

This document is prepared using the guidelines from International Obedience Rules of ANKC, UKC, SKC and MKA.

1. General Provisions

In line with improving the standard of dog agility sport in Malaysia, this document shall be revised at least once a year by the PAAPP Committee of office-bearers.

2. Titles

2.1 Malaysian Obedience Champion (M.OB.CH.)

PAAPP shall issue the M.OB.CH certificate to dogs which attain minimum 20 points. In addition the below requirements must be met-

- a) minimum 1 Obedience certificate (5 points) from Pre-Novice class
- b) minimum 1 Obedience certificate (5 points) from Novice class
- c) minimum 1 Obedience certificate (5 points) from Intermediate class
- d) minimum 1 Obedience certificate (5 points) from the Open class

2.2 Exemptions

A dog which has passed the Pre-Novice level in any dog club and has been issued a PASS certificate may be exempted from the Pre-Novice class. Application in writing, with all supporting documents must be made to the Secretary of PAAPP for this exemption. Upon approval by the governing body of the PAAPP committee, the dog will be exempted from the Pre-Novice class and allowed to move to the Novice Class. There will be 5 points exemption in the requirement to attain the M.OB.CH. Dogs with CD or CDX title for other recognized clubs may be allowed to enter the OPEN class. Application in writing with all supporting documents must be made to the Secretary of PAAPP for exemption.

2.3 Malaysian Obedience Grand Champion (M.OB.GR CH.)

PAAPP shall issue the M.OB.GR CH. Certificate to a dog which meets the following criteria-

- a) Minimum 3 Obedience certificates (5 points per certificate) from the Utility A
- b) Minimum 3 Obedience certificates (5 points per certificate) from the Utility B class.

2.4 The UD (Utility Dog) title is issued to a dog that has obtained 3 Obedience Certificates at Utility A level.

- 2,5 The UDX (Utility Dog Excellence) title is issued to a dog that has obtained 3 Obedience Certificates at Utility B level.

2.4 Obedience Certificates

An Obedience certificate is issued to the dog which has attained the minimum qualifying points in the classes as below-

Class	Minimum Qualifying Points	Maximum Points
Pre-Novice	70	100
Novice	80	100
Intermediate	160	200
Open	160	200
Utility A	170	200
Utility B	170	200

3. Obedience Trials

Each Obedience trial may consist of any or all of 6 classes (or categories). They are

- a) Pre-Novice
- b) Novice
- c) Intermediate
- d) Open
- e) Utility A
- f) Utility B

(If Utility classes are offered, it shall be conducted before all other classes)

4. Eligibility

- a) Pre-Novice- open to all dogs above 6 months old and who have not attained the Champion title.
- b) Novice- open to all dogs above 6 months old and who have not attained the Champion title, but must have passed the Pre-Novice level.
- c) Intermediate- open to all dogs above 6 months old who have not attained the Champion title, but must have passed the Novice level.

- d) Open- open to all dogs who have not attained the Champion title, but must have passed the Intermediate level.

5. Placing/Prizes

Prizes - As a guideline, up to 10 entries, a minimum of 1st and 2nd prizes will be given. Above 10 entries a minimum of 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes will be given.

6. Additional regulations

- a) Dogs under 6 months are not permitted to enter the trials
- b) Bitches in oestrus are not permitted to compete or remain in the trials area.
- c) Dogs are not allowed to practice on the trial area. A warm-up area is set-up for allowing handlers and dogs to warm-up before the trials.
- d) Prior to the trials, the Judge must give a Judge's briefing to the competitors concerning the exercise and show the heeling pattern.
- e) A dog may be entered in each class for as many times as wished. However if the dog wins 3 times 1st Placing OR qualified for 3 Obedience Certificate of that class, the dog may not enter that same class.
- f) The exception to the above rule is the Open class. A dog may be entered in the Open class as many times as desired. However if the dog has obtained the UD title, the dog may not enter the Open class. A dog may enter the Utility A class as many times as desired. However if the dog has obtained the UDX title, the dog may not enter the Utility A class. After the dog has obtained the M.OB.GrCH, the dog may enter the Utility B class as many times as desired.
- g) Scoring- Deductions are 4 types-

Zero score	No points are awarded. The dog cannot qualify in the trial. A dog that fails to perform the principle feature of the exercise or part of the exercise.
Over 50%	Over half the points allocated for the exercise. The dog cannot qualify for the trial.
Substantial	From 20-50% of the maximum points allocated for the exercise.
Minor	From 0.5 points up to 20% of the maximum points allocated for the exercise.

