

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FROM JUDGES AND HANDLERS FOR CHANGES TO THE A.N.K.C. RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF OBEDIENCE RULE BOOK

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CURRENT:

1. INTRODUCTION

RULES AND EXERCISES FOR OBEDIENCE TRIALS

GENERAL RULES INCLUDING GLOSSARY

The idea of Obedience Trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as the companion and guardian of man and not the ability of the dog to acquire facility in the performance of mere tricks. The classification which has been adopted is progressive with the thought in mind that a dog which has been granted the title of OBEDIENCE CHAMPION has demonstrated its fitness for a place in our modern scheme of living.

Suggested Rule Change

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The idea of Obedience Trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as the companion and guardian of man and not the ability of the dog to acquire facility in the performance of mere tricks. The underlying principle is that a dog which has been granted an Obedience title has demonstrated its fitness for a place in society, according to the level it has achieved.

Rationale

The Obedience Champion title has been surpassed by the introduction of Obedience Grand Champion. Few dogs will achieve the highest title but achieving any obedience title is a worthwhile achievement.

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New addition to Rule Book

Introduction

Guide to Affiliates - That should any affiliated Canine Council accept a waiver to these rules to assist a person with a disability to compete, all other Canine Councils shall respect that decision and accept the same waiver upon receipt of a copy of the approval/dispensation.

RATIONALE: *That the application for dispensation will have been thoroughly investigated by the Canine Council and approval granted on a needs basis, therefore the other States*

should accept said waiver to the rules. This allows the person with the disability to compete interstate and also to avoid having to explain to have that dispensation recognised elsewhere.

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2. TITLES

Class Titles:

All dogs eligible to be entered in Obedience Trials in accordance with these Rules shall be eligible to receive Class Title Certificates upon qualification and application.

The Canine Control will receive applications for the use of the letters

(1) 'C.C.D.' signifying Community Companion Dog in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which shall be certified by Judges to have received three (3) qualifying scores of 85 or more points in the Community Companion Dog class.

(2) 'C.D.' signifying Companion Dog; 'C.D.X.' signifying Companion Dog Excellent; 'U.D **INSERT A.**' signifying Utility Dog **A CLASS, UDB signifying Utility Dog B class** and 'U.D.X' signifying Utility Dog Excellent in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which shall be certified by judges to have received three (3) qualifying scores of 170 or more points in Novice, Open, Utility and Utility Dog Excellent Classes respectively.

Only the Highest Obedience Title awarded to the dog will be used after the name of the dog.

Applications for C.C.D, C.D., C.D.X, U.D **INSERT A/B** and U.D.X titles must be accompanied by Trial Certificates indicating qualifying scores under at least two different Judges.

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1. Changing the way Dog's Height is measured (Rule 7 Page 10)
2. Changing the way Jump Height is calculated (Rule 10 Page 14)
3. Shortening the jump span and to improve the construction and safety of the jumps (Rule 10 Page 15)

Proposal 1: Changing the way Dog's Height is measured

Measurement of Dog's Height: (Rule 7 Page 10)

Classes – Exercises affected:

- Open – Retrieve Over Solid Jump
- Utility – Directed Jumping (Bar and Solid Jump)

Current Rule:

The dog's height shall be measured at the withers to the nearest 10mm.

Proposed New Rule:

*The dog's height shall be measured at the withers to the nearest **5mm**.*

It is the responsibility of the handler to produce the Dog's Height Card upon request by the Judge.

Rationale:

- *Higher degree of accuracy is especially required at the cut off heights
Accuracy in the measurement of Dog' Height as written in the entry form can only be undisputedly verified using official Dog's Height Card*

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CURRENT RULE

6. EXHIBITS

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.

Suggested Rule Change

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Rationale: *Bringing Rules into line with current practice.*

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Current Rule:

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.

Proposed New Rule:

Protective clothing may be worn by the dog in the individual exercises or in the group exercises or in both sets exercises, depending on prevailing weather conditions and at the discretion of the Judge. Protective clothing may only be put on, or removed from the dog before the commencement or after the completion of judging of either set of exercises.

Rationale:

- *It is to be emphasised that a dog is allowed to wear protective clothing while being judged in the ring but protective clothing cannot be put on or taken off while the dog is being judged.*
- *A rewording of the current rule is necessary because it is subject to different interpretations. One interpretation is that protective clothing can only be used in the interval between the individual and group exercises.*

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General Rules – Removal of a Dog:

When a judge must disqualify a dog – first sentence.

Currently reads:

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 Canine Council.

Change to:

The judge must order the removal and disqualification from all Trial Competition on the day any dog that attacks, or shows an obvious tendency to attack, and must lodge a report with the Canine Council.

Rationale:

The disqualification and reporting of a dog which shows an obvious tendency to attack will remove the risk of a dog which has show an 'obvious tendency to attack' to actually attack later in the same trial. A zero score allows the dog to continue to compete at the trial and this puts judges and others at unnecessary risk. The disqualification of a dog which shows an obvious tendency to attack will better reflect Regulation 3.5.6 and the penalties imposed for aggression.

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7. EXHIBITORS AND HANDLERS

CURRENT RULE

Commands:

Where the word "command" appears in specific exercises, it will mean "command and/or signal" unless otherwise specified.

All verbal commands must be in the English Language unless approved otherwise by the Judge.

Suggested Rule Change

Delete sentence:

All verbal commands must be in the English Language unless approved otherwise by the Judge.

Rationale: *Bringing Rules into line with current practice.*

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DELETE:

Measurement of Dog's Height:

The dog's height shall be measured at the withers to the nearest 10mm.

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Calculation of the Dog's Jump: (Rule 10 Page 14)

Current Rule:

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.

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.

Proposed New Rule:

The height and width jumped by a dog must be determined using the following rule. The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form.

<i>Height of Dog at the Withers (HAS) (in millimeters)</i>	<i>Dog Jump Height (in millimeters)</i>	<i>Dog Jump Width (in millimeters)</i>	<i>Number of Broad Jump boards</i>
<i>up to 225</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>more than 225 to 300</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>more than 300 to 400</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>more than 400 to 500</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>more than 500</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>3</i>

Rationale:

- The point of the jump exercises in Obedience is to demonstrate the willingness and precision of a dog in following its Handler's order to take an obstacle. Agility as demonstrated in how high and how wide a dog can jump is not the goal of the exercises.*
- The change of the height of the baseboard will allow fit dogs of a toy breed to participate in the sport.*
- The width of the Broad Jump is to be made twice the corresponding height of the Solid/Bar Jumps. This is to ensure that all dogs including heavy, long bodied dogs with disproportionately short legs (e.g. Dachshund, Sky Terrier, Pekingese, Basset Hound, etc.) can clear the Broad Jump without needing to be exceptionally agile.*

Received from Croydon Obedience Dog Club

CURRENT

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.

CHANGE REQUESTED

Delete entire sentence.

RATIONALE

Obedience trials demonstrate a dog's fitness for a place in modern living. Therefore in normal interaction with a dog, the name is immediately followed by command/praise/correction. In many instances this can prevent mishaps or unwanted interactions.

If more than one dog is present the requirement is for the named dog only to obey.

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Add New Paragraph

Dog Rewards.

The handler is not to leave dog rewards, food or other types within 15 metres of the ring that their dog is working in.

