

Changes to 2020 Program Rules

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Junior Program Rules

JR.19.02 Change to 7.2 500 Club Tier Programs

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New Wording:

7.2 500 Club Tier Programs

Any junior who earns 500 points and over in any of the eligible programs will be recognized as being a member of the "500 Club". The 500 Club is our main program. 500 Club Tier Levels are a recognition program for those juniors who have earned additional points.

7.2.1 Eligibility

Junior Handling is the only eligible program. Juniors who earn over 500 points within a single merit year are eligible for the 500 club and the tiers as outlined in Section 7.2.2.

7.2.2 Program Tiers

All juniors earning at least 500 junior merit points for the year will be awarded as part of the 500 club. The highest tier earned will be listed on the award.

500 Club - 500 points earned

500 Club Bronze Tier - 1000 points earned

500 Club Silver Tier - 1500 points earned

500 Club Gold Tier - 2000 points earned

7.2.3 500 Club and 500 Club Tier Awards

500 Club Tier Program winners will have their name, tier level and the merit year earned on the "500 Club" Trophy. Each junior will also receive a jacket. Jacket ordering is handled by the ASCA Business Office.

Jackets are to have the following: ASCA logo on the back with the tier level (if earned) listed below it. The front right shall consist of the ASCA logo followed by their Award (with Tier level if earned). Any text listing a tier level is to be done in the corresponding tier color. Juniors will get their choice of what wording/colors is used on the left.

All 500 Club and Tier Awards will be presented upon the completion of the ASCA Junior Finals in the ring in level order. Each junior earning the 500 Club will be announced and presented with their jacket. Each junior earning a tier level will be presented with their jacket and a certificate for the tier earned.

Old Wording:

7.2 500 Club Tier Programs

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7.2.1 Eligibility

Junior Handling is the only eligible program. Juniors who earn over 500 points within a single merit year are eligible for the 500 club and the tiers as outlined in Section 7.2.2.

7.2.2 Program Tiers

Only the highest level each year will be awarded per junior per program. The tier earned will be listed on the award.

500 Club - 500 points earned

500 Club Bronze Tier - 1000 points earned

500 Club Silver Tier - 1500 points earned

500 Club Gold Tier - 2000 points earned

7.2.3 500 Club Tier Awards

500 Club Tier Program winners will have their name, level and the merit year earned on the "500 Club" Trophy. They will also receive a jacket. Jackets are to have the ASCA logo on the back and the junior will get their choice of wording on the front. Jacket ordering is handled by the ASCA Business Office and are awarded at the National Specialty.

Obedience Program Rules

OB.19.03 Change to Novice Exercises

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New Wording:

3.3 Novice Exercises and Scores

The exercises and maximum scores in the Novice classes are:

EXERCISES	MAXIMUM SCORES
Heel on Leash and Figure Eight	40 points
Stand for Examination	30 points
Heel Free	40 points
Recall	30 points
Long Sit Sit Stay - Get Your Leash	30 points
Long Sit & Long Down	30 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

3.12 Sit Stay - Get Your Leash

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. The Orders are: "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog."

The judge will instruct the steward to place the leash at the designated location after the Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise. The handler and dog will be positioned at least 30 feet from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order to "sit your dog," the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "Leave your dog and get your leash," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the place designated by the judge for the leash, pick up the leash, turn, and face the dog. The handler will wait for the judge to give the order "Back to your dog." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog should not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will tell the handler "Attach your leash and maintain control of your dog." The handler is then required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, tugging or pulling on the leash.

3.13 Sit Stay - Get Your Leash Scoring

A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for the following: The dog barking or whining repeatedly during the exercise, moving a substantial distance away from where it was left during the exercise, or not remaining in the sit position until the judge says "Exercise Finished." Substantial deductions should be made for a dog that moves a short distance from where it was left in sit position, or a dog that barks or whines only once or twice. A substantial deduction should be made for a dog that does not remain under control while leaving the ring.