7. Pre-Novice Class

Class (or category)	Maximum points	Types of exercises		Qualifying score
Pre-Novice	100	1 Heel on leash	30	70, with each exercise having minimum 50% score. Deductions for misbehaviour is 10 points.
		2 Stand stay (on leash)	10	
		3 Recall (off leash)	20	
		4 Sit stay (30 sec)	20	
		5 Down stay (1 min)	20	

7.1 HEEL ON LEASH

Exercise

Handler and dog teamwork is the most desirable point of the exercise. Handlers will **NOT** be penalised for encouragement or giving extra commands. No food or toys are allowed. No wearing of pouch bags are allowed. Dog must work on a loose leash. Any tightening or jerking of the leash, or any act which gives the dog assistance will be penalized, depending on severity of pulling of the leash.

Steward's orders: Are you ready? Forward, Right turn, Left turn, About turn, Halt, Stand, Figure 8, Lead out, Exercise finished. Orders may be given in any sequence and repeated. No DOWN command in the Pre-Novice class.

When Steward says 'Forward', the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name, then give a command to heel and commence walking briskly at normal pace. When Steward says 'Halt', handler must stop and dog must sit smartly at heel with no command from the handler. When the Steward says left turn, right turn, about turn, the handler and dog must turn briskly with no command from the handler. When the Steward says 'stand your dog' the handler can say give the stand command to the dog.

In the Figure 8 exercise, handler and dog will walk at least twice around 2 stewards, who are standing about 3 metres apart. Using of cones to replace stewards is allowed upon the discretion of the judge. Steward will order at least 1 "Halt" during the exercise.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it is unmanageable. Over 50% if the handler continuously tugs on the lead, adapts his pace to the dog, dog which is lagging, heeling wide, forging, barking or whining, bumping the handler or the dog does not complete the principle feature of the exercise. Minor deduction for poor sits, stands, occasional guidance with the lead and imperfections in the heeling. (Note- About turn in Pre-Novice means Right about turn. It means the handler turns 180degree to his right, the dog turns to his right also. If handler turns left, the judge will penalize as handler's fault substantial deduction for all such left turns throughout the heeling exercise and minor deduction if only 1 such left turn.)

7.2 STAND STAY

The most desirable points are the dog standing steadily beside handler on a loose leash during the exercise and not showing resentment or shyness.

When Steward says 'Forward', the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name, then give a command to heel and commence walking briskly at normal pace. The steward shall say, "Stand your dog, are you ready?" (**If handler is not ready, he may position or touch his dog without penalty. If handler says "YES I AM READY", judging begins.**). Handler and dog will stay in the position whilst the Judge circles around at least once, no less then 1 metre away, the judge must circle from right or left front but not direct front. Upon the steward saying " Exercise Finish" the handler may touch his dog.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if there is any snapping, growling, shyness, fear, anger, or resentment shown at any time or the dog moves all 4 paws or the dog does not perform the principle feature of the exercise. Over 50% if a dog sits or lies down during the exercise. Minor deduction if dog moves its feet slightly at any time or for poor stands or for dog that requires a second command to stand.

7.3 RECALL

Exercise

Principal features of this exercise are that the dog sits where left until called by handler, and that the dog responds promptly to handler's command to come. Done off-leash.

Steward's orders: Forward, halt. Are you ready? (If handler is not ready, he may position or touch his dog without penalty. If handler says "YES I AM READY", judging begins.)

When Steward says 'Leave your dog', handler will give command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk to about 5-6 metres away, about turn and face the dog. On Steward's order, handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name and then command dog to come, and the handlers hand must return to normal position. Dog must come straight to handler at a brisk pace and sit directly in front. When Steward says 'Finish', handler will give a command and dog must go to the heel position and sit straight.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it fails to remain in the sit position, or does not come on the first command or anticipates the command to come. Substantial deduction for slow response, for breaking from position when handler is returning to the dog, failure to sit, finish or anticipating the finish. Minor deduction for poor sits or finish, failure to leave a distinct pause between the dog's name and command to come, for handlers hand does not return to normal position.

7.4 SIT STAY (30 seconds)

Exercise

Principle feature is the dog staying in sit position off leash for 30 seconds off-leash.