RATIONALE

The dog knows where these rewards are left.

- *If they see another dog approaching the area they may leave the ring.*
- *Some dogs on leaving the ring race towards the reward with handler in tow.*

Both of the above have the potential to cause unpleasant incidents.

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Group Exercises:

Group Exercises must consist of a minimum of three (3) dogs and a maximum of **INSERT - five (5)** 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 a dog must be handled by the one competitor for all exercises. In extreme weather conditions the Judge shall consider using areas of shade where practical to conduct the group stay exercises.

RATIONALE: To allow space for the new distances between the dogs, also to allow for more manageable groups.

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Rationale: I'd like to see the group exercises made safer for the dogs. **Currently, the stay exercise has the potential to be unsafe** as judges and stewards are (understandably) reluctant to interfere with dogs as they break or even as they distract other dogs - eg roll around out of their space.

Dogs who break often do so as they are anxious (flight or fiddle response) or because they get a fright. Dogs are being asked to stay in very close proximity to dogs they do not know. This is certainly a risky situation - anxious or frightened dog(s) left alone with as many as 9 other dogs all in close proximity to each other...

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INSERT: The Novice dog may receive ONE command during each of the sit and down stays to remain in place, should it's behaviour jeopardise another dog, the penalty for this correction shall be a substantial one. Should the dog break from position it will be a non-

qualifying score of zero, but the handler may signal or verbally command the dog to come but will gain a zero score for that exercise

RATIONALE: handlers may be permitted to speak to their dog during the exercise and risk a deduction or zero score. Eg a dog who is rolling around on the down stay and flipping all over the stay line the owner may be permitted to ask the dog to remain still. Or, for a dog who is wondering along the line, the owner may be permitted to call the dog or ask for a sit or down. Currently owners are only permitted to watch on as their dog becomes involved in upsetting the entire group. The judge may be able to ask the owner to call the dog quietly if he/she feels the dog is causing a problem. Give people the power to act before the whole stay line up is affected by the disturbance.

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10. EQUIPMENT

DELETE:

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.

INSERT

Jumps:

It is the Judge's responsibility to see that jumps are set for each dog in accordance with these

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

Calculation of the Height and Width of Jumps:

The dog's height shall be measured at the withers to the nearest 10mm. The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form.

<i>Height of Dog at Withers</i>	<i>Height to be jumped</i>	<i>Broad Jump</i>	<i>No. of Broad Jump Hurdles</i>
<i>Under 250mm</i>	<i>150mm</i>	<i>300mm</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>250mm and under 380mm</i>	<i>200mm</i>	<i>400mm</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>380mm and under 500mm</i>	<i>300mm</i>	<i>600mm</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>500mm and over</i>	<i>400mm</i>	<i>800mm</i>	<i>3</i>

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 coloured black and white alternate sections of about 100 mm and be 1.5 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 three separate hurdles 1.5 metres wide and 150 mm high at the highest point. For convenience, the three jumps may be built to telescope. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first.

Solid Jump:

The Solid Jump must consist of two grooved uprights 1200 mm high 1.5 metres wide and fill in boards of several sizes so as to provide adjustment up to 400 mm. The height in millimetres must 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, 1 x 150 mm, 1 x 100 mm, 1 x 50 mm, 1 x 25mm combined to make each dogs required jump height.

RATIONALE: *That this will allow for fewer equipment requirements for clubs and the jumps can be interchangeable for Rally Obedience. It also reduces the heights required to be jumped by the dogs thereby allowing some to compete for longer periods of time.*

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CURRENT RULE

10. 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.*

Suggested Rule Change

Delete the text in italics above

Insert in place of above

Jumps:

It is the Judge's responsibility to see that jumps are set for each dog in accordance with these Rules.

Calculation of the Dog's Jump Height:

The dog's height shall be measured at the withers to the nearest 10mm. The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form.

<i>Height of Dog at Withers</i>	<i>Height to be jumped</i>	<i>Broad Jump</i>	<i>No of Broad Jump Hurdles</i>
<i>Under 255mm</i>	<i>150mm</i>	<i>300mm</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>255mm and under 380mm</i>	<i>200mm</i>	<i>400mm</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>380mm and under 500mm</i>	<i>300mm</i>	<i>600mm</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>500mm and over</i>	<i>400mm</i>	<i>800mm</i>	<i>3</i>

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 coloured black and white alternate sections of about 100 mm and be 1.2 to 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 three separate hurdles 1.2 to 2 metres in length and 150 mm high at the highest point. For convenience, the three jumps may be built to telescope. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first.

Solid Jump:

The Solid Jump must consist of two grooved uprights 1200 mm high and fill in boards between 1.2 to 2 metres in length, of several sizes so as to provide adjustment up to 400 mm. The height in millimetres must 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, 1 x 150 mm, 1 x 100 mm, 1 x 50 mm combined to make each dog's required jump height. All jumps must be painted white or a very light colour, unless otherwise stipulated.

Rationale

To reduce jump heights and to rationalise equipment requirements.

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10. EQUIPMENT

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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.

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Jumps

CURRENT

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 must 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

CHANGE REQUESTED

Delete both paragraphs and replace with the following.

Calculation of the Dog's Jump:

(Dogs to be placed into a height category dependent on actual height at withers ie 150-200-300-400)

<i>Height of Dog at Withers Jump Hurdles</i>	<i>Height to be jumped</i>	<i>Broad Jump</i>	<i>No. of Broad</i>
<i>Under 250mm</i>	<i>150mm</i>	<i>300mm</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>250mm and under 380mm</i>	<i>200mm</i>	<i>400mm</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>380mm and under 500mm</i>	<i>300mm</i>	<i>600mm</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>500mm and over</i>	<i>400mm</i>	<i>800mm</i>	<i>3</i>

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.

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 from 150mm up to 400 mm.

The height in millimetres must 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 50mm, 1 x 150mm, 2 x 100mm.

Broad jump

The Broad Jump must consist of three separate hurdles 2 metres wide. The first board to be 100mm deep, 50mm high at the front and 100mm at the rear. Second board to be 150 deep, 75 mm high at the front and 125mm high at the rear. Third board to be 200mm deep, 100mm at the front and 150mm at the rear. For convenience, the three jumps may be built to telescope.

RATIONALE

Reducing the jump height and width would:-

By putting dogs into a height category would make Obedience consistent with other disciplines.

Enable older dogs to continue to compete longer, less strain on their bodies.

Possibly prevent injuries particularly to the larger, heavier breeds of dogs.

In the current climate of decreasing Obedience numbers, changes have to be made to encourage Handlers/dogs to stay in the sport.

Received from Grace Rumantir

Shortening the spans of the Bar/Solid Jumps and to improve the construction and safety of the jumps (Rule 10 Page 14)

Current Rule: (Rule 10 Page 14)

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.

Proposed New Rule:

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 **a minimum of 1.5 metres to a maximum of 2 metres** in length. The Jump will be adjustable for height. Side post adjustment to be **made of safe, rounded jump cups that must have no sharp edges, and** constructed so as the bar will fall off if hit hard enough, in either direction.*

Current Rule: (Rule 10 Page 14)

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.

