

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. THE RING SIZE

The minimum size of an outdoor ring must be forty five (45) metres by fifteen (15) metres and in no case shall be less than thirty (30) metres by fifteen (15) metres. If a trial is held indoors, the ring must measure at least fifteen (15) metres by ten (10) metres and be covered with a non-slip surface. Where space permits, the size of the rings may be larger. A two (2) metre corridor around all rings is considered advisable where practical.

2. EXHIBITS

Barking and other Vocalisation:

Penalties for a dog that vocalises in any way whilst in the ring shall be dependent on the circumstances. Except for 'Continual barking inclusive of between exercises' which must incur disqualification from the class, points for vocalising in any way during an exercise must be deducted under 'penalty for misbehaviour' as follows:

Occasional: May incur a deduction up to five (5) points.

Excessive: Must incur a deduction from six (6) up to ten (10) points

Continual: Disqualification

Note: A dog which responds vocally to praise at the end of an exercise or part exercise shall NOT be penalised.

Bitches In Oestrus:

Bitches in oestrus or showing a coloured discharge of any sort must not be permitted to compete in Trials or to remain within the precincts of a Trial.

Dogs Wearing Protective Clothing:

Protective clothing may be put on, or removed from the dog in the interval between the individual and group exercises depending on prevailing weather conditions at the discretion of the Judge.

Entry Number:

The Handler must be provided with the dog's catalogue number which must be worn where it can be clearly seen. In the case of multiple entry, only one entry number to be visible whilst in the ring.

Fouling:

A dog which fouls at any time while it is under the control of the Judge must be penalised 10 points on each occasion. The deductions must be recorded as 'penalties for misbehaviour' and deducted from the total score.

Judge's discretion.

Judging Ring:

No dog shall be permitted to enter or use the Trial Rings except whilst being judged until the completion of all classes, unless with the permission of the affiliate conducting the Trial.

Removal of a Dog:

The Judge must order the removal and disqualification from all Trial Competition on the day any dog that attacks, and must lodge a report with the Malaysian Kennel Association. The Judge may order the removal from competition of any dog, which does not obey its Handler, any Handler who openly interferes willfully with another competitor or a competitor's dog or whose behaviour is objectionable, and must exclude from competition any dog, which the Judge considers unfit or physically unable to compete.

Withdrawal of Dog:

A dog may be withdrawn before or during judging with the consent of the Judge, but must not take any further part in that class.

3. EXHIBITORS AND HANDLERS**Change of Speed:**

The dog will show three distinct speeds. During the heeling routine the dog will show a slow, normal and fast speed. The speed will be in proportion to the size and build of the dog.

Commands:

Where the word "command" appears in specific exercises, it will mean "command and/or signal" unless otherwise specified. The command may be given by the use of the Handler's voice and/or specific action of the Handler in the form of a signal. A voice command and a signal may be given, but must be used simultaneously. A signal should be a single gesture of the arms and/or hands only, which must be promptly returned to their normal position. Signals must be inaudible and must not touch the dog. Any unusual noise or movement of the Handler may be considered by the Judge as a 'signal', or extra command. Where the dog's name is used to attract its attention, a distinct pause between the name of the dog and the command is required.

4. JUDGING PROCEDURES**Awards and Placings:**

For all Awards and Placings, a qualifying score will take precedence over a non-qualifying score.

Breaking from Position:

When a dog sits or moves all four (4) feet after the command "Stay" in the Stand for Examination, Stand Free for Examination, Group Examination, Temperament Test and the Stand position for the Speak on Command, Food Refusal, Signal Exercises and Distance Control or rolls onto its back during the Down Stay, it is deemed to have broken from position. (Judge's discretion)

Calls:

Any Handler whose dog has passed the inspection and does not answer the Ring Steward's third call must be marked 'Absent'.

Certificates:

An Obedience Trial Certificate, signed by the Judge, showing the total number of points awarded, must be available to each qualifying exhibit in each Class.

Charts – Judging:

A properly compiled and separate Judging Chart must be provided for each Judge officiating at a Trial. Each Chart must be signed by the Judge who must personally enter the points on the Chart at the conclusion of each exercise and total the scores before any Awards are made. An outside ring board or separate judging chart will be provided to the Steward who shall keep this up to date during the running of the Class. It is the Judge's responsibility to see that Judging Charts are checked, scores correctly recorded, signed and delivered to a responsible Trial Official immediately each chart is completed.

Change of Position:

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

Exercise Finished:

Except for 'Penalty for Misbehaviour' no judging is to be continued in any exercise after the stage is reached where the Judge says 'Exercise Finished'.

Group Exercises:

Group Exercises must consist of a minimum of three (3) dogs and a maximum of ten (10) dogs and must be judged by the same person who officiated in the individual exercises segment of the Trial. Each dog must have a separate Handler for the Group Exercises. If there are insufficient entrants the Judge will ask the Steward to furnish stand-in dogs to make up a Group. These dogs may be left on lead and the Handler may stay with the dog. Unless an exhibitor has multiple entries an exhibit must be handled by the one competitor for all exercises. In extreme weather conditions the Judge shall consider using a shaded area.

5. GUIDE TO JUDGES

The responsibility for making the test interesting to the public and worthwhile to the Exhibitor is left to the Judge who must not permit the judging to be prolonged so that Handlers and those watching become bored and to cause competing dogs to tire. Judges must remember that they are judging the dogs on their ability to perform the tests set for them and not on their show points or conformation. Judges must not be too lenient in their marking of exhibits, as dogs should not attain their Titles upon work of poor quality. Orders from Judges should be those listed in the Rules. The single word or phrase orders listed are optional at the discretion of the judge. The listed executive word must be used.

The Judge must look for the following in testing a dog and penalise accordingly -

- (a) enjoyment and willingness to work is to be desired; fear and dislike of work shall be penalised;
- (b) gentleness and smoothness of handling is to be greatly desired;
- (c) a Handler shall give a command once only except in the case of the command to 'Heel' which may be repeated to the dog each time the Judge tells the Handler to go forward;
- (d) signalling correction to a dog from a distance is not permitted;
- (e) talking to the dog by the Handler, snapping of fingers, slapping of sides and stamping of feet, etc., must be penalised;
- (f) during the heel routines, the Handler must walk briskly with the dog at his left side. In the 'Heel on Lead' exercise the lead must be completely loose. Guiding the dog by means of the lead shall be penalised;
- (g) the dog must never anticipate the Handler's commands but must wait for commands;
- (h) at the Judge's order for the Handler to halt, the Handler must stop and the dog must sit smartly at heel without command and not move until commanded to do so.