Steward's orders: Sit your dog. Are you ready? Leave your dogs, About turn facing the dog and Halt, Return to your dogs, Exercise finished.

This is a group exercise. Handlers will form a line approximately 1.5 metre apart. When the Steward says "Sit your dog", the handler shall command the dog to sit. On order from the Steward 'Leave your dogs', handlers will command their dogs to stay and will immediately leave and walk a distance of 5-6 metres away. On order from Steward, handlers will about turn and halt. After 1 minute from the time the handlers were ordered to leave, Steward will say 'Return to your dogs'. Handlers will return to their dogs together and walk around behind their dogs to the heel position. Dogs must remain in sit position until the Steward has ordered 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if the dog stands or lie down or move more than half it's body length where it was left. Minor deduction for fidgeting, barking or whining, or if a handler does not leave or return with other handlers.

7.5 DOWN STAY (1 minute)

Exercise

Principle feature is the dog staying in down position off leash for 1 minute.

Steward's orders: Down your dogs. Are you ready, Leave your dogs, About turn, Halt, Return to your dogs, Exercise finished.

This is a group exercise. Handlers will form a line approximately 1.5 metres apart. When the Steward says "Down your dog", the handler shall command the dog to down position. On order from the Steward 'Leave your dogs', handlers will command their dogs to stay and will immediately leave and walk a distance of 5-6 metres away. On order from Steward, handlers will about turn and halt. After 1 minute from the time the handlers were ordered to leave,

Steward will say 'Return to your dogs'. Handlers will return to their dogs together and walk around behind their dogs to the heel position. Dogs must remain in down position until the Steward has ordered 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if the dog stands or sits or move more than half it's body length from where it was left. Minor deduction for fidgeting, barking or whining, or if a handler does not leave or return with other handlers. Substantial deduction for excessive barking.

8. Novice Class

Class (or category)	Maximum points	Types of exercises		Qualifying score
Novice	100	1 Heel free	40	80, with each exercise having minimum 50% score. All exercises are off-leash. Deduction for misbehaviour is 10 points.
		2 Stand stay	10	
		3 Recall	20	
		4 Sit stay (1 min)	15	
		5 Down stay (3 min)	15	

8.1 HEEL FREE

Exercise

Handler and dog teamwork without the use of leash is the most desirable point of this exercise. No food or toys are allowed. No wearing of pouch bags are allowed Extra commands will be penalized minor deduction 1-5 points.

Steward's orders: Forward, Right turn, Left turn, About turn, Fast pace, Slow pace, normal pace, Down, Stand, Figure 8, Lead out, halt. Exercise finished. Orders may be given in any sequence and repeated.

When Steward says 'Forward', the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name, then give a command to heel and commence walking briskly at normal or directed pace. When Steward says 'Halt', handler must stop and dog must sit smartly at heel with no command from the handler. When the Steward says left turn, right turn, about turn, the handler and dog must turn briskly with no command from the handler. When the Steward says 'stand your dog' the handler can say give the stand command to the dog. When the Steward says "Fast pace" or "Slow pace", no command from the handler is allowed.

In the Figure 8 exercise, handler and dog will walk at least twice around 2 stewards who are standing about 3 metres apart. Using of cones to replace stewards is allowed upon the discretion of the judge. The Steward will order at least 1 "Halt" during the exercise.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it is unmanageable. Over 50% if handler continuously adapts his pace to the dog, dog which is lagging, heeling wide, forging, barking or whining, bumping the handler or the dog does not complete the principle feature of the exercise. Minor deduction for poor sits, stands, occasional guidance with the lead and imperfections in the heeling, or for the use of more than one command. (Note- About turn in Novice means Right About Turn. It means the handler turns 180degree to his right, the dog turns to his right also. If handler turns left, the judge will penalize as handler's fault substantial deduction for all such left turns throughout the heeling exercise and minor deduction if only 1 such left turn.)

8.2 STAND STAY

Exercise

Most desirable points are the dog standing steadily off leash during the exercise and not showing resentment or shyness.

Steward's orders: Forward, Stand your dog, Leave your dog, About turn, Halt, Return to your dog, Exercise finished.

On order by Steward, handler will move forward and stand the dog. On further order, handler will command dog to stay and will move forward, about turn and face the dog. The judge will approach dog from the right or left front but not directly in front, without circling the dog. The judge will run a hand gently down the back of the dog. The mouth, legs or tail MUST not be examined.