3.12 3.14 Group Exercises

The principal feature of the group exercises is that the dogs remain in the position required. Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs." Groups in the ring for Group Exercises must include no more than seven (7) dogs in Novice spaced a minimum of 6' apart and ~~no more than ten (10) dogs in Open spaced a minimum of 4' apart and~~ positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates in both levels. If there are more than 7 dogs competing in Novice ~~or 10 dogs in Open competing~~, the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections. At the discretion of the judge, groups for Novice A and B ~~and for Open A and B~~ can be combined or separated. For Novice Finals only, with 7 or fewer dogs competing, dogs will be lined up on one long side of the ring; with 8-10 dogs competing, dogs will be lined up in 2 facing rows, with up to 5 dogs lined up on each of the long sides of the ring positioned 4' off the ring gates. ~~However, when Open B orders III and V are used, Open B groups cannot be combined with other classes.~~ The dogs will be lined up in catalog order along one side of the ring. In Novice, dogs will remain be on a six (6) foot leash during the group stays. ~~Each handler will leave the leash attached to the collar and lay the rest of the leash and their armband - weighted, if necessary - in between the dog and the handler. In Open, each handler will remove the leash and place the leash and their armband, weighted as necessary, behind their dog.~~ The judge should stand so that he can see all the dogs and all the handlers without having to turn around.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises. Group exercises may be performed prior to or after individual exercises; the order must be specified in the premium.

The person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must also handle that dog in the Long Sit and Long Down unless the person handled more than one dog in the class and the class will only have one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog(s) during the Group Exercises.

When the last Group Exercise has been completed and the judge has said, "Exercise Finished," ~~Novice handlers must pick up the leash; Open handlers must leash their dogs.~~ Dogs must be kept under control while exiting the ring.

Dogs moving from the place where they were left in the first group exercise shall be excused from the remaining group exercise.

LONG SIT: Novice dogs are required to sit for one minute. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The judge will ask if everyone is ready. Upon command from the judge to "Sit Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit. On the command, "Leave your dogs," handlers will ~~place their leashes on the ground between themselves and their dog,~~ command and/or signal their dogs to stay, walk directly across ~~the ring~~ from their dog to the end of their leash, without jerking or tightening the leash, and then turn and face their dogs. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise. On the command, "Back to your dogs," handlers ~~will~~ must return directly, walk back to and around their own dogs counterclockwise to heel position. The judge shall not give the order "Exercise Finished" until the handlers have returned to the heel position. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished." Time begins when the judge commands, "Leave your dogs." After one minute, timing ends, at which time the judge will command, "Back to your dogs."

LONG DOWN: Novice dogs are required to down for ~~two~~ one minutes. This exercise is performed exactly like the long sit with ~~these~~ this exceptions. The judge will order, "Down your dogs," instead of "Sit your dogs." The dogs must lie down instead of sit. Dogs must be facing directly across the ring. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished", ~~and the handler will then pick up their leash.~~

~~3.13~~ 3.15 Group Exercises, Scoring

During these exercises the judge shall stand in such position that all the dogs are in his line of vision, and where he can see all the handlers in the ring without having to turn around.

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit or lie down. These shall be penalized substantially; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

A handler whose dog assumes a position in such a manner that it could interfere with an adjacent competing dog shall be required to reposition his dog and shall also be substantially penalized; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A score of non-qualifying (NQ) is required for the following: leash consistently tight, the dog's moving at any time during either exercise a substantial distance away from the place where it was left, or going over to any other dog, or staying on the spot where it was left but not remaining in whichever position is required by the particular exercise until the handler has returned to the "Heel" position, or repeatedly barking or whining.

A substantial deduction shall be made for a dog that moves even a minor distance away from the place where it was left or that barks, or whines only once or twice or that changes its position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order "Exercise finished." Depending on the circumstance, a substantial or minor deduction shall be made for touching the dog or its collar in getting the dog into the "down" position, and any jerking or tightening of the leash during the exercise.

When dogs have been released from their sit and down position after the judge says, "Exercise Finished," Substantial or minor deductions may be made for misbehavior on overly exuberant releases. Any dog that interferes with another dog shall be excused from the class.