Proposed New Rule:

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.*

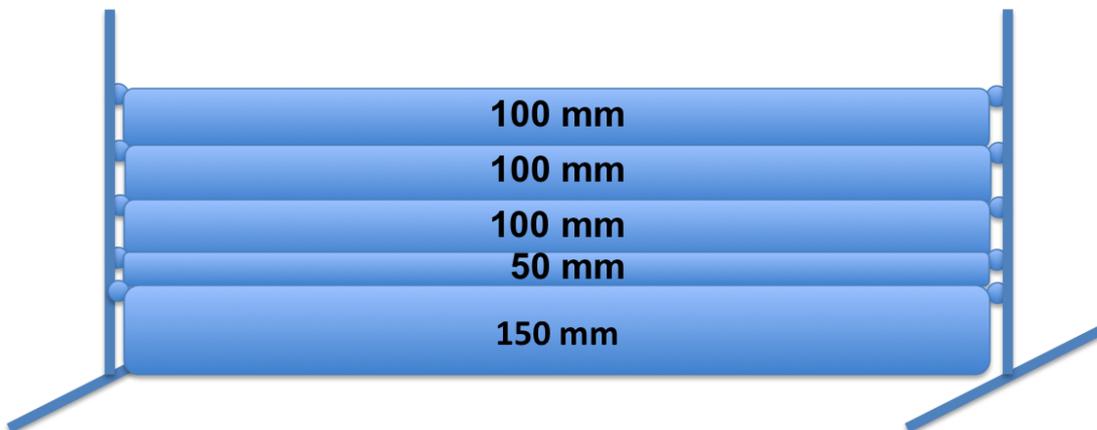
The number of boards to be used for the Broad Jump is shown in the Table on Page 14 under the heading Calculation of the Dog's Jump.

Current Rule: (Rule 10 Page 14)

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 must 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 25mm

Proposed New Rule:

Solid Jump: *The solid jump must consist of two uprights 1200 mm high, be **a minimum of 1.5 metres to a maximum of 2 metres** in length and be constructed in such a way that the board will fall down if hit hard in either direction. The boards stacked up to the jump height using velcros at the joints must be made of lightweight materials and painted in white. The height in millimetres must be painted clearly on each side of each board in black figures. The figure on the **150 mm baseboard** must represent the distance from the ground to the top of the board and may be marked 'baseboard'. The suggested sizes of the boards are: **1 x 150 mm; 1 x 50 mm, 3 x 100 mm.***



Rationale:

- *The reduction in spans of the Bar and Solid Jumps will free up more ring space for the heeling and other exercises.*
- *Solid Jump constructed using lightweight materials that can fall down when hit hard can alleviate pains/injuries that may be caused to the dog if it hits the board in motion while jumping.*
- *The reduction in the number of boards will help with the logistics of the club organising a trial.*

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All dogs must have a slip or fixed collar which fits **(INSERT - that fits loosely around}** 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.

RATIONALE: There have been dogs coming into the ring on a FEW occasions wearing a collar that fits in an unnatural position and is tighter than normally worn

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DELETE ;

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 **DELETE: 2 metres INSERT 1.5 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 must 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 25mm

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Take up Position

CURRENT

All exercises requiring the Handler to take up position should commence after the Handler takes up the indicated position and has clearly acknowledged the Judge's question "Are you ready?"

CHANGE REQUESTED

Delete the current words and replace with "All exercises should commence after the Handler takes up the Judge's indicated position and has clearly acknowledged the judges question "are you ready?"

In all classes where a "lead up" is currently required delete the judge's orders "Forward, Halt/Stand"

Replace the deleted orders with "Take up position". This position to be as directed by the Judge.

RATIONALE

The "lead up" serves no useful purpose in the execution of the principle feature of any exercise. It can be very demotivating for the Handler and dog.

Currently it only serves as an area where points can be deducted. Points should be deducted from the principle feature of any exercise.

Various pages.

CURRENT.

All classes that have a "Sit Stay" exercise.

CHANGE REQUESTED.

Delete the "Sit Stay" exercise in all relevant classes.

RATIONALE

The dogs are more comfortable in the "Down Stay "and less likely to move. If they do move, it might take longer to get up from the drop position and allow the judge more time to intervene (make a decision). It is a cooler position in the hot weather or in fact more comfortable in any extreme weather.

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Nominated Area (UDX):

A Nominated area is to be designated for the Directed Sendaway and Recall exercise. The area is to be

INSERT - behind a two (2) metres **DELETE - square INSERT - line DELETE - and the corners are to be** defined by cones that are to be white, clearly visible to the Handler and Judge no smaller than 75mm and no larger than 250mm high. At the Judge's discretion, the equipment forming the 'Nominated Area' may remain on the ground for the duration of

judging, or it may be removed from the ring and only set in place specially for the judging of the Directed Sendaway.

RATIONALE: Do away with an unnecessary back line, I believe the exercise would become more understandable to the dogs with only two cones present.

Prescribed Area (UD):

The prescribed area shall **DELETE - form a square with 1.5 metre long sides** **INSERT - behind a 1.5 metre bar** . It should be white in colour and be within the range of 25mm to 50mm high and 25mm to 50mm wide. The frame may be of a lightweight timber, PVC piping or metal **DELETE - hinged at the corners**, a pegged down hose, rope, or similar material. The prescribed area should be visible to the dog from the starting point. At the Judge's discretion, the equipment forming the 'Prescribed Area' may remain on the ground for the duration of judging, or it may be removed from the ring and only set in place specially for the judging of the Directed Jumping exercise.

RATIONALE: Remove box and replace with a single bar the dog is to go behind, better transition to UDX, sides of box not necessary

Received from Sheridan Hicks

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Community Companion Dog Class – Exercise- Stand for Examination

Deductions – Zero Score – first point – obvious tendency to attack

Received from Kerri Piper

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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 (*INSERT - curved*) line approximately (DELETE - one and a half (1.5) INSERT - three and a half 3.5**) 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 ten (10) metres. On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.**

RATIONALE: dogs well spaced facing slightly away from each other. Dogs naturally move in circles around other dogs and when relaxing they face in different directions. I think it makes sense to consider positioning them in a slight arc facing outwards especially for the in sight stays.

Remove the sit stay in Open class.

RATIONALE: reducing the number of stays. **Is there a place in modern day life for this exercise?** A sit stay is required for the recall, dumbbell retrieve and broad jump and other exercises, do we need a group sit stay as well? Alternatively, do we need to see a down stay in so many levels?

There are many areas the stays could be improved and I do hope that this will be addressed in one way or another. Currently, I see the group stays as the riskiest part of competing with my dog. I feel that it is imperative that we consider the dog's mental and physical welfare. We should not be leaving it in the hands of other dogs and other trainers.

Received from Grazyna Mackiewicz

Page 19, Page 24, Page 30,31 Page 39, Page 47

Increase distance between dogs in all stay exercise and group examinations.

Currently reads:

"in a line approximately one and a half metres (1.5 metres) apart"

Change to read:

"in a line approximately two metres (2 metres) apart"

RATIONALE:

The increase distance between dogs during the STAYS and GROUP EXAMINATION exercises will:

- alleviate owner anxiety about leaving their dogs next to others; and
- alleviate dogs' anxiety about being left alone so close to doge eyeballing them; and
- lessen the likelihood of incidents between dogs (which could potentially ruin a dog from further trials; and

-lessen the likelihood of dogs distracting other dogs and making them break when the dog next to them breaks.