Steward will then say 'Return to your dog' and handler will walk around behind dog to the heel position. Dog must remain in standing position until the Steward has ordered 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if there is any snapping, growling, shyness, fear, anger, or resentment shown at any time or the dog moves all 4 paws or the dog does not perform the principle feature of the exercise. Over 50% if a dog sits or lies down during the exercise. Minor deduction if dog moves its feet slightly at any time or for poor stands or for dog that requires a second command to stand.

8.3 RECALL

Exercise

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog sits where left until called by its handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command to come.

Steward's orders: Forward, Halt, "Are you ready?." Leave your dog, Call your dog, Finish, Exercise finished

When the Steward says 'Leave your dog', the handler will give the command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk at least 5-6 metres away, about turn and face the dog. On the Steward's order, the handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name and then command the dog to come. The dog must come straight to its handler at a brisk pace and sit directly in front. When the Steward says 'Finish', the handler will give a command and the dog must go to the heel position and sit straight.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it fails to remain in the sit position, or does not come on the first command or anticipates the command to come. Substantial deduction for slow response, for breaking from position when handler is returning to the dog, failure to sit, finish or anticipating the finish. Minor deduction for poor sits or finishes, failure to leave a distinct pause between the dog's name and command to come, for handlers hand does not return to normal position.

8.4 SIT STAY (1 minute)

Exercise

Principle feature is the dog staying in sit position off leash for 1 minute.

Steward's orders: Sit your dog. Are you ready? Leave your dogs, About turn facing the dog and Halt, Return to your dogs, Exercise finished.

This is a group exercise. Handlers will form a line approximately 1 ½ metres apart. When the Steward says "Sit your dog", the handler shall command the dog to sit. On order from the Steward 'Leave your dogs', handlers will command their dogs to stay and will immediately leave and walk a distance of at least 5-6 metres away. On order from Steward, handlers will about turn and halt. After 1 minute from the time the handlers were ordered to leave, Steward will say 'Return to your dogs'. Handlers will return to their dogs together and walk around behind their

dogs to the heel position. Dogs must remain in sit position until the Steward has ordered 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if the dog stands or lie down or move more than half it's body length where it was left. Minor deduction for fidgeting ,minor barking or whining, or if a handler does not leave or return with other handlers. Substantial deduction for excessive barking.

8.5 DOWN STAY (3 minutes)

Exercise

Principle feature is the dog staying in down position off leash for 3 minutes.

Steward's orders: Down your dogs. Are you ready, Leave your dogs, About turn, Halt, Return to your dogs, Exercise finished.

This is a group exercise. Handlers will form a line approximately **1.5** metre apart. When the Steward says "Down your dog", the handler shall command the dog to down position. On order from the Steward 'Leave your dogs', handlers will command their dogs to stay and will immediately leave and walk a distance of 5-6 metres away. On order from Steward, handlers will about turn and halt. After 3 minutes from the time the handlers were ordered to leave, Steward will say 'Return to your dogs'. Handlers will return to their dogs together and walk around behind their dogs to the heel position. Dogs must remain in down position until the Steward has ordered 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if the dog stands or sits or move more than half it's body length from where it was left. Minor deduction for fidgeting , barking or whining, or if a handler does not leave or return with other handlers. Substantial deduction for excessive barking.

9.0 Intermediate Class

Class (or category)	Maximum points	Types of exercises		Qualifying score
Intermediate	200	1 Heel free	50	160, with each exercise having minimum 50%score. All exercises are off-leash. Deduction for misbehaviour is 10 points.
		2 Stand for temperament test	25	
		3 Drop on recall	25	
		4 Retrieve on flat	25	
		5 Broad jump	25	
		6 Sit stay, out of sight (3 min)	25	
		7 Down stay, out of sight (3 min)	25	

9.1 Heeling

Exercise

Handler and dog teamwork without the use of leash is the most desirable point of this exercise. Any unusual or additional act, signal or command which gives the dog assistance shall be penalised.

Steward's orders: Forward, Right turn, Left turn, Right about turn, Left about turn, Fast pace, Slow pace, Normal pace, Halt, Down, Stand, Figure 8, Lead out, Exercise finished. Orders may be given in any sequence and repeated. Right about turn means the handler and dog turns right. Left about turn means that the handler and the dog turn left.