6. EQUIPMENT

All Ring equipment necessary for the proper conduct of a Trial shall be provided by the Affiliate conducting the Trial. The Judge must inspect and approve all equipment used by the Affiliate and the Handlers in the Trial and ensure that it complies with the Rules.

Calculation of the Dog's Jump:

(Refer also to Measurement of Dog's Height.)

Broad:

The distance between the first and last hurdle must be spaced so as to cover the distance equal to twice the height of the dog at the withers to a maximum of 1400mm. Hurdles must be removed in proportion to the height of the dog. The highest hurdle must be moved away first. The hurdles must be spaced equally in order of height with the lowest hurdle nearest the dog at the start.

Solid:

The height jumped by the dog must be as near as possible to the height of the dog at the withers, or 700 mm, whichever is less.

Collars and Leads:

All dogs must have a slip or fixed collar which fits only the dog's neck and which must remain on the dog at all times. No spiked collars or collars which give additional head control shall be permitted. The minimum length of lead will be 750 mm and it will be fitted with a quick release fastener. All dogs must enter and leave the Ring on a lead. In exercises that require a dog to be off-lead, the lead will be taken off and handed to the Steward at the Start Peg. All exercises in Pre-Novice, Novice, Intermediate and Open with the exception of 'Heel on Lead' must be executed off-lead.

Dumbbell:

The dumbbell shall be made of wood and/or solid plastic and must be shaped like a dumbbell. It may be painted but shall not be covered with any foreign material. The weight and size of the dumbbell should be in proportion to the size of the dog.

Holding the Lead:

The lead will be held in the left or right hand. Slack may be taken up in the other hand. Where the hand holding the lead is removed from the lead to give a signal, it must be returned to the lead immediately such a signal is given. Handlers must use sufficient length of lead to give freedom of movement and show a distinct loop at all times.

Jumps:

All jumps must be painted white or a very light colour, unless otherwise stipulated.

Bar Jump:

The Bar Jump must consist of two uprights 1200 mm high and a bar approximately 35 mm in diameter. The bar must be painted black and white alternate sections of about 100 mm and be 2 metres in length. The Jump will be adjustable for height. Side post adjustment to be constructed so as the bar will fall off if hit hard enough, in either direction.

Broad Jump:

The Broad Jump must consist of four separate hurdles 2 metres wide and 175 mm high at the highest point. For convenience, the four jumps may be built to telescope. The following formula is to be used when calculating the number of boards to be used for the Broad Jump:

- two boards to be used for dogs jumping up to and including 600 mm
- three boards to be used for dogs jumping over 600 mm and up to and including 1200mm.
- four boards to be used for dogs jumping more than 1200 mm.

Solid Jump:

The solid jump must consist of two grooved uprights 1200 mm high, and fill in boards of several sizes so as to provide adjustment for each 25mm up to 700 mm. The height in millimetres may be painted clearly on each side of each board in black figures. The figure on the baseboard must represent the distance from the ground to the top of the board and may be marked 'baseboard'. Suggested size of the boards 1 x 250 mm; 2 x 200 mm, 1 x 150 mm, 1 x 100 mm, 1 x 50 mm, 1 x 25 mm

Pegs:

Each judging Ring must contain a marker to show where a contestant must stand before the start of individual exercises. Stay pegs are numbered pegs which must be used in marking dog's positions in the Group exercises.

Scent Discrimination :

All of the scent cloths will be the same light colour, made of towelling or similar material e.g. face washcloths and approximately 30 cms Square. The cloths will be folded in half, rolled firmly and secured at each end with a rubber band or similar. The rolled cloth will be approximately 150 mm in length and supplied by the trial Organiser.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL EXERCISES

PRE-Novice

The exercise for each dog and the maximum points shall be:

1. Heel on Lead	40
2. Stand Stay Examination on lead	10
3. Recall	20
4. 1 min Sit Stay	15
5. 2 min Down Stay	15
TOTAL	100

**** Passing/Qualifying Mark is 70**

Less penalty for misbehaviour.

1. HEEL ON LEAD **Maximum Points: 30**

Principal Feature:

The dog on the lead, and the Handler to work as a team.

Description of Exercise:

On order from the Judge 'Forward' the Handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name then give a command to heel and, at the same time, commence walking briskly. The dog must work on a loose lead. Any tightening or jerking of the lead, any unusual or additional act, signal or command which in the opinion of the Judge gives the dog assistance, points may be penalised. At each order from the Judge to 'Halt', the Handler must stop and the dog must sit smartly at heel without command and not move until ordered to do so. The Handler and dog must execute a 'Figure Eight' at normal pace in which they must heel at least twice around two Stewards standing approximately three (3) metres apart. There must be at least one 'Halt' during this portion of the exercise. The Judge may replace a Steward in the 'Figure Eight' or may take the place of a Steward himself.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Right Turn', Left Turn " Right About Turn, Halt, , 'Stand (Stand Your Dog)', "Down (Down your dog" 'Figure Eight (Forward into the Figure Eight)', 'Lead Out', 'Exercise Finished'. These orders may be given in any sequence and repeated.

Deductions:

Zero Score: For a dog which is unmanageable.

Over 50%of the points maybe :

If the Handler continually tugs on the lead, or adapts his pace to the dog, or if the dog does not complete the Principal Feature of the exercise.