The changes would retain the basics of these important exercises, with no negative consequences (apart from possibility needing to split a large group into two for these exercises).

Received from Sheridan Hicks

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Novice Class – Exercise - Stand Free for Examination

Deductions – Zero Score – first point – obvious tendency to attack

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Open Class – Exercise – Stand Free for Examination

Deductions – Zero Score – first point – obvious tendency to attack

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Utility Class – Exercise – Group Examination

Deductions – Zero Score – first point – obvious tendency to attack

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Utility Excellent Class – Exercise – Group Examination

Deductions – Zero Score – first point – obvious tendency to attack

Currently reads (all classes)

Deductions:

Disqualification: For a dog which attacks

Zero Score: For a dog which shows an obvious tendency to attack....

Change to:

Disqualification: For a dog which attacks; for a dog which shows an obvious tendency to attack.

Rationale:

The disqualification and reporting of a dog which shows an obvious tendency to attack will remove the risk of a dog which has show an 'obvious tendency to attack' to actually attack later in the same trial. A zero score allows the dog to continue to compete at the trial putting judges and others at unnecessary risk. The disqualification of a dog which shows an obvious tendency to attack will better reflect Regulation 3.5.6 and the penalties imposed for aggression.

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CURRENT RULE

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG CLASS

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 or at the directed pace.

The dog must work on a loose lead. Any tightening or tugging of the 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', 'Right About Turn', 'Left 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 tugs on the lead, or adapts his pace to the dog, or continually guides the dog with the lead, or if the dog does not complete the Principal Feature of the exercise.

Minor: 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.

Suggested Rule Change

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG CLASS

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 or at the directed pace.

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

The Handler may encourage the dog verbally.

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.

The Down, Stand and About Turn orders may only be given when the dog is working at normal pace.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', 'Right Turn', 'Left Turn', 'Right About Turn', 'Left 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 tugs on the lead, or adapts his pace to the dog, or continually guides the dog with the lead, or if the dog does not complete the Principal Feature of the exercise.*

Minor: *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; for **excessive verbal encouragement.***

Rationale:

CCD is an introductory, non-compulsory class, and dogs and handlers should be encouraged to participate. Verbal encouragement will assist the dog and handler.

Limiting the stand and down positions and about turns to normal pace is commensurate with the degree of difficulty at this level

Received from Lorna Piper

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COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG CLASS

1. Heel on Lead	30
2. Stand for Examination on lead	20/15
3. Recall	20/15
Change of Position - 2m	10
4. 1 min Sit Stay	15
5. 2 min Down Stay	15
	TOTAL 100

New Exercise

CHANGE OF POSITION

Principal Feature:

The dog to promptly respond to the Handler's command 'Down' given from a distance.

Description of Exercise:

The Judge must order the Handler to take up position with the dog standing at heel. On order from the Judge, the Handler may give a command to stay and will move forward until the Judge commands the Handler to about turn and halt. The Handler will be halted approximately two (2) metres from the dog. On order from the Judge, the Handler will command the dog to 'Down'.

RATIONALE: *Add another exercise to increase versatility of dogs in this class*

The dog must remain steadily in the down position until after the Judge orders 'Return' (Return to your Dog)' where upon the Handler will return to the dog. The dog must remain in the down position until after the Judge has ordered "Exercise Finished"

Orders from Judge:

'Take up position', 'Leave (Leave your dog)', 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Down, (Down your dog)', 'Return (Return to your dog)', 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions:

Zero Score: *For a dog that fails to down on one command, or breaks from position when left, or when the Handler returns or returns to the Handler during the change of position.*

Substantial: *Slow response to commands, moving more than one body length when changing position.*

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

Received from Dawn Howard

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CURRENT RULE

3. RECALL Maximum Points: 20

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 least 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.

The dog must not move from the sitting 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 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 failing to sit in front of the Handler, or for poor sits. For failure to leave a distinct pause between the dog's name and the command to come. For failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

Suggested Rule Change

3. RECALL Maximum Points: 20

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 'Take up position '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 least 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.

The dog must not move from the sitting position until after the Judge has ordered 'Exercise Finished.'

Orders from Judge:

'Take up position, 'Halt', 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Call (Call Your Dog)', '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 failing to sit in front of the Handler, or for poor sits. For failure to leave a distinct pause between the dog's name and the command to come. For failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.*

Rationale

Principal feature is to stay and come when called.

Received from Dawn Howard

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CURRENT RULE

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 ten (10) 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.

Suggested Rule Change

Delete Sit Stay Exercise in its entirety

Received from Lorna Piper

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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 ten (10) metres. On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.

Option One

REPLACEMENT - Principal Feature:

The dog to stay at the end of a 2 metre 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 **INSERT - to the end of their lead, about turn and halt. DELETE - and walk approximately ten (10) metres. On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.***

Orders from Judge:

Leave (Leave Your Dog) 'DELETE, '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)'.

Option Two

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 **(INSERT - three and a half (3.5) DELETE -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 **(INSERT - seven (7) metres DELETE - ten (10) metres.** On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.*

RATIONALE: *There is a growing concern over the nature of the stays within the trialling community, either of the above options would answer concerns but maintain the stay in the class.*

Option One maintains the requirement that the CCD dog performs exercises on lead.

Option Two decreased distance to recognise the dogs are new to trialling. The increased distance of 3.5m allows for those dogs that shuffle around or roll onto their side, with such a distance between dogs this is less likely to impact on the dog next to it.

Received from Dawn Howard

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5. 2 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 approximately ten (10) metres. On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.

After two 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.

Suggested Rule Change

Increase points for Down Stay

4. 2 Min. DOWN STAY Maximum Points: 30

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 approximately ten (10) metres. On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.

After two 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.*

Rationale

The introduction to the obedience rules describes Obedience Trials as demonstrating the usefulness of the dog as a companion and guardian of man.

The sitting position is not a natural position for a dog and a person who requires their dog to remain stationary for a period of time would normally place the dog in the more stable down position.

Received from Lorna Piper

5. 2 Min. DOWN STAY *That the same changes are made to this exercise as to the sit*

Received from Dawn Howard

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CURRENT RULE

NOVICE CLASS

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.

Suggested Rule Change

NOVICE CLASS

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.

The Down, Stand and About Turn orders may only be given when the dog is working at normal pace.

Rationale:

Limiting the stand and down positions and about turns to normal pace is commensurate with the degree of difficulty at this level

Received from Lorna Piper

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NOVICE CLASS

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

1. Heel Free	40/30
2. Stand Free for Examination	30/20
3. Recall	40/30
4. Retrieve on The Flat or Handler Choice	20
5 Change of Position	30/20
6. Send over Solid Jump	20
5 1-min Sit Stay	30
6 3-min Down Stay	30
TOTAL 200	

RATIONALE: Point allocation was weighted badly in this class with the addition of another exercise plus the compulsory retrieve and change of position the point weighting becomes more balanced Both the Retrieve and the Change of Position are preparatory for Open so should be within the requirements at Novice level to lead to the progression into the next class. The suggested Send over the Jump is also preparatory to Open class.

Retrieve on the Flat - remove the dumbell - allow Handler's choice ie teddy, stick, no squeakies

Received from Lorna Piper

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CHANGE OF POSITION - not optional

Description of Exercise:

The Judge must order the Handler to take up position with the dog standing at heel.