As with the Novice class heeling exercise, commands allowed from the handler are HEEL, STAND, DOWN. No commands allowed for left turns, right turns, about turns, fast pace, slow pace, left about turn.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it is unmanageable or the dog does not complete the principle feature of the exercise. Over 50% if handler **continuously** adapts his pace to the dog, dog **continuously** lagging, heeling wide, forging, barking or whining, bumping the handler or the dog does not complete the principle feature of the exercise. Substantial deduction for extra commands, occasional heeling wide, crowding, forging, or failure to change pace accordingly. Minor deduction for poor sits, stands, and imperfections in the heeling. (Note.-Right about turn means the handler and dog turns right. Left about turn means that the handler and the dog turn left. If

handler turns wrongly, substantial deduction for all wrong turns or minor deduction for one wrong about turn.)

9.2 STAND FOR TEMPERAMENT TEST

Exercise

Most desirable points are the dog standing steadily off leash during the exercise and not showing resentment or shyness.

Steward's orders: **Are you ready?** Forward, Stand your dog, Leave your dog, About turn, Halt, Return to your dog, Exercise finished.

On order by Steward, handler will move forward and stand the dog. On further order, handler will command dog to stay and will immediately leave and walk away a distance of 3-4 metres, about turn and face the dog. The Judge will circle the dog at approximately 1 metre away. The judge will run a hand gently down the back of the dog. The head, mouth, legs or tail **MUST** not be examined.

After the judge has finished testing the dog, the steward will then say 'Return to your dog' and handler will walk around behind dog to the heel position. Dog must remain in standing position until the Steward has ordered 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if there is any snapping, growling, shyness, fear, anger, or resentment shown at any time or the dog moves all 4 paws or the dog does not perform the principle feature of the exercise. Minor deduction if dog moves its feet slightly at any time or for poor stands or for dog that requires a second command to stand.

9.3 DROP ON RECALL

Exercise

Principal features of this exercise are that the dog sits where left until called by its handler, and that the dog responds promptly to handler's command to come, to down and to come again when called from the down position

Steward's orders: **Are you ready?** Forward, Halt, Leave your dog, About turn, Call your dog, Down your dog, Call your dog, Finish, Exercise finished.

When Steward says 'Leave your dog', handler will give the command to stay and will leave the dog in a sitting position and walk 10-12 metres away, about turn and face the dog. On the Steward's order, handler may attract the dog's attention by saying its name and then command the dog to come. Double command using voice and signals simultaneously to call the dog is allowed, without penalization. However the hand must drop back to the side of the handler immediately as the voice command is given. Dog must come straight towards handler at a brisk pace.

On further order by Steward, handler will command dog to down and it must drop immediately to the down position and remain there until given a command to come. Handler may say the dog's name again before giving the command to come again. Dog must come straight to its handler and sit directly in front without further command or signal. When Steward says 'Finish', handler may give a command and the dog must go to the heel position and sit straight.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it breaks from position, does not come, does not drop, or requires 2nd command to come or drop. Substantial deduction for slow response, failure to come at brisk pace, failure to automatic sit, failure to leave a distinctive pause between the dog's name and command, finish or anticipation of the finish. Minor deduction for poor sits, finishes or other imperfections.

9.4. RETRIEVE ON FLAT

Exercise

Dog is to retrieve dumbbell on command and promptly return to the handler.

Steward's orders: **Get your dog into position, are you ready?** Throw your dumbbell, Send your dog, Take it, Finish, Exercise finished.

On further order by Steward to throw the dumbbell, handler may give a command to stay and must then throw the dumbbell 4-5 metres away. On order from Steward to 'Send your dog', handler may give the command to retrieve. Retrieve must be executed at a fast pace. Dog must then sit directly in front of handler and hold dumbbell until Steward orders 'Take it', after which handler may execute the give command. Dog must remain in sitting position until Steward orders 'Finish' and on the handler's command, dog must go to the heel position and sit straight.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it does not retrieve dumbbell on first command or anticipates the command to retrieve, or refuses to release the dumbbell to the handler or the dumbbell is dropped and not delivered to hand. Substantial deductions for slowness, excessive mouthing of dumbbell, failure to sit in front or finish, or anticipation of finish. Minor deductions for poor sits, finishes and minor mouthing of dumbbell, playing with dumbbell, where the dumbbell is dropped and immediately picked up without additional command, or a re-throw of the dumbbell by the handler, due to too far or too near, or the dumbbell is dropped by the handler after the dog has delivered to the hand.

