVE DOG



TURN AND DOWN

BONUS EXERCISE 2 HALT STAND FOR EXAM- RETURN AND FORWARD FROM STAND

Two exercise signs are needed for this exercise. At the first sign – Halt Stand for Exam - the handler halts and the dog sits at heel. Handler may leave the heel position and “stack” (or pose) the dog as done in conformation, or may simply cue the dog to stand. Handler may touch the dog to help position the stand, but may not physically force/lift the dog to stand. Handler then returns to heel position, cues the dog to wait or stay, then leaves the dog, walks 1.8 metres away, and turns to face the dog. The judge steps forward and examines the dog briefly, touching the dog lightly making a continuous movement from the head to the base of the tail.

RETURN AND FORWARD FROM STAND This sign is placed so that it can be observed by the handler after he/she has moved away and turned to face the dog. After the judge has completed the examination of the dog, the handler returns to heel position by passing the dog on the handler's right, turning behind the dog and moving up into heel position. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward without instruction from the judge.

BONUS EXERCISE 3 HALT LEAVE DOG-TURN AND DOWN

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign – Halt Leave Dog – the dog/handler team halts and the dog sits. The handler leaves the dog and walks to the next sign, which is placed approximately 1.8 metres away.

At the second sign – Turn and Down – the handler turns and faces the dog and cues the dog to down. The dog must not walk forward into the down. Once the dog is down the handler returns to the dog and stands at heel position. The handler must return by passing the dog on the handler's right, turning behind the dog and moving up into heel position.

Jump Heights Dogs are not required to be measured on the day of competition prior to the judging. However, judges have the option of measuring any dog prior to his/her performance if the dog appears to be entered in a group lower than might be indicated by his/her registered shoulder height. Jump heights may also be modified or the jump exercise excused entirely based on physical challenges (such as age, body type, or disability such as blindness or the use of a "mobility device") that a particular dog may face.

Shoulder Height under 30 cm	Jump 10 cm
Shoulder Height 30 cm to under 40 cm	Jump 20 cm
Shoulder Height 40 cm to under 50 cm	Jump 30 cm
Shoulder Height 50 cm and over	Jump 40 cm

Jump Construction: All jumps must be constructed in a manner that provides stability and safety for all dogs. Jump width is to be between 1.2 metres and 1.52 metres. Single bar jumps are preferable but not required.

NB.

Exercise number 47

The sign should be placed in the handler's path. After completion of the side step the dog/handler team passes with the sign on the handler's left.

Level 3

Level 3 is performed off-lead. A Level 3 course consists of 15 - 17 exercise signs, exclusive of the Start and Finish exercise signs and the Bonus Exercise.



START



49. MOVING STAND WALK AROUND.

The dog/handler team heels to the exercise sign and the handler cues the dog to remain standing. The dog may not sit first. The handler may not touch the dog. The handler then walks around the dog and returns to heel position and the dog/handler team heels forward to the next exercise sign.



50,51. MOVING STAND LEAVE DOG – TURN AND CALL TO HEEL

Two signs are required for this exercise. The dog/handler team heels to the first exercise sign and the handler cues the dog to remain standing. The dog may not sit first. The handler may not touch the dog. The handler then leaves the dog in a stand and walks to the second exercise sign, approximately 2 – 3 metres away. The handler turns and faces the dog, then calls the dog to come directly to heel position without coming to front first. The dog does not have to sit in heel position. The dog/handler team then heels forward.



52,53. MOVING STAND LEAVE DOG – DOWN, SIT, CALL FRONT AND FINISH..

This exercise requires two signs. The dog/handler team heels to the exercise sign and the handler cues the dog to remain standing. The dog may not sit first. The handler leaves the dog in a stand and walks to the next exercise sign and turns and faces the dog, approximately 2 - 3 metres away. The handler cues the dog to Down, then Sit, then calls the dog to Front. Once the dog is sitting in front, the handler may cue the dog to Finish Left or Right.





54. MOVING BACKUP. While heeling, the handler cues the dog to backup from a standing position. The handler takes three steps back while the dog heels backward with the handler, then moves forward. The dog may not sit before backing up.