On order from the Judge, the Handler may give a command to stay and will move forward until the Judge

commands the Handler to about turn and halt. The Handler will be halted approximately

DELETE - three (3) INSERT FIVE (5) metres from the dog. On order from the Judge, the Handler will command the dog to 'Down'

RATIONALE: This will lead into the Distance Control in Open Class - only the sit from distance to be taught.

Received from Lorna Piper

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RETRIEVE ON THE FLAT HANDLER'S CHOICE

Principal Feature:

The dog to retrieve the **DELETE - dumbbell** **INSERT - article** on command.

Delete all reference to dumbbell within this exercise and replace it with article

Received from Lorna Piper

NEW EXERCISE FOR NOVICE

6. SEND OVER SOLID JUMP

Maximum Points: 20

Principal Feature:

The dog, on command, must take 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

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 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 jump is 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, , 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.

RATIONALE: This will assist in the transition to the Open Class, both for the Retrieve and the Broad Jump

Received from Lorna Piper

5. 1 Min. SIT STAY

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 (**INSERT - three and a half (3.5) DELETE -one and a half (1.5)**) 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 **DELETE - twelve (12) metres INSERT - ten (10) metres** . On order from the Judge or Steward the Handlers will turn to face their dogs and halt.

RATIONALE: The increased distance of 3.5m allows for those dogs that shuffle around or roll onto their side, with such a distance between dogs this is less likely to impact on the dog next to it. The shortened distance allows for a more progressive move from CCD

6. 3 Min. DOWN STAY

That the changes follow those in the Sit Stay

Received from Dawn Howard

CURRENT RULE

5. 1 Min. SIT STAY

Maximum Points: 30

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.

Suggested Rule Change

Delete Sit Stay exercise and replace with another exercise.

Rationale:

The sitting position is not a natural position for a dog and a person who requires their dog to remain stationary for a period of time would normally place the dog in the more stable down position.

Received from Lynn Klecka

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Open – Heel Free

Currently Reads:-

Deductions:

Over 50% - 'or if the dog fails to negotiate the Figure Eight post'

Proposed Change

Substantial – 'or if the dog fails to negotiate the Figure Eight Post'

Rationale:-

The over 50% deduction for this error is excessive in this Class. In the Novice Class it is a minor deduction so it should be a higher deduction in the Open Class but a substantial is more in line with the error at this level than an over 50% deduction. Therefore changing the deduction to a substantial for one post would still enable the judge to deduct two substantials for failing to negotiate both posts.

Received from Lorna Piper

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OPEN CLASS

OPTION ONE

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

1. Heel Free	30
2. Stand Free For Examination	20
3. Drop on Recall	30
4. Retrieve Dumbbell on Flat	Del 20/ INS 15
5. Retrieve Dumbbell over Solid Jump	Del 30/INS 25
6a. Broad Jump or	
6b. Distance Control	20
7. DELETE 3-min. Sit Stay-Handler Out of Sight	25
INSERT Option One - Sendaway to box	OR 15
INSERT Option Two - Directed Jump	15
8. INSERT - Scent Discrimination	20
8. 5-min. Down Stay-Handler Out of Sight	25
9. INSERT - 3 min Down Stay - Handler Out of Sight Dog on Lead	25
	TOTAL 200

RATIONALE: Will be discussed at the individual exercises

OPTION TWO

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

1. Heel Free	30
2. Stand Free For Examination	20
3. Drop on Recall	30
4. Retrieve Dumbbell on Flat	Del 20/ INS 15
5. Retrieve Dumbbell over Solid Jump	Del 30/INS 25
6a. Broad Jump or	
6b. Distance Control	20
7. INSERT Option One - Sendaway to box	15
INSERT Option Two - Directed Jump	15
8. INSERT - Scent Discrimination	20
9. 2-min. Sit Stay-Handler Out of Sight Dog on Lead	25
DELETE 8. 5-min. Down Stay-Handler Out of Sight	25
	TOTAL 200

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Retrieve Dumbbell over the Solid Jump.

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Directed Jumping

Introduce an Optional exercise for dogs not wishing to jump.

Give the handler the choice for the dog to go to a marker instead of a jump.

The markers go on the ground in place of the jump/jumps.

On command the dog goes to the marker & remains there for 20 seconds, then recalled by the handler.

For Open: the dog is sent for the retrieve & on the return halted on the marker.

For UD: sent from the box and halted on the right or left marker.

During this exercise the jumps are placed, w/ minimum lower board intact, along the ropes.

Or alternatively, dogs doing this choice are run before or after the dogs jumping.

In this way the jumps would not have to be moved all the time.

RATIONALE

Would encourage handlers to stay in this discipline and not retire a happy, willing worker who does not want to jump. Plus would allay any injury concerns that a Handler may have for their dogs.

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OPEN CLASS

CURRENT RULE

5. RETRIEVE DUMBBELL OVER SOLID JUMP Maximum Points: 30

Principal Feature:

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

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.

Suggested Rule Change

5. (a) RETRIEVE DUMBBELL OVER SOLID JUMP (Optional exercise)

Maximum Points: 30

Principal Feature:

The dog, on command, must go over the jump, retrieve the dumbbell, and return over the

jump.

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.

5. (b) DIRECTED RETRIEVE (Optional exercise)

Maximum Points: 30

Principal Feature:

The dog to retrieve the designated dumbbell on command.

Description of Exercise:

In this exercise the Handler will provide two similar dumbbells, which must be approved by the Judge.

The Judge or Steward will then place the two (2) dumbbells across the end or side of the ring. The Handler with the dog sitting at heel, will stand in the ring facing in the opposite direction to and at least twelve (12) metres from where the dumbbells is placed. The dumbbells must not be placed into position until the completion of the previous exercise.

The two dumbbells should be placed in a line parallel to the edge of the ring, one (1) metre from the edge or side of the ring. The distance between the dumbbells is approximately six (6) metres. Both dumbbells must be clearly and equally visible when the Handler turns to face the dumbbell designated by the Judge. The Handler should be able to look over their shoulder to check where the dumbbells are placed before turning around to face the dumbbells.

The dumbbells shall be designated 'One' and 'Two' reading from left to right when the Handler turns and faces the dumbbells . The Judge will give the order 'One', or 'Two' and then order the Handler to 'About Turn'. The Handler will give the command to Heel, and then turn in place, right or left, to face the designated dumbbell. The Handler will come to a halt with the dog sitting at heel. The Handler must not touch the dog, nor reposition the dog.

The Judge will then order 'Send (Send Your Dog)'. The Handler will give the dog the direction to the designated dumbbell with a single motion of either the left or the right hand and arm. The Handler may bend the body and knees to the extent necessary in giving the direction to the dog. The command to retrieve will be given either simultaneously with, or immediately after the giving of the direction, after which the Handler will stand erect in a natural position.

The dog will go directly to and retrieve the dumbbell at a brisk pace, without unnecessary mouthing or playing with it.

The dog must sit directly in front of the Handler and hold the dumbbell until the Judge orders 'Take it' when the Handler may give a command to surrender. The dog must remain sitting in front of the Handler until after the Judge orders 'Finish'. On the Handler's command, the dog must go briskly to the heel position and sit.

The exercise shall consist of a single retrieve.

Orders from Judge:

'Take up Position', 'Dumbbell Number One or Two', 'About Turn', 'Send (Send Your Dog)', 'Take it', 'Finish', 'Exercise Finished'.