13.5.5 Division Details

Novice:

- One Novice class per ring
- Group stays take place first thing in the morning with staggered times for each ring
- Group stays will have up to 5 dogs on each of the long sides of the ring, spaced 8 feet apart and with their backs approximately 4' from the gate. If 7 or fewer dogs are competing, dogs will be lined up on one long side of the ring; for 8-10 dogs, they will be lined up in 2 facing rows, up to 5 per side.

Reference Sheet

Group Exercises

- A dog may earn a qualifying score in Novice and Open even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises. Dogs may begin Novice and Open Group Exercises by standing or sitting in heel position beside their handlers.
- Novice ~~D~~dogs must be placed a minimum of ~~four~~ six feet (4' 6') apart from each other and a minimum of four feet (4') from the side and back ring gates. A maximum of ~~ten~~ seven Novice dogs are allowed in the ring at one time for group exercises, except during Novice Finals.

2.8 Re-Judging

If a dog has failed in a particular part of an exercise, it shall not ordinarily be re-judged nor given a second chance; but if in the judge's opinion the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions, the judge may at his own discretion re-judge the dog on the entire exercise. Should the judge find it necessary to re-judge a dog or dogs from the Group exercises, the dog or dogs shall be re-judged with the next scheduled group within that class. The limits on the number of dogs allowed in the ring for the group exercise contained in Chapter 3, Section 42 14 (Group Exercises) shall apply. Should there be no further group

within that class, the dog or dogs to be re-judged shall immediately do the exercises alone. The dog or dogs involved will be re-judged only on the exercise in question.

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Maximum Total Score	200 points

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The principal feature of the group exercises is that the dogs remain in the position required. Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs." Groups in the ring for Group Exercises must include no more than seven (7) dogs in Novice spaced a minimum of 6' apart and no more than ten (10) dogs in Open spaced a minimum of 4' apart and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates in both levels. If there are more than 7 dogs in Novice or 10 dogs in Open competing, the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections. At the discretion of the judge, groups for Novice A and B and for Open A and B can be combined or separated. However, when Open B orders III and V are used, Open B groups cannot be combined with other classes. The dogs will be lined up in catalog order along one side of the ring. In Novice, dogs will be on a six (6) foot leash during the group stays. Each handler will leave the leash attached to the collar and lay the rest of the leash and their armband - weighted, if necessary - in between the dog and the handler. In Open, each handler will remove the leash and place the leash and their armband, weighted as necessary, behind their dog. The judge should stand so that he can see all the dogs and all the handlers without having to turn around.

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When the last Group Exercise has been completed and the judge has said, "Exercise Finished," Novice handlers must pick up the leash; Open handlers must leash their dogs. Dogs must be kept under control while exiting the ring.

Dogs moving from the place where they were left in the first group exercise shall be excused from the remaining group exercise.

LONG SIT: Novice dogs are required to sit for one minute. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The judge will ask if everyone is ready. Upon command from the judge to "Sit Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit. On the command, "Leave your dogs," handlers will place their leashes on the ground between themselves and their dog, command and/or signal their dogs to stay, walk directly across the ring, and then turn and face their dogs. On the command, "Back to your dogs," handlers will walk back to and around their own dogs counterclockwise to heel position. The judge shall not give the order "Exercise Finished" until the handlers have returned to the heel position. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished." Time begins when the judge commands, "Leave your dogs." After one minute, timing ends, at which time the judge will command, "Back to your dogs."

LONG DOWN: This exercise is performed exactly like the long sit with these exceptions. Novice dogs are required to down for two minutes. The judge will order, "Down your dogs," instead of "Sit your dogs." The dogs must lie down instead of sit. Dogs must be facing directly across the ring. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished", and the handler will then pick up their leash.

3.13 Group Exercises, Scoring

During these exercises the judge shall stand in such position that all the dogs are in his line of vision, and where he can see all the handlers in the ring without having to turn around.

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit or lie down. These shall be penalized substantially; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

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A score of non-qualifying (NQ) is required for the following: the dog's moving at any time during either exercise a substantial distance away from the place where it was left, or going over to

any other dog, or staying on the spot where it was left but not remaining in whichever position is required by the particular exercise until the handler has returned to the "Heel" position, or repeatedly barking or whining.