9.5. BROAD JUMP

Exercise

Dog on command, must jump the entire width of the broad jump and promptly return to the handler. The length of the broad jump will be set **at two times** the height of dog at its withers. Maximum width shall be capped at **1200mm**, irrespective of the height of the dog.

Steward's orders: **Take up your position, Are you ready?** Leave your dog, Send your dog, Finish, Exercise finished.

Steward will order handler to take up position in front of broad jump with dog sitting at heel. On order by Steward, handler may give a command to stay and will go to a position facing the right hand side of the jump and stand at least ½ metre from the jump, anywhere between the first and last hurdle. On order from Steward to 'Send your dog', handler may say the dog's name and give command to jump. If handler wants to use his hand simultaneously, he is allowed to do so without penalization, but his hand must drop immediately to the side as soon as he has given the command. The handler must turn right whilst dog is in mid air over the jump. Dog must clear entire length of the jump and return to handler and sit directly in front, without any further command or signal. Dog must remain in sitting position until Steward orders 'Finish' and on the handler's command, dog must go to the heel position and sit straight.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it refuses to jump on the first command or does not jump the entire width of the jump, walks over any part of the broad jump, does not return to handler or anticipates jump command. Substantial deduction for clipping the jump, slowness, failure to sit in front or finish, or anticipation of finish. Minor deduction for failure to return smartly to handler, poor sits or finishes, or crooked jump, failure to leave a distinct pause between the dog's name and the command.

9.6. SIT STAY, OUT OF SIGHT (3 minutes)

Exercise

Principle feature is the dog staying in sit position with handler out-of-sight for 3 minutes.

Steward's orders: Leave your dogs, Return to your dogs, Exercise Finished.

This is a group exercise. Handlers will form a line approximately 1.5 metres apart. On order of Steward to 'Leave your dogs', handlers will command their dogs to sit stay and will immediately leave and go out of sight from their dogs to a point previously designated by the Steward.

After 3 minutes from the time the handlers were ordered to leave, steward will say 'Return to your dogs'. Handlers will return to their dogs together and walk around behind their dogs to the heel position. Dogs must remain in sit position until the Steward orders 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it does not remain in the position in which it was left or moves more than half of its body length from where it was left. Minor deductions for fidgeting or minor movements, barking or whining, or if a handler does not leave or return with other handlers.

9.7. DOWN STAY, OUT OF SIGHT (3 minutes)

Exercise

Principle feature is the dog staying in down position with owner out-of-sight for 3 minutes.

Steward's orders: Down your dogs, Leave your dogs, Return to your dogs, Exercise finished.

This is a group exercise. Handlers will form a line approximately 1.5 metres apart. When the Steward says "Down your dog", the handler shall command the dog to down position. On order from the Steward 'Leave your dogs', handlers will command their dogs to stay and will immediately leave out of sight.

After 3 minutes from the time the handlers were ordered to leave, the Steward will say 'Return to your dogs'. Handlers will return to their dogs together and walk around behind their dogs to the heel position. Dogs must remain in down position until the Steward orders 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it does not remain in the position in which it was left or moves more than its body length from where it was left, excessive barking or whining. Substantial deduction for fidgeting or minor movements, barking or whining once or twice. Minor deduction for extra commands or if a handler does not leave or return with other handlers.

10.0. Open Class

Class (or category)	Maximum Points	Exercises	Qualifying score	
Open	200	1 Heel work	50	160, with each exercise having minimum 50%score. All exercises are off-leash. Deductions for misbehaviour is 10 points.
		2 Distance control	25	
		3 Send away	25	
		4 Retrieve over high jump	25	
		5 Broad jump	25	
		6 Stand stay in group	25	
		7 Down stay, out of sight (7 min)	25	

10.1 HEEL WORK

Exercise

Handler and dog teamwork without the use of leash is the most desirable point of this exercise. There are 2 parts of the heel work. The first part is Heel Free, followed by Heel in Motion. Dog will be required to perform the sit, stand and down whilst in motion. Handler is only allowed to use 1 command, by voice or signal. Any unusual or additional act, signal or command which gives the dog assistance shall be penalised.