Deductions: Zero Score: *For a dog that does not retrieve the designated dumbbell on one command, anticipates the command to retrieve, refuses to give up the dumbbell or does not deliver to hand. For any additional command to reposition the dog to face the designated dumbbell.*

Substantial: *For slowness, excessive mouthing, failing to sit in front, or finish, or anticipating the finish. For touching the dog, or excessive motions when turning to face the dumbbell. For a dog which fails to sit when turning to face the dumbbell.*

Minor: *For poor sits and finishes, minor mouthing of or playing with the dumbbell or where the dumbbell is dropped and immediately picked up without further command. If the Handler drops the dumbbell after it has been taken from the dog. For failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.*

Rationale

Introduction of the optional exercise will allow dogs that have difficulty in jumping to achieve the CDX title and proceed to UD.

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Sit Stay

Suggested Rule Change

Delete Sit Stay exercise and replace with another exercise.

Rationale

The sitting position is not a natural position for a dog and a person who requires their dog to remain stationary for a period of time would normally place the dog in the more stable down position.

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7. 3 Min. SIT STAY - HANDLER OUT OF SIGHT

Delete this exercise - the dogs have already completed sit stays - will give opportunity to include more exercise to aid the transition to UD.

Also massive increase in skill level to go from 1 minute sit stay in sight to 3 minutes out of sight. Perhaps not such a necessary social skill in this day and age. If dogs are left they must generally be on lead.

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Open Class – Exercise – 3 min Sit Stay

Currently reads:

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.

Change to: Delete in it's entirety and allocate the sit stay points to the down stay.

Rationale:

The sit is not a natural position for a dog to remain in for long periods of time, the down is more comfortable.

Allocating the points to the down leaves the stay exercise with the same overall total points.

As the current rule stands if the dog breaks either one or both the sit or down stay then it is unable to qualify so by having one stay the same thing applies but being a down may increase the comfort of the dogs.

There is no sit stay in UD or UDX and the dogs will have demonstrated they can perform a sit stay by gaining their CCD and/or novice titles.

*So as a result, Page 31 – Open Class – Exercise – 5 min Down Stay - Maximum Points: 25 would need to change to: Maximum Points: **50** to reflect the deletion of the sit stay but keep the total allocation of points for the stay exercise in Open Class the same.*

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8. 5 Min. DOWN STAY-

Delete this exercise - the dogs have already completed down stays - will give opportunity to include more exercise to aid the transition to UD. Also massive increase in skill level to go from 3 minute down stay in sight to 5 minutes out of sight. Perhaps not such a necessary social skill in this day and age, If dogs are left they must generally be on lead To add difficulty to the task the judge could 'wander' around.

RATIONALE: Only one stay is necessary, In my opinion it would be better to keep the down stay. Complete the stays with dogs tethered is more realistic of everyday life and how our companion animal is expected to interact. I believe it will better fulfil the requirements of the introduction - where a 3 min sit or 5 min down stay out of sight could be viewed as a mere trick

1. INTRODUCTION

The idea of Obedience Trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as the companion and guardian of man and not the ability of the dog to acquire facility in the performance of mere tricks. Pg 6

Pg 30 & 31 - If we keep ONE of the stays - amendments to the rulebook as follows

7. DEL 3 INS 2 Min. SIT STAY Maximum Points: 25

HANDLER OUT OF SIGHT DOG ON LEAD

Principal Feature:

The dog to stay **DEL - off** **INS - on** 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 **(DEL - one and a half (1.5) INS - two and a half (2.5)** metres apart, and with their dogs sitting in the heel position. On order from the Judge the handler will tether their dog and on further order '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 **DEL three INS two** 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, **INSERT - pivoting into the heel position**. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished'.

Orders from Judge:

INSERT - 'Tether your Dog', 'Are you Ready?' '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 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.

8. DEL 5 INS 3 Min. DOWN STAY- Maximum Points: 25

HANDLER OUT OF SIGHT

Principal Feature:

The dog to stay **DEL - off INS - on** 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 **(DEL - one and a half (1.5) INS - two and a half (2.5)** metres apart and with their dogs In the Down position. On order from the Judge to 'Tether your Dog', followed by '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 **DEL five INS 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, **INSERT - pivoting into the heel position** together. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished'.

Orders from Judge:

INSERT - 'Tether your Dog', '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.

SUGGESTED EXERCISES TO REPLACE THE REMOVED STAY

Will become Exercise 7 - either of Option One or Two, my preference is Option One reason - only want the solid jump in the Open ring which may create a problem in UD when asked to take the bar jump - this can be overcome by training but will we be making a problem for some dogs - arguably those that do agility have a preference for the bar when they first start UD. Option One may impact on the distance required for the drop on recall, but ring management should overcome this. Possibly only use a front bar of the box to send the dog behind?

Option One

7 SENDAWAY

Maximum points 15

Principal Feature:

The dog, on command, to leave the Handler and go substantially in the right direction to the prescribed area and sit.

Description of Exercise:

The Judge shall prescribe an area, which will be marked by a frame positioned no closer than three (3) metres from the unobstructed end of the ring and in the middle, and no more than twelve (12) metres from the point from which the dog is sent. For an indoor ring, the prescribed area shall be no closer than one (1) metre from the end of the ring. On order from the Judge, the Handler shall command the dog to go to the prescribed area. The dog must go substantially in the right direction and at a brisk pace. It must not go past the prescribed area or enter from behind. Once the dog is in the prescribed area, it should sit automatically. At the completion of the exercise the handler will go and collect the dog.

Orders from Judge:

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

Deductions:

Zero Score: For a Handler who directs the dog to the incorrect jump. For a dog which requires more than one command to leave the Handler or to sit in the prescribed area, anticipates any part of the Principal Feature, does not go substantially in the right direction or fails to sit substantially within the prescribed area (see Section 8). Goes past the back edge of the prescribed area or enters from behind.

Substantial: For that particular part of the exercise, if a dog is slow going out or returning or responds slowly to commands; or for a dog that requires a command to sit in the prescribed area.

Minor: For that particular part of the exercise, where the dog is substantially but not entirely within the prescribed area.

OR

OPTION TWO

7. DIRECTED JUMP

Maximum Points 15

Principal Feature:

The dog, on command, to jump as directed.

Description of Exercise:

The solid jump, will be used for this exercise. It will be placed no closer than one and a half metres to the edge of the ring. The marker from which the dog begins the exercise will be to the right or left of the jump 10m metres distant and 4 metres away from a the inner upright of the jump. It is the Judge's responsibility to see that the height jumped is that required for that particular dog's height.

The dog shall be left in a sit position 10 metres from the jump, the handler will about turn 10m after the jump. Then on the Judge's order the handler shall command the dog to jump. While the dog is jumping the Handler will turn and face it, so that the dog will come in to sit squarely in front. On order from the Judge, the Handler will command the dog to finish, whereupon the dog must go briskly to the heel position and sit.

Orders from Judge:

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

RATIONALE: **This exercise is a step toward the next class.**

NEW EXERCISE

8. SCENT DISCRIMINATION

Principal Feature:

The dog, on command, to select the correct article by scent and promptly retrieve.

Description of Exercise:

The dog must select by scent and retrieve an article, which has been handled by its Handler (i.e. leather, metal and wood). The Handler will supply the articles.