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- Dogs must be placed a minimum of four feet (4') apart from each other and a minimum of four feet (4') from the side and back ring gates. A maximum of ten dogs are allowed in the ring at one time for group exercises.

2.8 Re-Judging

If a dog has failed in a particular part of an exercise, it shall not ordinarily be re-judged nor given a second chance; but if in the judge's opinion the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions, the judge may at his own discretion re-judge the dog on the entire exercise. Should the judge find it necessary to re-judge a dog or dogs from the Group exercises, the dog or dogs shall be re-judged with the next scheduled group within that class. The limits on the number of dogs allowed in the ring for the group exercise contained in Chapter 3, Section 12 (Group Exercises) shall apply. Should there be no further group within that class, the dog or dogs to be re-judged shall immediately do the exercises alone. The dog or dogs involved will be re-judged only on the exercise in question.

OB.19.04 Motion to Change CDX Obedience Exercises

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New Wording:

Reference Sheet

1.2 **Novice** Group Exercises

- A dog may earn a qualifying score in Novice ~~and Open~~ even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises. Dogs may begin Novice ~~and Open~~ Group Exercises by standing or sitting in heel position beside their handlers.

General Regulations

1.26 Ring Conditions

If the judging takes place indoors the ring should be rectangular and should be about forty (40)' wide and fifty (50)' long for all Obedience Classes. In no case shall the ring for a Utility class be less than thirty-five (35)' by fifty (50)', and in no case shall the ring for a Novice or Open class be less than thirty (30)' by forty (40)'. At an outdoor show or trial, the rings shall be about forty (40)' wide and fifty (50)' long.

Outside rings should have a clean level surface of grass no more than one (1) inch long, or dirt without any mud puddles in the ring area. The rings shall be as near as can be determined by visual inspection, free of rodent or insect colonies, and clean of any animal waste. Insecticides or poisons may not be used to remedy pre-existing conditions on day of show. On surfaces such as wood or concrete flooring, which require a non-skid surface, mats under high jump in Open should be a minimum of sixteen (16) feet long, with the jump centrally positioned. Matting under the broad jump should be at least the width of the jump - five (5) feet. In Utility, mats must run the entire length of the ring in the pattern of the dog's send away and directed jumping. An area surrounding the obedience ring no smaller than ten (10) feet in any direction shall be cleaned and posted for "no crating or grooming" during the obedience portion of the event.

~~The Club and Show/Trial Secretary are responsible for providing, for the Open CDX classes, an appropriate place approved by the judge, for the handlers to go completely out of sight of their dogs.~~ If inclement weather at an outdoor trial necessitates the judging of Obedience under shelter, the requirements as to ring size may be waived. If such actions are taken a full report must be sent to the ASCA Business Office at the close of the show or trial.

3.12 Group Exercises

The principle feature of the group exercises is that the dogs remain in the position required.

Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

Groups in the ring for Group Exercises must include no more than seven (7) dogs in Novice spaced a minimum of 6' apart and no more than ten (10) dogs in Open spaced a minimum of 4' apart and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates in both levels. If there are more than 7 dogs in Novice or 10 dogs in Open competing, the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections. At the discretion of the judge, groups for Novice A and B and for Open A and B can be combined or separated. However, when Open B orders III and V are used, Open B groups cannot be combined with other classes. The dogs will be lined up in catalog order along one side of the ring. In Novice, dogs will be on a six (6) foot leash during the group stays. Each handler will leave the leash attached to the collar and lay the rest of the leash and their armband - weighted, if necessary - in between the dog and the handler. In Open, each handler will remove the leash and place the leash and their armband, weighted as necessary, behind their dog. The judge should stand so that he can see all the dogs and all the handlers without having to turn around.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

The person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must also handle that dog in the Long Sit and Long Down unless the person handled more than one dog in the class and the class will only have one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog(s) during the Group Exercises.

When the last Group Exercise has been completed and the judge has said, "Exercise Finished," Novice handlers must pick up the leash; Open handlers must leash their dogs. Dogs must be kept under control while exiting the ring.