Steward's orders: Forward, Right turn, Left turn, About turn, Left about turn, Fast pace, Slow pace, Normal pace, Stand your dog, Heel your dog, Down your dog, Sit your dog, Position coming up, Now, Halt, Figure 8, Lead out, Exercise finished. Orders may be given in any sequence and repeated. Left about turn means that the handler and the dog turn left.

At some time during the test, the dog shall be required, whilst walking at heel at normal pace, to be left at the stand, sit and down positions. Caller steward will alert handler that a position in motion is coming up. Handler will look directly in front and see the steward holding a board with the position required ie. stand, sit or down. Caller steward will then say 'Now' and handler will give the required command to the dog. Handler shall continue forward alone without hesitation, and continue as directed by judge until reaching the dog when both shall continue walking forward together. Heel work may also include left about turns and figure of 8 at normal and/ or slow pace.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it is unmanageable or misses two or three of the positions during the heel in motion. Over 50% deduction if the dog misses only 1 position during the heel in motion. Substantial deduction extra commands, for dogs that continuously break away from the handler, heeling wide, crowding, forging, or failure to change pace accordingly. Minor deduction for poor sits, stands and imperfections in the heeling

10.2. DISTANCE CONTROL

Exercise

Dog is to work in response to handler's commands given at a distance-either voice or signals BUT not both.

Steward's orders: Forward, About turn, Stand your dog, Leave your dog, About turn, Halt, Sit your dog, Stand your dog, Down your dog, Return to your dog, Exercise finished.

Heeling is done in the same manner as Heel Free. This can be done by voice or signal by the handler. On order by judge, handler will move forward until told to about turn and stand the dog. On further order, handler will command dog to stay and will move forward at least 5-6 metres, about turn and face the dog. The handler will be asked if he wishes to use voice or signals. On separate orders of steward or by the use of the sign boards the handler will give signal or voice

command to the dog to sit, stand and down the dog. The Handler to return to dog upon the steward's command.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if unmanageable, or fails on a single command to stand, sit, down, or anticipates commands. Substantial deductions for any double commands or failure to respond during heeling routine, prolonged signals, slow response to signals and for inattention. Minor deductions for heeling imperfections.

10.3. SEND AWAY

Exercise

Dog on command, is to be sent away to a designated distance and placed in a down position, and to remain in the Down position until commanded to heel.. Distance for send away shall be a minimum of 10-12 metres (indoor) and a maximum of 15 metres (outdoors). Voice and simultaneous signal are permitted but as soon as the dog leaves handler, the hand must return to normal position.

Judge's orders: Forward, Stand your dog, Send your dog, Forward, About turn, Heel your dog, Halt, exercise finish.

The dog is to be sent away from the handler. When dog has reached the designated distance or the judge is satisfied after a reasonable time, that the handler cannot improve the position of the dog by any further commands, dog should be commanded to down. Whilst judge would take into account the number of commands used, importance should be placed on handler's ability to direct his dog to the designated distance in a straight line.

On order by judge, handler will move forward and stand the dog. On judge's order to 'Send your dog', handler will give command and dog will then leave the handler's side and keep moving away from the handler until told to down. The handler chooses on his own accord to down his dog.

After dog is in down position, handler will be ordered to go forward. Handler will then walk towards the dog and at a halfway point, handler will be ordered to about turn. At judge's order to 'Heel your dog', dog shall be commanded to heel to the left of the handler and continue walking until ordered to halt.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it does not perform on first command or go the required distance, or does not drop on the first command. Substantial deduction for dog that does not go in a straight line, slowness and hesitation in going out, anticipation of the dog and subsequent heeling positions. Minor deduction for other imperfections.

10.4. RETRIEVE OVER HIGH JUMP

Dog is to work in response to handler's commands -either voice or signals BUT not both.

Exercise

Dog on command, will clearly jump over the hurdle, retrieve dumbbell and return jump over the hurdle. The height of the hurdle will be set at the height of dog at its withers. Maximum height shall be capped at 600mm, irrespective of height of the dog.

Steward's orders: Take up your position, **Are you ready?** Throw your dumbbell, Send your dog, Take it, Finish, Exercise finished.

Steward will order handler to take up position in front of hurdle with dog sitting at heel. On order by Steward to throw the dumbbell, handler may give a command to stay and must then throw the dumbbell over the hurdle about 4-5 metres away. The judge may re-order the throwing of the dumbbell if the dumbbell does not go over the jump or not thrown at least 4 metres away, or thrown too far and obstructing the retrieve by the dog. On order from Steward to 'Send your dog', handler may give the command to retrieve. Retrieve must be executed at a fast pace and dog must clear jump in both directions.