Preparation:

- (i) On entering the Ring, the Handler must surrender the articles, which must be kept on the Judge's table. The Handler may provide a set of leather, wood or metal to work with
- (ii) The Judge must designate one number/letter of the set.
- (iii) The remaining 4 articles must be placed by hand and at random at least 150 mm apart on the grass by either the Judge or the Steward.

The Exercise:

The Handler, with the dog sitting at heel, will take up position as directed by the Judge, at least five (5) metres from and facing in the opposite direction to the articles.

The Judge or Steward will offer the designated articles to the Handler. Judging commences at this point. Immediately after receiving the article, and before imparting his scent, the Handler must show and say the number to the Judge. The Handler's scent must be imparted only from his hands which must remain in plain sight at all times for the duration of the scent discrimination exercise. The Handler must not show the article to the dog

On order from the Judge, the Handler must immediately surrender the article to the Judge or Steward who will place it among the other articles either on the ground as requested by the Handler. The Judge or Steward must not touch the scented article. On order from the Judge, the Handler and the dog will turn and face the articles. On further order, the Handler may place his hand gently over the dog's nose and may give a command to retrieve. The dog must go to the articles at a brisk pace, but may take a reasonable time to select the right one provided that he works smartly and continuously and does not pick up any article other than the one designated. After picking up the correct article, the dog must promptly return and sit directly in front of the Handler, and hold the article until given a command to surrender.

The dog must remain sitting in front of the Handler until after the Judge orders 'Exercise Finished'

Orders from Judge:

'Take up Position', 'Take your Article', 'Thank You', 'About Turn', 'Send (Send Your Dog)', 'Take it', 'Exercise Finished', 'Article Correct ' or 'Article Incorrect'.

Deductions:

Zero Score: For a dog which fails on a single command to retrieve the designated article, or refuses to give up the article, does not deliver to hand, or anticipates the Principal Feature

Substantial: For the particular part of the exercise in which the dog is slow in going out or returning, does not work constantly, plays with or excessively mouths the article, picks up the wrong article even though he puts it down immediately, fails to sit or finish, or anticipates the finish.

Minor: For that particular part of the exercise, for minor mouthing or poor sits and where the article is dropped and immediately picked up without further command, if the Handler drops the article after it has been taken from the dog, for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise.

RATIONALE: Provides a direct link to the next class also gives points towards the 100 as the sit stay is removed.

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Path without jumping

CCD Novice as I proposed previously

OPEN B

All as is suggested previously plus stay changes for non jumpers removal of retrieve over the solid jump replace with send to prescribed area

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UTILITY CLASS

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

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| 1. Seek Back | 30/25 |
| 2. Directed jumping | 40/30 |
| 3. Scent Discrimination | 45/30 |
| 4. Signal Exercise/Heeling | 30 |
| Signal Exercise | 20 |
| 5. (a) Speak on Command-or | |
| (b) Food Refusal-or | 15 |
| (c) Directed Retrieve - compulsory | 20 |
| 6. Group Examination | 10 |
| 7. DEL 7 INS 4. min Down Stay-Handler Out of Sight | 25/20 |

TOTAL 200

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DIRECTED JUMPING

The Judge shall prescribe an area, which will be marked by a **DELETE - frame INSERT - bar** ositioned no closer than three (3) metres from the unobstructed end of the ring and in the middle, and no more than twenty-five (25) metres from the point from which the dog is sent. The jumps shall be set at approximately halfway, but no closer than ten (10) metres from the position from where the dog is sent or from the prescribed area.

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Scent Discrimination

CURRENT

Deductions

Substantial: For the particular part of the exercise in which the dog is slow in going out or returning

CHANGE REQUESTED

Replace the current words with " For failing to retrieve at a brisk pace"

RATIONALE

The Principal feature is :-The dog, on command, to select the correct articles by scent and promptly retrieve.

Note the words promptly retrieve. No different to the retrieve in the Open class Dumbbell exercises. The operative word is RETRIEVE. Yet in UD scent discrimination if the dog is slow going out and back it is treated as 2 substantial's and has acquired a NQ whilst performing the principal feature successfully. But in OPEN the substantial is for the retrieve which is there and back in its entirety.

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SCENT DISCRIMINATION

Description of Exercise:

The dog must select by scent and retrieve an article, which has been handled by its Handler in each of

The **DELETE - three** **INSERT - two** tests (i.e. leather, metal and wood. The Handler will select the order in which the different articles are to be retrieved.

Preparation:

(i) On entering the Ring, the Handler must surrender the articles, which must be kept on the Judge's table.

(ii) The Judge must designate). **INSERT - which two articles will be retrieved ie wood and leather and** one number/letter of each of the sets.

(iii) The remaining 12 articles must be placed by hand and at random at least 150 mm apart by either the Judge or the Steward. The Affiliate conducting the fixture will provide a canvas if requested

The Exercise:

. The dog must remain sitting in front of the Handler until after the Judge orders **DELETE - 'Finish'. On the Handlers command, the dog must go briskly to the heel position, sit and remain in that position. The Judge will take the article from the Handler and state** 'Part Exercise Finished' or 'Exercise Finished' and then 'Article Correct' or 'Article Incorrect' followed by 'Take up Position' if further articles are to be retrieved.

Orders from Judge:

'Take up Position', 'Select your Article', 'Thank You', 'About Turn', 'Send (Send Your Dog)', 'Take it',

DELETE - Finish, 'Part Exercise Finished', 'Exercise Finished', 'Article Correct ' or 'Article Incorrect'.

Deductions:

Zero Score: For a dog which fails on a single command to retrieve the designated article, or refuses to give up the article, does not deliver to hand, or anticipates the Principal Feature

must be marked zero for the particular part of the exercise, and the Judge's Chart endorsed 'Non-Qualifying Score'.

Substantial: For the particular part of the exercise in which the dog is slow in going out or returning, does not work constantly, plays with or excessively mouths the article, picks up the wrong article even though he puts it down immediately, fails to sit **DELETE - or finish, or anticipates the finish.**

RATIONALE: The judge selecting which articles will be used for the exercise will ensure the dog knows how to do all the materials. Removing the finishes decreases the number of finishes required in UD and presents a more 'real life' scenario

DELETE - SIGNAL EXERCISE INSERT - SIGNAL HEELING

Principal Feature:

The dog to work at heel in response to signals only, then promptly respond to the Handler's signals given from a distance.

Description of Exercise: The heeling is done in the same manner as in the Heel Free exercise except that the Handler uses signals only and must not speak to the dog at any stage.

The Judge must give the Heel Free exercise routine excluding 'Figure Eight'.

DELETE - The Judge will order 'Normal Pace' and on further order or signal from the Judge, the Handler will signal the dog to stand. On further order or signal from the Judge, the Handler may signal the dog to stay and will move forward approximately five (5) metres. On further order or signal, the Handler will turn to face the dog. On separate and specific order or signal from the Judge in each case, the Handler will give the signals to down, to sit, to come, and to finish.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', followed by any orders from the Heel Free exercise routine, 'Stand (Stand Your Dog)', '**DELETE - Leave (Leave Your Dog)**', 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Down (Down Your Dog)', '**Sit (Sit Your Dog)**', 'Recall (Call Your Dog)', 'Finish', 'Exercise Finished'.