Minor points maybe :

For failing to sit, stand or down; for poor sits, downs, stands; for occasional guidance with the lead; for the use of more than one command; for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

2. STAND Maximum Points: 10**Principal Feature:**

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

Temperament Test Exercise:

On order from the Judge, the Handler will move forward and stand the dog. On further order from the Judge, the Handler may give a command to stay and will walk forward to the front of the dog, turn around and stand facing the dog. The dog should be held at the end of a loose lead. The dog must remain in a standing position until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished' and must not show undue resentment or shyness.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Stand (Stand Your Dog)', 'Return (Return to Your Dog)', 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions:

Zero Score: For a dog which shows an obvious tendency to attack, breaks from position or does not perform the Principal Feature of the exercise,

Minor maybe :

For a dog that requires a second command to stand, moves its feet or for poor stands or for failing to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

3. RECALL Maximum Points: 20 (Off Leash)**Principal Feature:**

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

Description of Exercise:

The Judge will give the order 'Forward' and then 'Halt'. On further order from the Judge 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', the Handler may give the command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk approximately 2 to 3 meters away from the dog. On further order from the Judge, the Handler will about turn and halt. On order from the Judge, the Handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name once and then give a command to come. The dog must come straight to its Handler at a brisk pace and sit directly in front without further command. On order from the Judge 'Finish', the dog will either walk around the handler back to the heel position without giving any further command to the dog or the dog just "flip" back to the "Heel" position. The dog must not move from the sitting/heel position until after the Judge has ordered 'Exercise Finished.'

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Halt', 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Call (Call Your Dog)', ' 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions:**Zero Score:**

For a dog that fails to remain in the sit position, or does not come on the first command or for a dog that anticipates the command to come.

Substantial:

For slow response to commands, for failure to come at a brisk pace, for breaking from position when the Handler is returning to the dog.

Minor:

For a dog that fails to sit automatically when the Handler halts, for poor sits, for failure to leave a distinct pause between the dog's name and the command to come. For the Handler giving an extra command to the dog for the return, for minor movement on the return and for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

4. ½ Min. SIT STAY Maximum Points: 15**Principal Feature:**

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

Description of Exercise:

This is a Group exercise. The Handlers will take up their positions with their right foot next to a Stay Peg which shall be placed in a line approximately one and a half (1.5) metres apart, and with their dogs sitting in the heel position. On order from the Judge 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', the Handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk approximately six (6) metres. On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.

After one minute from the time the Judge has ordered the Handlers to leave, he will give the order 'Return (Return to Your Dog)'. The Handlers must return to their dogs together. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished'. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward, or Handler, to take the dog away from the other dogs.

Orders from Judge:

'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'About turn', 'Halt', 'Return (Return to Your Dog)', 'Exercise Finished'. Judges may delegate a Steward to give the orders 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Return'. (Return to your Dog)'

Deductions:

Zero Score:

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

Minor :

For minor movements, eg. fidgeting, or if Handlers do not leave or return with other Handlers.

5. 1 Min. DOWN STAY

Maximum Points: 15

Principal Feature:

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

Description of Exercise:

This is a Group exercise. The Handlers will take up their positions in a line approximately one and a half (1.5) metres apart and with their dogs in the Down position. On order from the Judge to 'Leave (Leave Your Dogs)', the Handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk approximately six (6) metres. On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt. After one minutes from the time the Judge has ordered the Handlers to leave, he will give the order 'Return (Return to Your Dogs)'. The Handlers must return to their dogs together. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished'. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the judge may instruct a Steward, or Handler, to take the dog away from the other dogs.

Orders from Judge:

'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'About Turn'. 'Halt', 'Return (Return to Your Dog)', 'Exercise Finished'. Judges may delegate a Steward to give the orders 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Return (Return to Your Dog)'

Deductions:

Zero Score:

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

Minor:

For minor movements, eg. fidgeting, or for a dog that lies down in a position which is commonly known as the 'Dead Dog' position, or if Handlers do not leave or return with other handlers.

NOVICE CLASS

The exercise for each dog and the maximum points shall be:

1. Heel Free	40
2. Stand Free for Examination	10
3. Recall	25
4. 1-min Sit Stay	15
5. 3-min Down Stay	15
TOTAL	100

****Pass/Qualifying Mark 75**

Less penalties for misbehaviour.

1. HEEL FREE Maximum Points: 40

Principal Feature:

The dog and Handler to work as a team without the use of a lead

Description of Exercise:

On order from the Judge 'Forward' the Handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name then give a command to heel and, at the same time, commence walking briskly or at the directed pace. The dog must work off lead. Any unusual or additional act, signal or command, which in the opinion of the Judge gives the dog assistance, must be penalised. At each order from the Judge to 'Halt', the Handler must stop and the dog must sit smartly at heel without command and not move until ordered to do so. The Handler and dog must execute a 'Figure Eight' at normal pace in which they must heel at least twice around two Stewards standing approximately three (3) metres apart. There must be at least one 'Halt' during this portion of the exercise. The Judge may replace a Steward in the 'Figure Eight' or may take the place of a Steward himself.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Right Turn', 'Left Turn', 'About Turn', 'Fast Pace', 'Slow Pace', 'Normal Pace', 'Halt', 'Down (Down Your Dog)', 'Stand (Stand Your Dog)', 'Figure Eight', 'Lead Out', 'Exercise Finished'. These orders may be given in any sequence and repeated.

Deductions:

Zero Score: For a dog which is unmanageable.

Over 50%:

If the Handler continually guides the dog, or adapts his pace to the dog, or if the dog does not complete the Principal Feature of the exercise or if the dog fails to negotiate the Figure Eight.

Minor:

For failing to sit, stand or down; for poor sits, downs, stands, for failing to accompany the Handler around one Figure Eight (8) post, for occasional guidance or for the use of more than one command, for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

2. STAND STAY FOR EXAMINATION

Maximum Points: 10

Principal Feature:

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

Description of Exercise:

On order from the Judge, the Handler will move forward and stand the dog. On further order from the Judge, the Handler may give a command to stay and will move forward. The Judge will order the Handler to about turn and then halt approximately two (2) metres from the dog. The Judge must approach the dog from the right or left front and not direct front. The Judge may or may not touch the dog's head and body. The mouth, legs or tail must not be examined. The Judge will then give the order 'Return (Return to Your Dog)' whereupon the Handler will return to the dog. The dog must stand steadily and not move until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished' and must not show undue resentment or shyness.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Stand (Stand Your Dog)', 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', About Turn 'Halt' 'Return (Return to Your Dog)', 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions:

Disqualification:

For a dog which attacks.