On its return, dog must sit directly in front of handler and hold dumbbell until Steward orders 'Take it', after which handler may execute the give command. Dog must remain in sitting position until Steward orders 'Finish' and on the handler's command, dog must go to the heel position and sit straight.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it does not retrieve dumbbell on first command or anticipates the command to retrieve, or refuses to release the dumbbell to the handler, where the dumbbell is dropped and not delivered to hand. Substantial deductions for slowness, excessive mouthing of dumbbell, failure to sit in front or finish, or anticipation of finish. Minor deductions for poor sits, finishes and minor mouthing of dumbbell, playing with dumbbell, where the dumbbell is dropped and immediately picked up without additional command, or a re-throw of the dumbbell due to too far or too near, the dumbbell is dropped by the handler after the dog has delivered to the hand.

10.5. BROAD JUMP

Dog is to work in response to handler's commands -either voice or signals BUT not both.

Exercise

Dog on command, must jump the entire width of the broad jump. The length of the broad jump will be set at two times the height of dog at its withers. Maximum width shall be capped at 1200mm, irrespective of the height of the dog.

Steward's orders: Take up your position, **Are you ready?** Leave your dog, Send your dog, Finish, Exercise finished.

The steward will order handler to take up position in front of broad jump with dog sitting at heel. On order by judge, handler may give a command to stay and will go to a position facing the right hand side of the jump and stand at least ½ metre from the jump. On order from judge to 'Send your dog', handler may NOT say the dog's name and give command to jump by verbal or hand signal but not both. The handler must turn right whilst dog is in mid air over the jump. Dog must clear entire width of the jump and return to the handler and sit directly in front, without further command or signal. Dog must remain in sitting position until judge orders 'Finish' and on the handler's command, dog must go to the heel position and sit straight.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it refuses to jump on the first command, or does not jump the entire width of the jump, walks over any part of the broad jump, does not return to handler or anticipates jump command, or double command (hand and voice simultaneously). Substantial deduction for clipping the jump, slowness, failure to sit in front or finish, or anticipation of finish, or calling the dog's name before the JUMP command.. Minor deduction for failure to return smartly to handler, poor sits or finishes, failure to leave a distinct pause between the dog's name and the command

10.6 STAND STAY IN GROUP

Exercise

Most desirable points are the dog standing steadily off leash during the exercise and not showing resentment or shyness.

Judge's orders: Forward, Stand your dog, Leave your dogs, About turn, Halt, Return to your dogs, Exercise finished.

This is a group exercise. Handlers will form a line approximately 1 ½ metres apart. On order by judge, handlers will move forward and stand their dogs. On further order, handlers will command their dogs to stand stay and will immediately leave and move forward at least 5-6 metres away, about turn and face the dog. Judge will circle each dog at approximately 1 metre away and all dogs must stay standing until judge has circled all dogs. Judge will then say 'Return to your dog' and handler will walk around behind dog to the heel position. Dog must remain in standing position until the judge has ordered 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if there is any snapping, growling, shyness, fear, anger, or resentment shown at any time. Substantial deduction if a dog requires a second command to stand. Minor deduction for movement of feet or poor stands or if handler does not leave and return with other handlers.

10.8. DOWN STAY, OUT OF SIGHT (7 minutes)

Exercise

Principle feature is the dog staying in down position off leash, with handler out-of-sight for 7 minutes.

Judge's orders: Down your dogs, Leave your dogs, Return to your dogs, Exercise finished.

This is a group exercise. Handlers will form a line approximately 1 ½ metres apart. On order of the judge to 'Down your dogs' and 'Leave your dogs', handlers will command their dogs to down stay and will immediately leave and go out of sight from their dogs to a point previously designated by the judge.

After 7 minutes from the time the handlers were ordered to leave, the steward will say 'Return to your dogs'. Handlers will return to their dogs together and walk around behind their dogs to the heel position. Dogs must remain in down position until the judge orders 'Exercise finished'.

Scoring

Dog will be scored zero if it does not remain in the position in which it was left or moves more than half its body length from where it was left, excessive barking or whining. Substantial deduction for fidgeting or minor movements, barking or whining once or twice. Minor deduction for extra commands or if a handler does not leave or return with other handlers.

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