Dogs moving from the place where they were left in the first group exercise shall be excused from the remaining group exercise.

4.2 Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)

This class has the Open A and Open B Divisions as set forth below.

1. Open A Division Class Eligibility and Exercises: The Open A class shall be for any dogs that have earned the CD title from ASCA but have not earned the ASCA ODX or CDX title. Each dog must be handled by its owner or by a member of the owner's household or immediate family. The same person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises. However, if a person has handled more than one dog in the individual exercises that will participate in the group exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog when judged in the same group. The additional handler for the group exercises need not be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. No dog may be entered in both the Open A and Open B classes at any one trial. A dog may continue to be shown in Open A for 180 days following notification by three (3) judges, two (2) of whom are different, that it has

completed the requirements for the Open title. After the 180-day grace period is over, the team must move to any division B Open, or another class for which they are eligible. Failure to move on will result in the loss of all wins, placements, scores, prizes, etc. which were earned after the grace period. Once an Open A dog enters Utility, it can no longer enter Open A. No dog may be entered in Open A and Utility at the same trial. ~~Five mandatory Individual Exercises are as set forth in Section 6 and Section 7 and shall be done in the order set forth in Section 4. Group Exercises shall be done as set forth in Section 7.~~

2. Open B Division Class Eligibility and Exercises: The Open B class shall be for dogs that have earned the CD, CDX, or ODX title from ASCA and may show in this class after earning their Open or Utility title from ASCA. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person. Owners may enter more than one (1) dog in this class. ~~Five mandatory Individual Exercises are as set forth in Section 6 and Section 7 and shall be done in the order set forth in Section 5. Group Exercises shall be done as set forth in Section 7.~~
3. CDX Title: The title of CDX shall be awarded after the dog has acquired three qualifying scores, two of which must be under two different judges.
4. Special Awards, Finals and Merits: This class is eligible for Finals Points, High in Trial, and High Combined. This class is eligible for any applicable optional awards. Please refer to Chapter 1, Section 16 for Merit accreditation for dogs competing for a CDX title in either the A or B division.

4.4 Order of Individual Exercises for Open A Divisions

~~The Long Sit and the Long Down may be done either before or following the individual exercises as per Chapter 1, Section 2.2.~~ Directed Open Exercises are always done last.

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

4.5 Order of Individual Exercises for Open B Divisions

The judge shall select one of the orders of exercises from the sheets provided by the host club and post it at ringside at least thirty (30) minutes before the class is scheduled to begin. If there is only a start time for the trial, it shall be posted thirty (30) minutes before the trial is scheduled to begin. Each judge will use Orders I through V equally in their assignments.

~~Long Sit and Long Down may be done either before or following the individual exercises as per Chapter 1, Section 2.2. Directed Open Exercises are always done last.~~

OPEN B I			OPEN B II		
1.	Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points	1.	Drop on Recall	30 points
2.	Drop on Recall	30 points	2.	Broad Jump	20 points
3.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points	3.	Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points
4.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points	4.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points
5.	Broad Jump	20 points	5.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points
6.	Long Sit Command Discrimination (Stand-Down-Sit) or DOE 1	30 points	6.	Long Sit Command Discrimination (Down-Sit-Stand) or DOE 1	30 points
7.	Long Down Stand/Stay/Get Your Leash or DOE 2	30 points	7.	Long Down Stand/Stay/Get Your Leash or DOE 2	30 points
	Maximum Total Score	200 points		Maximum Total Score	200 points
OPEN B III			OPEN B IV		
1.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points	1.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points
2.	Figure Eight and Heel Free	40 points	2.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points
3.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points	3.	Broad Jump	20 points
4.	Broad Jump	20 points	4.	Drop on Recall	30 points
5.	Drop on Recall	30 points	5.	Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points
6.	Long Down Stand/Stay/Get Your Leash or DOE 1	30 points	6.	Long Sit Command Discrimination (Down-Sit-Stand) or DOE 1	30 points
7.	Long Sit Command Discrimination (Down-Sit-Stand) or DOE 2	30 points	7.	Long Down Stand/Stay/Get Your Leash or DOE 2	30 points
	Maximum Total Score	200 points		Maximum Total Score	200 points
OPEN B V					
1.	Broad Jump	20 points			
2.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points			
3.	Drop on Recall	30 points			
4.	Figure Eight and Heel Free	40 points			
5.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points			
6.	Long Down Stand/Stay/Get Your Leash or DOE 1	30 points			
7.	Long Sit Command Discrimination (Down-Sit-Stand) or DOE 2	30 points			
	Maximum Total Score	200 points			