Zero Score:

For a dog which shows an obvious tendency to attack, breaks from position or does not complete the Principal Feature of the exercise,

Minor:

For a dog that requires a second command to stand, moves its feet or for poor stands or for failing to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise, for a dog failing an action in the lead up.

3. RECALL Maximum Points: 25

Principal Feature:

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

Description of Exercise:

The Judge will give the order 'Forward' and then 'Halt'. On further order from the Judge 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', the Handler may give the command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk at approximately twelve (12) metres away from the dog. On further order from the Judge, the Handler will about turn and halt. On order from the Judge, the Handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name once and then give a command to come. The dog must come straight to its Handler at a brisk pace and sit directly in front without further command. On order from the Judge 'Finish', the Handler must give a command and the dog must go briskly to the heel position and sit.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Halt', 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'About Turn' 'Halt', 'Call (Call Your Dog)', 'Finish', 'Exercise Finished'

Deductions:**Zero Score:**

For a dog that breaks from position, or does not come on the first command or for a dog that anticipates the command to come.

Substantial:

For slow response to commands, for failure to come at a brisk pace.

Minor:

For a dog that fails to sit automatically when the Handler halts. For the Handler failing to leave a distinct pause between the dogs name and the Command to come. For failure to sit in front of the Handler. For poor sits or finishes, for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

4. 1 Min. SIT STAY Maximum Points: 15**Principal Feature:**

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

Description of Exercise:

This is a Group exercise. The Handlers will take up their positions with their right foot next to a Stay Peg, which shall be placed in a line approximately one and a half (1.5) metres apart, and with their dogs sitting in the heel position. On order from the Judge 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', the Handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk approximately twelve (12) metres. On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt. After one minute from the time the Judge has ordered the Handlers to leave, he will give the order 'Return (Return to Your Dog)'. The Handlers must return to their dogs together. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished'. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward, or Handler, to take the dog away from the other dogs.

Orders from Judge:

'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'About turn', 'Halt', 'Return (Return to Your Dog)' 'Exercise Finished'. Judges may delegate a Steward to give the orders 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Return'.

Deductions:**Zero Score:**

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

Minor:

For minor movements, e.g. fidgeting, or if Handlers do not leave or return with other Handlers.

5. 3 Min. DOWN STAY Maximum Points: 15**Principal Feature:**

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

Description of Exercise:

This is a Group exercise. The Handlers will take up their positions with their right foot next to a Stay Peg which shall be placed in a line approximately one and a half (1.5) metres apart and with their dogs in the Down position. On order from the Judge to 'Leave (Leave Your Dogs)', the Handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and walk as directed approximately twelve (12) metres. On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt. After three minutes from the time the Judge has ordered the Handlers to leave, he will give the order 'Return (Return to Your Dogs)'. The Handlers must return to their dogs together. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished'. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the judge may instruct a Steward, or Handler, to take the dog away from the other dogs.

Orders from Judge:

'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Return (Return to Your Dog)', 'Exercise Finished'. Judges may delegate Steward to give the orders 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Return (Return to Your Dog)'.

Deductions:**Zero Score:**

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

Minor:

For minor movements, e.g. fidgeting, or for a dog that lies down in a position which is commonly known as the Dead Dog position, or if Handlers do not leave or return with other Handlers.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

The exercise for each dog and the maximum points shall be:

1. Heel Free	35
2. Stand Free For Examination	15
3. Drop On Recall	20
4. Retrieve Dumbbell on Flat	25
5. Broad Jump	25
6. Distance Control	30
7. 3-min. Sit Stay-Handler Out of Sight	25
8. 5-min. Down Stay-Handler Out of Sight	25
TOTAL	200

****Passing/Qualifying Mark 150**

Less penalty for misbehaviour.

1. HEEL FREE

Maximum Points: 35

Principal Feature:

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

Description of Exercise:

This exercise must be performed at a higher standard than in the Novice Class. On order from the Judge 'Forward', the Handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name and then give a command to heel and, at the same time, commence walking briskly or at the directed pace. The dog will work off-lead. Any unusual or additional act or command, which, in the opinion of the Judge, gives the dog assistance, must be penalised. At each order from the Judge to 'Halt', the Handler must stop and the dog must sit smartly at heel without command and not move until ordered to do so. The Handler and dog must execute a 'Figure Eight' at normal pace in which they must heel at least twice around two Stewards standing approximately three (3) metres apart. There must be at least one 'Halt' during this portion of the exercise. A Judge may replace a Steward in the 'Figure Eight', or may take the place of a Steward himself.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Right Turn', 'Left Turn', About Turn 'Fast Pace', 'Slow Pace', 'Normal Pace', 'Halt', 'Down (Down Your Dog)', 'Stand (Stand Your Dog)', 'Figure Eight', 'Lead Out'. 'Exercise Finished'. These orders may be given in any sequence and repeated.

Deductions:**Zero Score:**

For a dog which is unmanageable.

Over 50%:

If the Handler continually guides the dog, or adapts his pace to the dog, or if the dog does not complete the Principal Feature of the exercise, or if the dog fails to negotiate a Figure Eight post.

Minor:

For failing to sit, stand or down; for poor sits, downs and stands; for occasional guidance or for the use of more than one command; for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

2. STAND FREE FOR EXAMINATION**Maximum Points: 15****Principal Feature:**

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

Description of Exercise:

On order from the Judge, the Handler will move forward and stand the dog. On further order, the Handler may give a command to stay and must move forward approximately five (5) metres. The Judge will order the Handler to about turn and halt. The Judge must approach the dog from the right or left front and not direct front. The Judge will physically examine the dog's head, body, legs and hindquarters only. The mouth and tail must not be examined. The Judge will then give the Order 'Return (Return to Your Dog)', whereupon the Handler will return to the dog. The dog must stand steadily and not move until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished' and must not show undue resentment or shyness.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Stand (Stand Your Dog)', 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Return (Return to Your Dog)', 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions:**Disqualification:**

For a dog which attacks.

Zero Score:

For a dog which shows an obvious tendency to attack, breaks from position or does not complete the Principal Feature of the exercise.