The order for those parts of the exercise done with the dog at heel may be given in any order and may be

Repeated , **DELETE - but those orders given after the Handler has left the dog in the Stand position must be given in the order specified.**

Deductions:

Zero Score: For a dog which is unmanageable, or receives an audible command from the Handler, **DELETE or which fails on a single signal to stand where left, or drop, or sit or come, or fails to sit in front, or fails to finish and sit, or anticipates the signals given after the dog has been left.**

Over 50%: For a dog which moves more than half its body length when changing from the Stand to the Down or from the Down to the Sit, when signals are given after the dog has been left.

Substantial: For any double signal or failure to sit, stand or down during the heel routine, prolonged signals, slow response to signals.

Minor: For imperfections in heeling and for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise

RATIONALE: Remove drop, sit recall - create a separate exercise.

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INSERT SIGNAL EXERCISE

Principal Feature:

The dog to work at heel in response to signal only, then promptly respond to the Handler's signals given from a distance.

Description of Exercise: The heeling is done in the same manner as in the Heel Free exercise except that the Handler uses signals only and must not speak to the dog at any stage, the dog and Handler will heel forward and place the dog into a stand position.

The Judge will order 'Normal Pace' and on further order or signal from the Judge, the Handler will signal the dog to stand. On further order or signal from the Judge, the Handler may signal the dog to stay and will move forward approximately seven metres (7) metres. On further order or signal, the Handler will turn to face the dog. On separate and specific order or signal from the Judge in each case, the Handler will give the signals to down, to sit, to come, and to finish.

Orders from Judge:

'Forward', followed by a, 'Stand (Stand Your Dog)', 'Leave (Leave Your Dog)', 'About Turn', 'Halt', 'Down (Down Your Dog)', 'Sit (Sit Your Dog)', 'Recall (Call Your Dog)', 'Finish', 'Exercise Finished'.

The orders given after the Handler has left the dog in the Stand position must be given in the order specified.

Deductions:

Zero Score: For a dog which is unmanageable, or receives an audible command from the Handler, **or** which fails on a single signal to stand where left, or drop, or sit or come, or fails to sit in front, or fails to finish and sit, or anticipates the signals given after the dog has been left.

Over 50%: For a dog which moves more than half its body length when changing from the Stand to the Down or from the Down to the Sit, when signals are given after the dog has been left.

Substantial: For any double signal or failure to sit, stand or down during the heel routine, prolonged signals, slow response to signals.

Minor: For imperfections in heeling and for failure to carry out any of the lesser points of the exercise

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Utility Class – Exercise – Signal Exercise

Principal Feature Currently reads:

The dog to work at heel in response to signals only, then promptly respond to the Handler's signals given from a distance.

Change to: The dog to work at heel in response to **commands** only, then promptly respond to the Handler's **commands** given from a distance.

Description currently reads:

Description of Exercise:

The heeling is done in the same manner as in the Heel Free exercise except that the Handler uses signals only and must not speak to the dog at any stage.

The Judge must give the Heel Free exercise routine excluding 'Figure Eight'.

The Judge will order 'Normal Pace' and on further order or signal from the Judge, the Handler will signal the dog to stand. On further order or signal from the Judge, the Handler may signal the dog to stay and will move forward approximately five (5) metres. On further order or signal, the Handler will turn to face the dog. On separate and specific order or signal from the Judge in each case, the Handler will give the signals to down, to sit, to come, and to finish.

Change to:

*The heeling is done in the same manner as in the Heel Free exercise except that the Handler uses **a single verbal command OR a physical hand signal only (but not both together)**.*

The Judge must give the Heel Free exercise routine excluding 'Figure Eight'.

*The Judge will order 'Normal Pace' and on further order or signal from the Judge, the Handler will **command** the dog to stand. On further order or signal from the Judge, the Handler may **command** the dog to stay and will move forward approximately five (5) metres. On further order or signal, the Handler will turn to face the dog. On separate and specific order or signal from the Judge in each case, the Handler will give the **commands** to down, to sit, to come, and to finish.*

Rationale:

The rule book also has on page 9 under 7. EXHIBITORS AND HANDLERS, Commands:

"Where the word "command" appears in specific exercises, it will mean "command and/or signal" unless otherwise specified.

One command only is given to the dog for a specific action on the part of the dog. The verbal command must be a single word.

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."

The hand signal and voice command either together or separately both direct the dog to perform what the handler wants them to do. Some dogs are "sight" and some are "sound" dogs and they respond better to one or the other. It also heads towards the distance control and positions in motion in the UDX class.

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Directed Retrieve

CURRENT

The exercise shall consist of a single retrieve, each glove being used approximately the same number of times.

CHANGE REQUESTED

Delete the current sentence and replace with:-

The exercise shall consist of a single retrieve. The judge will decide prior to the start of the UD class which number glove ALL of the dogs will retrieve. Ie each dog will retrieve the same numbered glove.

RATIONALE

The exercise would be fairer and more consistent for all dogs. The retrieve is then executed under similar environmental conditions for all dogs.

The positions in Food Refusal and Speak on Command are the same for each dog. The Seek Back article tends to be placed in the same area for each dog.

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DOWN STAY

Increase distance between dogs - time reduced

RATIONALE: Dogs were tethered in Open class, exercise was for 3 mins this provides a graduated increase in skills, time can assist in time management with addition of compulsory retrieve

DIRECTED RETRIEVE COMPULSORY

Preparation for UDX where articles are hidden, **UDX accessible from Open class**

New Class Exercises

UDB

Send to prescribed area, direct through appropriate hoop as in directed jumping.

Change rules to read hoop instead of jump.

Advanced/assistance task i.e. retrieve article and place in basket/bucket.

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Utility Dog Excellent Class – Exercise – Distance Control

Description of Exercise currently reads:

Commands to be by a single verbal OR physical hand signal (but not both together).

The Judge will order the Handler to take up position at a designated point with the dog in the stand position. After the Handler has indicated they are ready, the Judge will order 'Leave' (Leave your Dog)'.

The Handler may command the dog to stay and move forward approximately ten (10) metres, and on the Judge's order 'About Turn' and 'Halt'. On separate orders from the Judge, the Handler will command the dog to sit, stand or down until six (6) changes of position have been completed. The Judge will decide the order of the positions, the same order is to be completed by each dog. The dog must perform a Sit, Stand and Down at least once. At the completion of the changes of position, the Judge will order 'Return' (Return to Your Dog)'.

Change to:

*Commands to be by a single verbal OR physical hand signal (but not both together).
The Judge will order the Handler to take up position at a designated point with the dog in the stand position. After the Handler has indicated they are ready, the Judge will order 'Leave' (Leave your Dog).
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Rationale:

By performing each position correctly once, the dog has demonstrated it can do the exercise and change into the various positions so doing the positions multiple times is repeating the exercise.

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CURRENT RULE

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Rationale

In previous exercises the dog is expected to ignore articles carrying steward's scent. Hence it is illogical to have these articles carrying the steward's scent.

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Suggested General Rule Change UD & UDX

In all exercises in UD and UDX where stewards or judges impart their scent to any article, the steward or judge should ensure that his or her hands are clean and free from any foreign scent.

Rationale

The dog is meant to be distinguishing between human scents. The task is made more difficult if any of the articles are contaminated with foreign scents eg food.