4.6 Five ~~Mandatory~~ Shared Individual Exercises for CDX and ODX

4.7 ~~Group Exercises (Long Sit and Long Down)~~ Command Discrimination and Stand Stay - Get Your Leash – FOR ONLY CDX

~~The Group Exercises, Long Sit (30 Points), and Long Down (30 Points) shall be done only by those entered in the Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) class.~~

4.7.1 ~~Group Exercises~~ Command Discrimination - FOR ONLY CDX

~~For the long sit and down, Open dogs will be brought into the ring in catalogue order with a maximum of 10 dogs in a group. Open A and Open B stay groups may be combined unless Order III or Order V are being used for Open B. Those two orders require that the down be performed before the sit. The dogs shall be lined up approximately 4 feet out from the long side of the ring, with a minimum distance of four feet (4') between each dog and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates. Handlers are instructed to remove their armbands and leashes and place them on the ground behind their dog.~~

~~Open dogs are required to sit for three minutes and to down for five minutes. When the judge commands, "Leave your dogs," the handlers must cross to the opposite side of the ring, then leave in a single file, and go completely out of the dogs' sight. After the judge has commanded or signaled to the steward for the handlers to return, the handlers will follow the steward back into the ring in reverse order, and line up to face their dogs at the opposite side of the ring, before the judge commands, "Back to your dogs." The judge shall stand in such a position that he can see all the handlers leaving and returning to the ring, as well as all of the dogs, without having to turn around.~~

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

Orders for this exercise are "Leave your dog" and "Return to your dog." The judge must use signals for instructing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position, which will be either "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog."

The judge will ask the handler "Are you ready?" before giving the first order to either "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog." The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. The judge will next order "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay and will immediately walk forward approximately 15 feet, turn and face the dog. The judge will signal the next command and the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the next position. The judge will again order "Leave your dog," where the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. The judge will give another signal and the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position again. The judge will next order "Return to your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay and then must return directly, walking around the back of the dog into heel position. From the time the handler first faces the dog until the judge says, "Exercise finished,"

the handler's hands and arms must hang naturally at the handler's sides during this exercise, with the exception of giving hand signals.

The 15-foot distances for each of the commands must be clearly marked in an area of the ring that is at least 40 feet in length. The judge should be positioned so both the dog and handler can always be seen.

4.7.2 Group Exercises ~~Command Discrimination~~, Scoring

~~During these exercises the judge shall stand in such position that all the dogs are in his line of vision, and where he can see all the handlers in the ring without having to turn around.~~

~~Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit or lie down. These shall be penalized substantially; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.~~

~~A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.~~

~~A handler whose dog assumes a position in such a manner that it could interfere with an adjacent competing dog shall be required to reposition his dog and shall also be substantially penalized; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.~~

~~A score of non-qualifying (NQ) is required for the following: the dog's moving at any time during either exercise a substantial distance away from the place where it was left, or going over to any other dog, or staying on the spot where it was left but not remaining in whichever position is required by the particular exercise until the handler has returned to the "Heel" position, or repeatedly barking or whining. Any dog that moves substantially during the first part of the exercise must be excused.~~

~~A substantial deduction shall be made for a dog that moves even a minor distance away from the place where it was left or that barks or whines only once or twice or that changes its position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order "Exercise finished." Depending on the circumstance, a substantial or minor deduction shall be made for touching the dog or its collar in getting the dog into the "down" position.~~

~~When dogs have been released from their sit and down position after the judge says, "Exercise Finished," Substantial or minor deductions may be made for misbehavior on overly exuberant releases. Any dog that interferes with another dog shall be excused from the class.~~

A dog that does not obey the handler's first command and/or signal for each position change, or does not stay until the handler returns to heel position must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score. Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that changes position after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said "Exercise Finished."