Substantial:

For a dog that requires a second command to stand. For a dog failing an action in the lead up.

Minor:

For a dog that moves its feet or for poor stands, for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

3. DROP ON RECALL**Maximum Points: 20****Principal Feature:**

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

Description of Exercise:

The Judge will give the order 'Forward' and 'Halt'. On further order from the Judge, the Handler may give a command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk at least twelve (12) metres away. On further order from the Judge, the Handler will about turn and halt. On order from the Judge, the Handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name and then give a command to come. The dog must come straight towards its Handler at a brisk pace. On further order from the Judge, the Handler will command the dog to down and it must drop promptly to the down position and remain there until given a command to come. The dog must come straight to its Handler at a brisk pace and sit directly in front without further command. The Handler may say the dog's name again before giving a command to come from the down position. On order from the Judge 'Finish', the Handler may give a command and the dog must go briskly to the heel position and sit. The Judge must inform the Handler before the start of the exercise if he intends using a signal in lieu of a verbal order.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Halt', 'Leave' (Leave Your Dog)', 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Call (Call Your Dog)', 'Down' (Down Your Dog)', 'Call' (Call Your Dog)' 'Finish', 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions:**Zero Score:**

A dog that anticipates the command to come or drop, fails to remain in the sit position, does not come, down, or come again on the first command.

Substantial:

For a dog failing an action in the lead up or for failing to sit automatically when the Handler halts. For the Handler failing to leave a distinct pause between the name of the dog and the command. For slow response to commands and for failure to come at a brisk pace; for failure to sit in front, or finish, or for anticipating the finish.

Minor:

For poor sits, downs, finishes, or for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

4. BROAD JUMP**Maximum Points: 25 pts****Principal Feature:**

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

Description of Exercise:

The Judge must order the Handler to take up position in front of the jump, the Handler to choose the actual position with the dog sitting at heel. On order from the Judge, the Handler may give a command to stay and will go to a position facing the right-hand side of the jump and stand at least 600mm from the jump anywhere between the first and last hurdles. On order from the Judge 'Send (Send Your Dog)', the Handler may say the dog's name and will give a command to jump. The dog must clear the entire width within the outside lines of the jump and return to the Handler and sit directly in front without further command. The Handler must turn right whilst the dog is in mid-air. On order from the Judge 'Finish', the Handler may give a command and the dog must go briskly to the heel position and sit. It is the Judge's responsibility to see that the width jumped is twice the height of the dog at the withers.

Orders from Judge:

'Take up position', 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'Send (Send Your Dog)', 'Finish', 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions:**Zero Score:**

For a dog that refuses to jump on the first command or does not clear the entire width within the outside lines of the jump, anticipates the command to jump, or does not complete the Principal Feature of the exercise.

Substantial:

For failing to leave a distinct pause between the dog's name and the command, for failing to return briskly to the Handler, slow response to commands, failing to sit or finish, or anticipating the finish.

Minor:

For the Handler not standing the required distance from the jump. For tipping the jump or for crooked jumps, for poor sits or finishes. For failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

5. DISTANCE CONTROL**Maximum Points: 30 pts****Principal Feature:**

The dog to stand where left and respond to the Handler's commands given from a distance.

Description of Exercise:

On order "Take up Position" the Handler will stand the dog in a position previously indicated by the Judge. On further order from the Judge the Handler may give a command to stay and move forward approximately five (5) metres. The Judge will order the Handler to about turn and halt. On separate order and specific order or signal from the Judge in each case, the Handler will give the command to 'Down', 'Sit', to 'Come' and to 'Finish'. (Both verbal and physical commands are allowed)

Orders from Judge:

'Take up position', 'Are You Ready', 'Leave (Leave your Dog)', 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Down (Down Your Dog)', 'Sit (Sit Your Dog)', 'Call (Call Your Dog)', 'Finish', 'Exercise Finished'. (These orders must be given in the order specified)

Deductions:**Zero Score:**

For a dog, which is unmanageable, breaks from position or which fails on a single command to down, or sit or come. Anticipates the commands given after the dog has been left, moves more than one body length when changing from one position to the next when commands are given after the dog has been left or does not complete the Principal Feature of the Exercise.

Substantial:

For a dog which moves more than half its body length when changing from one position to the next, when commands are given after the dog has been left. Fails to sit in front, anticipates the finish or fails to finish. Slow response to commands or for inattention.

Minor:

For failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

6. 3 Min. SIT STAY**Maximum Points: 25****HANDLER OUT OF SIGHT****Principal Feature:**

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

Description of Exercise:

This is a Group exercise. The Handlers will take up their position with their right foot next to a Stay Peg, which shall be placed in a line approximately one and a half (1.5) metres apart, and with their dogs sitting in the heel position. On order from the Judge 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', the Handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and, accompanied by a Steward, go out of sight of the dogs to a point previously designated by the Judge. After three minutes from the time the Judge has ordered the Handlers to leave their dogs, the Steward will order 'Return (Return to Your Dogs)'. The Handlers must return to their dogs together. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished'. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct a Steward to take the dog away from the other dogs.

Orders from Judge:

'Leave (Leave Your Dogs)', 'Return (Return to Your Dogs)' (may be given by a Steward), 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions:**Zero Score:**

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

Minor:

For minor movements, e.g. fidgeting, or if Handlers do not leave or return with other Handlers.

7. 5 Min. DOWN STAY

Maximum Points: 25

HANDLER OUT OF SIGHT

Principal Feature:

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

Description of Exercise:

This is a Group exercise. The Handlers will take up their position with their right foot next to a Stay Peg which shall be placed in a line approximately one and a half (1.5) metres apart and with their dogs in the Down position. On order from the Judge to 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', the Handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will immediately leave and, accompanied by a Steward, go out of sight of the dogs to a point previously designated by the Judge. After five minutes from the time the Judge has ordered the Handlers to leave their dogs, the Steward will order 'Return (Return to Your Dogs)'. The Handlers must return to their dogs together. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished'. If a dog gets up and starts to roam, the Judge may instruct the Steward to take the dog away from the other dogs.