55, 56. RECALL OVER JUMP. This exercise uses two signs. The dog/handler team halts at a spot approximately 3 metres away from one side of the jump and centered to the jump. Handler cues dog to sit and wait/stay. The handler then walks to the opposite side of the jump to the second exercise sign, approximately 3 metres away from that side of the jump and centered. The handler turns and faces dog and calls the dog to come/front. The dog must come over the jump and sit in front of the handler. The handler then cues the dog to finish either Right or Left.



57,58. HALT, LEAVE DOG, TURN AND SEND OVER JUMP. This exercise requires two signs. The dog/handler team halts at the first exercise sign, at a spot approximately 3 metres away from the jump and 120 – 180 cm to either the right or left side of the jump. The handler leaves the dog in a Sit and walks to the second exercise sign, at a spot approximately 3 metres to the other side of the jump and directly facing the dog. The handler cues the dog to jump. The dog must come over the jump. The handler turns slightly after cueing the dog to jump so that the dog can come to front position after taking the jump but does not move forward towards the dog. The handler then cues the dog to finish either Right or Left.



59. RIGHT TURN 1 – 2 STEPS DOWN, FORWARD. The handler turns to the right, cueing the dog to move with him/her. After turning and taking 1 or 2 steps and while moving forward, the handler cues the dog to Down.



60. LEFT TURN 1 – 2 STEPS DOWN, FORWARD. The handler turns to the left, cueing the dog to move with him/her. After turning and taking 1 or 2 steps and while moving forward, the handler cues the dog to Down.



61, 62. HALT, LEAVE DOG, DOWN ON RECALL.

This exercise uses two signs. The dog/handler team halts at the first exercise sign and handler cues dog to Sit, Wait/Stay and walks approximately 4.5 metres to the second exercise sign. The handler turns and faces dog and calls the dog to come. At anytime during the recall, the handler cues the dog to Down. Once the dog is down, the handler calls the dog to come again. The dog must come and sit in front position. The handler then cues the dog to finish either Right or Left.



63. CALL FRONT ABOUT TURN FORWARD.

The Call Front portion of this exercise is performed as in Exercise 15. For the second part of the exercise, the handler will do an about turn, either to the right or the left, cueing the dog to move with him/her in heel position.



FINISH



BONUS EXERCISE 1

TURN, HALT, RETRIEVE, FINISH.

Before beginning the course, the handler will give the ring steward or judge a retrieve object (toy, ball, dumbbell, glove, bumper, etc). As the dog/handler team is heeling to this exercise sign, the ring steward or judge will unobtrusively place the retrieve object on the floor approximately 4.5 metres from the exercise sign. This will be done while the dog/handler team's back is to the steward so the dog cannot see the object being placed. At the exercise sign, the dog/handler team shall perform either an About U Turn or an About Right turn and halt. The handler will direct the dog to look at the retrieve object and send the dog to pick up the object and return to front position. The handler takes the object from the dog and finishes the dog either Left or Right.



BONUS EXERCISE 2 Call Front – Backup 3 Steps.

While moving, the handler calls the dog to front and may take several steps backwards while the dog is coming to front. The dog must sit at front. Once the dog is sitting, the handler cues the dog to backup. The dog may stand first and then back up OR the dog may backup from a sit. The dog may not sit while backing up. As the dog walks backwards three steps the handler moves forward. The dog must remain in front position while backing up. There is no finish.



BONUS EXERCISE 3 Halt Leave Dog – Turn Call Front (Distraction).

This exercise requires two signs.

At the first sign – Halt Leave Dog - the dog/handler team halts and the dog sits. The handler leaves the dog and walks to the second sign Turn Call Front.

At the second sign – Turn Call Front – the handler turns and faces the dog. The handler calls the dog to come to front.



The judge must position herself/himself approximately 1.8 metres to the side of the handler, facing the dog at the Turn Call Front sign. As the dog comes to the handler, the judge leaves the handler and walks forward, passing the dog approx. 1.8 metres to the side of the dog. The judge will need to turn and walk backwards after the dog has passed her/him. The dog must ignore the judge and come directly to the handler and sit in front position. There is no finish.

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