Minor or substantial deductions or a non-qualifying score (NQ) should be made for a handler's hands and arms not hanging naturally at their sides or a dog that moves forward during any of the position changes.

4.7.3 Stand Stay - Get Your Leash – FOR ONLY CDX

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in the position it is left until the handler has returned to heel position and the judge has said "Exercise Finished."

The orders for this exercise are "Stand your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Return to your dog."

The judge will ask the handler to stand their dog approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the order to "Stand your dog." The handler may command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or its collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position.

Next the judge will order "Leave your dog to get your leash," where the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay and will walk directly outside the ring gate to retrieve their leash. The handler will re-enter the ring, stop and wait at the entrance for the judge to order "Return to your dog." The handler then will return directly, walking around the back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "Exercise finished." The judge will then instruct the handler to attach their leash to the collar and maintain control of their dog while exiting. The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control, not pulling or tugging on the leash or jumping.

The judge will decide where the leash will be located outside of the ring prior to starting the class. The leash will be placed in such location by the steward after the dog and handler have entered the ring for judging. The dog and handler will be positioned so the dog can have a direct line of vision with the handler as they leave and return to the ring, and so that the handler, when reentering the ring, is at least 15 feet away from the dog until ordered to return. Once the exercise has been completed, the judge must watch the handler and dog until they exit the ring gate.

4.7.4 Stand Stay - Get Your Leash, Scoring

A non-qualifying score is required for a dog that fails to stand on the first command and/or signal, moves a substantial distance away from where it was left, changes position (sit or down) before the handler has returned to heel position, or repeatedly whines or barks. Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that moves it feet repeatedly while remaining in place or moves a short distance. A substantial deduction must be made under Miscellaneous Penalties for a dog that does not remain under control while exiting the ring.

13.5.5 Division Details

Novice:

- One Novice class per ring
- Group stays take place first thing in the morning with staggered times for each ring

Open CDX:

- One Open class per ring
- Open B mixed orders used
- ~~Group stays take place first thing in the morning with staggered times for each ring~~

Open ODX:

- One Open class per ring
- Open B mixed orders used

Utility:

- One Utility class per ring
- Utility B mixed orders used

Super Dog:

- One Open class using Open B mixed orders
- NO ~~group stay exercises~~ Command Discrimination or Stand Stay - Get Your Leash and NO DOE exercises in Super Dog Open
- One Utility class using Utility B mixed orders
- One Super Dog mixed order class per ring using Super Dog Orders

13.7.5 Super Dog

For scores to count for Super Dog finals, dogs must qualify in Open B CDX and Utility or Open B ODX and Utility at the same trial. If qualifying via the CDX class, a dog must have already earned a CDX and a UD. If qualifying via the ODX class, a dog must have already earned an ODX and a UD. The dog's top three combined qualifying scores from CDX B and Utility and/or from ODX B and Utility during the present qualifying year will be added and averaged. There will be one Super Dog Finals regardless of whether dogs qualify via the CDX or the ODX class. There will be no ~~Group Stay~~ Command Discrimination or Stand Stay - Get Your Leash Exercises or Directed Open Exercises in Super Dog Finals. Dogs are eligible for Top Ten Super Dog finals standings indefinitely.

Obedience Judges Guidelines

ARRIVAL

Plan to arrive at least one hour prior to your judging assignment. Immediately upon arrival, check in with your show/trial secretary. Be sure you know where the restroom is and that the show/trial secretary has the paperwork in order for the trial. Normally the show/trial secretary

will still be taking entries upon your arrival, so try not to steal too much of the show/trial secretary's time during registration.

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The order of sits/downs and individual exercises must be done as listed in the flyer. Some clubs do sit/downs before individual exercises and some do sits/downs following individual exercises. Be sure you have double-checked the flyer to know what class order you will be following and how sits/downs are to be handled.

Choose the order of exercises for your Open and Utility classes and post this order no later than 30 minutes before the trial is scheduled to begin. Post it where it can be readily seen by the exhibitors.