Orders from Judge:

'Leave (Leave Your Dogs)', 'Return (Return to Your Dogs)' (may be given by a Steward), 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions:

Zero Score:

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

Minor:

For minor movements, e.g. fidgeting, or for a dog that lies down in a position which is commonly known as the 'Dead Dog' position, or if Handlers do not leave or return with other Handlers.

8. Retrieve On Flat

Maximum Points 25

The dog is to retrieve a dumbbell on command

Description Of Exercise:

The judge will give the order "Forward & Halt". On further order from the judge to throw the dumbbell, the handler may give the command to "Stay" and must throw the dumbbell at least 3 meters away. On further instruction from the judge "Send Your Dog", the handler may give command to "Retrieve". The retrieval must be executed in a fast pace and the dog must return to the handler sitting in front of him (handler). On instruction from the judge to the handler "Take It", the handler then can give the command "Give". The dog must still be sitting in front of the handler until the judge says "Exercise Finish".

OPEN CLASS :

The respective exercises for the open level and the maximum points for the exercises are as follows:

1. Heel Work	40
2. Distance Control	25
3. Send Away	20
4. Retrieve over High Jump	30
5. Broad Jump	15
6. Scent Discrimination	25
7. Stand Stay	20
8. Down Stay (Out of Sight)	25

• **Total** **200**

**** Passing/Qualifying Mark is 160 pts**

1. Heel work **Maximum points: 40**

Principal features

Dog and handler are to work as a team without the use of a lead. During the heeling routine the dog will be required to do sit, stand and down while the handler is still on the move

Orders from Judge/Steward

Are you ready – Forward – Right turn – Left turn – About turn (right or left) – Double About turns (left and/or right) – Fast pace – Slow pace – Normal pace – Halt – Down – Stand – Position coming up – Now – Heel your dog (or pick up your dog) – Figure of eight – Lead out – Exercise finished. These orders may be given in any sequence and repeated

Types of commands permitted

Only Restricted Commands permitted. Extra Commands should not be used. Dog's name should only be used at the start of exercise

Description of the exercise

- Before the start of the exercise, the sequence for the sit, stand and down positions (as determined By the Judge) for the heeling in motion will be made known to the handlers. It is the responsibility of the handlers to remember this sequence.
- For the heeling in motion part of this exercise, the dog shall be required, whilst heeling at normal pace, to be left at the sit, stand and down position whilst the handler continues walking. The Judge/Steward will alert the handler that a position is coming up by saying "Position coming up". The Judge/Steward will then order "Now" and the handler has to give a command to the dog according to the sequence of positions determined by the Judge.
- The handler should walk on alone without hesitation and continue walking as ordered by the Judge/Steward until given the order to "Heel your dog" in which case the handler is to do so upon next reaching the dog.
- This exercise includes all other heeling routines as outlined in the Intermediate Class.

Guidelines to Deductions

Zero

For a dog that is unmanageable, for dog he misses more than 1 position during the heeling in motion part of the exercise, or if its handler continually adapts pace to that of the dog, or left about turns not executed with the dog at heel position, or if the dog does not complete the principal features of the exercise.

Substantial

For any Extra Commands, or failure to change pace noticeable for fast and slow pace, or lagging, heeling wide, forging, or crowding, for a handler who does not leave the dog promptly during the heeling in motion, for a dog at heel position, or if the dog does not complete the principal features of the exercise. [Deductions of 10 to 22.5 points]

Minor

For poor sits, downs, stands, and other imperfections in heeling. For any failure to take up the starting position promptly. [Deductions of 1 to 9 points]

2. Distance Control

Maximum points: 25

Principal feature

The dog is not promptly respond to the handler's commands, which are given from a distance of 10 meters.

Orders from Judge/Steward

Position your dog (stand position) – Are you ready – Leave your dog – About turn – Halt – Now/hand signal from Judge/Steward (or Judge/Steward will say Position 1,2,3,4,5...) for each of the orders to Sit, Down and Stand you dog – Return to your dog – Exercise finished. Orders may be given in any sequence and repeated.

Types of commands permitted

Only restricted commands permitted. Extra Commands should not be used. The dog's name should only be used only at the start of the exercise and only once more before the first command from a distance.

Description of exercise

- a. The handler will be shown the position of a Distance Control Board with a sequence of instructions for the distance commands (a minimum of 5 positions) just before the start of the exercise
- b. On order to "Position your dog in the stand position", the handler will command the dog to stand in the heel position
- c. The handler will be asked "Are you ready?" He will be given the order to "Leave your dog". The handler may then command the dog to stay before walking away from the dog. The handler will be ordered to "About turn" and "Halt". The handler should be halted at 10 meters from the dog.
- d. On separate orders from the Judge/Steward, the handler will command the dog to sit, stand or down accordingly. The handler may use the dog's name only once before giving the first command from a distance. The handler must wait for the Individual orders from the Judge/Steward before giving any distance commands to the dog.
- e. The handler may refer to the Distance Control Board for the sequence of distance commands that must be given. The handler is to return to the dog at the heel position only when ordered to "Return to your dog".

Guidelines to Deductions

Zero

For a dog that fails the handler's first command, anticipation of orders by the handler, anticipation of command by the dog, movement of more than one body length of the dog from where it was left at the start of the exercise or for failure to perform the principal features of the exercise.

Substantial

For any double command, prolonged distance commands (verbal or physical), for slow response to signals. [Deductions of 6 to 12.5 points]

Minor

For any movement of less than one body length and any other minor Imperfections. For any failure to take up the starting position promptly. [Deductions of 1 to 5 points]

3. Send Away

Maximum points: 20

Principal features

The dog, on command, should go away from the handler to a distance of at least 15 meters, to adopt the down position when commanded to do so and to remain in the down position until again commanded to heel.

Orders from the Judge/Steward

Position you dog (stand position) - Are you ready - Send your dog - Forward - About turn - Call your dog - Halt - Exercise finished

Types of commands permitted

Commands can be used for this exercise. The dog's head can be held before the send away command is given. Dog's name should be used only at the start of the exercise.

Description of exercise

- a. On order to "Position you dog", the handler is to position the dog in the stand position at the start point. The handler will be asked "Are you ready?". On the order to "Send your dog", the handler may use a simultaneous verbal and physical command to signal the dog to go forward at a brisk pace to a distance of at least 15 meters away and in the approximate center of the ring. The required distance will be clearly marked.
- b. When the dog has reached this marker, the handler will give the command for the dog to adopt the down position facing the handler.
 - i. The dog must stop and should drop immediately to complete a down position with its attention on the handler.
 - ii. After the dog has been commanded to go down, the handler will be ordered to "Forward".
 - iii. The dog must remain in the down position until the Judge/Steward gives the order for the handler to command the dog to heel.
 - iv. The handler will walk towards the dog, and at a point as decided by the Judge/Steward, the handler will be ordered to "About turn".
 - v. The order "Call your dog" will be given next and the handler is to command the dog to go to heeling position whilst the handler continues walking. The dog should go directly to its handler at a brisk pace and walk with the handler in the heeling position. Handler and dog will continue moving together until ordered "Halt".

Guidelines to Deductions

Zero

For a dog that does not go out on the first command, or anticipates the handler's command to go out, or commands to re-direct the dog, or does not reach the distance required from the start point, or does not stop and adopt the down position on first command, or a dog is unmanageable.

Substantial

For slowness in going out, hesitation in going out, or does not stop in the approximate center of the ring, or anticipation of the down and subsequent heel positions. [Deductions of 5 to 10 points]

Minor

For any other minor imperfections or for any failure to take up the starting position promptly. [Deduction of 1 to 4 points]

4. Retrieve Over the High Jump

Maximum points: 30

Principal features

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

Orders from the Judge/Steward

Position your dog (sit position) - Are you ready - Throw your dumbbell - Send your dog - Take It - Finish - Exercise finished

Types of commands permitted

Only Restricted Commands can be used. Extra Commands should not be used. Dog's name should only be used at the start of the exercise.

Description of the exercise

- a. The high jump is to be set at the height of the dog at its withers except for certain breeds. Minimum height is 250mm and the maximum is 900mm.
- b. The Judge/Steward will order the handler to "Position your dog" in front of the high jump with the dog sitting at heel. The handler is to stand at least 1.5 meters away from the high jump. The handler will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise.
- c. The handler will be asked "Are you ready?" He will next be given the order to "Throw your dumbbell". The handler may command the dog to stay and then throw the dumbbell at least 1.5 meters over the high jump.
- d. The Judge may order a re-throw of the dumbbell if the dumbbell does not clear the high jump, or if he considers that the dumbbell is less than the minimum distance of 1.5 meters away. The Judge/Steward shall not be obliged to measure the said distance with any equipment or instrument for this purpose. No re-throw is otherwise allowed.
- e. On order to "Send your dog", the handler may call the dog's name and give a command for the dog to retrieve the dumbbell. The retrieve must be executed at a brisk pace.
- f. The dog is to jump over the high jump to retrieve the dumbbell and is to jump over the high jump again on its return to the handler. No part of the dog's body should clip the high jump.
- g. On its return to the handler, the dog must sit straight, centered immediately in front of the handler, holding the dumbbell until the judge/steward gives the order "Take It". The handler can give the dog a command to release the dumbbell to him. The dog is to release the dumbbell readily and remain sitting in front of its handler.

- h. On order to "Finish", the handler is to give a command for the dog to go smartly to heel position and sit.

Guidelines to Deductions

Zero

For a dog that fails to go out on the first command or anticipates the command to retrieve, or fails to retrieve, or fails to jump over the high jump from either direction or refuses to release the dumbbell to his handler

Substantial

For slowness in going out, using the top of the high jump as an aid, returning, slowness in picking up the dumbbell, not going directly to the dumbbell, excessive mouthing, reluctance to release the dumbbell, not going directly to the dumbbell, excessive handler after retrieving, failure to finish, or anticipation of the finish [Deduction of 5 to 10 points]

Minor

For dropping the dumbbell but picking it up without further command, poor sits, finishes, minor mouthing of the dumbbell and any other minor imperfections. For any failure to take up the starting position promptly. [Deductions of 1 to 4 points]

5. Broad Jump

Maximum Points: 15

Principal features

The dog must stay where left and on command, must jump the entire length of the broad jump and return to the handler after it has jumped.

Orders from the Judge/Steward

Position your dog (sit position) - Are you ready - Leave your dog - Send your dog - Finish - Exercise finished.

Types of permitted commands

Commands can be used. Extra Commands should not be used. Dog's name should be used only at the start of the exercise.

Description of the exercise

- a. The length of the broad jump will be twice the height of the high jump for that particular dog.
- b. The Judge/Steward will order the handler to "Position your dog" in front of the jump with the dog sitting at the heel. The handler should be at least 1.5 meters from the front of the broad jump.
- c. The handler will be asked "Are you ready?". He will next be given the order to "Leave your dog". The handler may command the dog to stay and then position himself at the center point of the right side of the broad jump. The handler should be 0.5 meters from the broad jump.
- d. On the order to "Send your dog", the handler may say the dog's name and give a command to the dog to jump over the broad jump.
- e. The handler is to turn on the spot to his right whilst the dog is performing the jump. On its return to the handler, the dog must sit straight, centered immediately in front of the handler.
- f. On order to "Finish", the handler is to give a command for the dog to go smartly to heel position and sit.

Guidelines to Deductions

Zero

For a dog that fails to stay until directed to jump, or refuses to jump over the broad jump on the first command, or steps on or walks over any part of the jump, anticipates the command to jump or does not complete the principal features of the exercise.

Substantial

For clipping the broad jump, displays any hesitation In jumping, does not return directly to the handler, failure to sit or finish or anticipation of finish. [Deduction of 4 to 7.5 points]

Minor

For poor sits, poor finishes and any other minor Imperfections. For any failure to take up the starting position promptly. [Deduction of 1 to 3 points].

6. Scent Discrimination

Maximum Points : 25

Principal features

The dog must select by scent alone and retrieve an article that has been scented by Its handler from a set of 10 Identical articles.

Orders from Judge/Steward

Take up position - About turn - Are you ready - Give your scent and send your dog - Take It - Finish - Article correct/Incorrect - Exercise finished.

Types of commands permitted

Only Restricted Commands can be used for this exercise. Extra Commands should not be used. The dog's name can only used just before sending It to retrieve the article.

Description of exercise

- a. Unless otherwise recommended by the Obedience Trials Committee, the articles used In this exercise shall be cloths of one colour and size (at least 25-cm square). The MKA will supply the cloth articles for all the handlers. (Towel neatly rolled up with rubber bands on each end.)
- b. The handler, with the dog sitting at heel, will take up position as directed by the Judge, at least 5 meters away from and facing In the opposite direction to the articles.
- c. The Judge will designate the article that the handler will leave his/her scent, which will be handled with tongs. The Steward will place the other nine articles In a pattern set by the Judge, of which 2 will be handled by hand (to serve as decoys). This pattern must be the same for each dog.
- d. The handler's scent must be Imparted to the chosen article only from his hands, which must remain In plain sight. The scented article Is then returned to the Steward who will then use tongs place the scented article In the position set by the Judge. The position of the scented article shall be the same for all dogs. Each of the articles Including the scented one Is to be within 500mm of each other.
- e. The handler and the dog will only turn to face the articles on the order of "About turn". The handler will be asked "Are you ready?" He will next be given the order to "give your scent and send your dog". The handler may place his hand gently over the dog's nose and may give a command to retrieve.
The dog should go directly to the articles at a brisk pace. It may take a reasonable time to select the right article but must work continuously and should not pick up any article other than the handler's scented one.
- f. After picking up the correct article, the dog must promptly return and sit straight, centered

Immediately In front of the handler, holding the handler's scented article until the Judge/Steward gives the order "Take It".

- g. The handler can then give the dog a command to release the article to him. The dog Is to release the article readily and remain sitting In front of Its handler.
- h. On order to "Finish", the handler Is to give a command for the dog to go smartly to heel position and sit.

Guidelines to Deductions

Zero

For a dog that fails to go out to the articles, retrieves the wrong article, or anticipates the retrieve. For and Extra Command to retrieve.

Substantial

For excessive slowness In going out, does not go directly to the articles, or does not work continuously, or playing with the articles or picking up the wrong article even though It puts It down Immediately, for failure to sit or finish or anticipating the finish. [Deductions of 6 to 12.5 points]

Minor

For minor mouthing, poor sits or poor finishes, or any other minor Imperfections. For any failure to take up the starting position promptly. [Deductions of 1 to 5 points]

7. Group Examination

Maximum points: 20

Principal features

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

Orders from the Judge/Steward

Position your dogs (Stand) - Are you ready - Leave your dogs - About turn - Halt - Return to your dogs - Exercise finished

Types of commands permitted

Commands can be used. Extra Commands should not be used. The dogs name only to be used at the start of the exercise.

Description of the exercise

This Is a group exercise. The handlers must form a line approximately 1.5 meters apart. If there are Insufficient entries, the Judge will ask the steward to furnish stand-In dogs to make a group of at least 3 dogs. The stand-In dogs will not be examined and must be left on lead with their handlers.

On order from the Judge/Steward, the handlers will position their dogs In the stand position. The handlers will be asked "Are you ready?" On order from the Judge/Steward, the handlers may give their dogs a command to stay and will Immediately leave their dogs and move forward until ordered to "About turn" and "Halt"

The Judge must approach each dog from the right and left front and not direct front. The Judge must make such examination on similar lines as the breed requires In conformation judging, but must not examine the mouth or the tail.

The Judge may Instruct a Steward to watch the other dogs while he conducts the Individual examination and to Inform him of any Incidents. The dogs must not show undue resentment or shyness to the judge or to the other dogs or to the handlers. If a dog starts to roam, the Judge may Instruct a Steward or handler to take the dog away from the other dogs.

The Judge/Steward will then give the order "Return to your dog" whereupon the handlers will walk back to their dogs to the heel position. the dogs must remain In the stand position until after the Judge/Steward orders "Exercise finished"

Guidelines to Deductions

Zero

For a dog that attacks, or shows an obvious tendency to attack, or shows undue resentment or moves all Its 4 paws after the stay command Is given or does not complete the principal features of the exercise

Substantial

Rough treatment by the handler or active resistance by the dog to his handler's attempts to have It stand. For a dog that requires a second command to stand or slow response to command. [Deductions of 3 to 5 points]

Minor

For poor stands and any other minor Imperfections. For any failure to take up the starting position promptly. [Deductions of 1 to 2 points]

8. Down stay 7 minutes (out of sight)

Maximum points: 25

Principal features

The dog Is to stay off lead for 7 minutes In the down position with the handler out of sight until the completion of the exercise.

Orders from the Judge/Steward

Position your dogs (down position) - Are you ready - Last Command and Leave your dogs - Return to your dogs - Exercise finished

Types of Commands permitted

Commands can be used. Extra Commands should not be used. Dog's name should be used only at the start of the exercise.

Description of the exercise

This Is a group exercise. The handlers will form a line approximately 1.5 meters apart with their dogs. The dogs are to be placed In the down position on order of "Position your dog"

Handlers will be asked "Are you ready?" They will next be given the order of "Last Command and Leave your dogs". The handlers may command their dogs to stay and will Immediately walk away from their dogs.

Handlers will be led by a Steward to a place out of sight of the dogs 8 minutes after the Judge/Steward ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, he will give the order to recall the handlers to the Trial Ring.

The handlers are to return to the Trial Ring and shall each stand facing their own dogs at a distance indicated by the Judge/Steward. Upon the order to "Return to your dogs" the handlers are to return to their dogs together and go to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the Judge/Steward orders "Exercise Finished". If a dog gets up and starts to roam during the course of the exercise, the Judge may instruct a Steward, or the handler to take the dog away from the other dogs.

Guidelines to Deductions

Zero

For a dog which fails to remain in the down position or which moves more than half of its body length from where it was left, repeatedly barking or whining. For any extra commands after the last command has been given. Any unusual or additional act and signal.

Substantial

For a dog that barks or whines only once or twice, or minor movements, e.g. fidgeting. [Deductions up to 5 to 10 points]

Minor

For extra commands, or if the handler does not leave or return with other handlers. For any failure to take up the starting position promptly. [Deductions up to 1 to 4 points]