Then perform the following checklist:

- Double-check the obedience equipment to be certain all meet regulations.
- Walk your obedience ring to be certain it is clean, hopefully level, and observe where the sun is rising or setting. You'll not want to jump dogs into the sun, or have handlers giving signals to dogs blinded by the sun.
- If there is wind, be sure that the club has taken measures to stake any baby gates.
- Walk your Novice, Open and Utility pattern to be sure the patterns are smooth, practical and functional. You should avoid running or jumping dogs towards the ring entrance or walking them into the baby gates or jumps.
- Decide where you'll have dogs line up for the sits/downs ~~and be sure you know where the out-of-sights will be held.~~
- Mark your start for the heel work.
- Choose your start line for heel work. When marking lines or distances for the jumps or tossing of the dumbbell, you may utilize chalk, golf tees, or stanchions.
- Be sure the show club has marked off the applicable area around your ring where no set ups, grooming, walking or standing spectators may appear.

Obedience Steward Guidelines

CDX Open Class Ring Steward Duties

- ~~• Group exercises: See the General Ring Steward Duties Group Exercise paragraphs. CDX group exercises are done with the handlers out of sight for a 3-minute sit and a 5-minute down. For the CDX class, one steward will lead the handlers to a designated out-of-sight location. Make sure that all handlers are hidden from all dogs. Watch the judge to see if the judge wants a specific handler to return and for the signal for all handlers to return. Once the judge indicates that it is time to return, be prepared to immediately lead the handlers back to the ring or to stand aside as the exhibitors return,~~

~~depending on the judge's directions. Handlers will line up in reverse order to return. Be ready to lead handlers out again for the second part of the group exercises.~~

Old Wording:

Reference Sheet

1.2 Group Exercises

- A dog may earn a qualifying score in Novice and Open even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises. Dogs may begin Novice and Open Group Exercises by standing or sitting in heel position beside their handlers.

General Regulations

1.26 Ring Conditions

If the judging takes place indoors the ring should be rectangular and should be about forty (40)' wide and fifty (50)' long for all Obedience Classes. In no case shall the ring for a Utility class be less than thirty-five (35)' by fifty (50)', and in no case shall the ring for a Novice or Open class be less than thirty (30)' by forty (40)'. At an outdoor show or trial, the rings shall be about forty (40)' wide and fifty (50)' long.

Outside rings should have a clean level surface of grass no more than one (1) inch long, or dirt without any mud puddles in the ring area. The rings shall be as near as can be determined by visual inspection, free of rodent or insect colonies, and clean of any animal waste. Insecticides or poisons may not be used to remedy pre-existing conditions on day of show. On surfaces such as wood or concrete flooring, which require a non-skid surface, mats under high jump in Open should be a minimum of sixteen (16) feet long, with the jump centrally positioned.

Matting under the broad jump should be at least the width of the jump - five (5) feet. In Utility, mats must run the entire length of the ring in the pattern of the dog's send away and directed jumping. An area surrounding the obedience ring no smaller than ten (10) feet in any direction shall be cleaned and posted for "no crating or grooming" during the obedience portion of the event.

The Club and Show/Trial Secretary are responsible for providing, for the Open CDX classes, an appropriate place approved by the judge, for the handlers to go completely out of sight of their dogs. If inclement weather at an outdoor trial necessitates the judging of Obedience under shelter, the requirements as to ring size may be waived. If such actions are taken a full report must be sent to the ASCA Business Office at the close of the show or trial.

3.12 Group Exercises

The principle feature of the group exercises is that the dogs remain in the position required. Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

Groups in the ring for Group Exercises must include no more than seven (7) dogs in Novice spaced a minimum of 6' apart and no more than ten (10) dogs in Open spaced a minimum of 4' apart and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates in both levels. If there are more than 7 dogs in Novice or 10 dogs in Open competing, the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections. At the discretion of the judge, groups for Novice A and B and for Open A and B can be combined or separated. However, when Open B orders III and V are used, Open B groups cannot be combined with other classes. The dogs will be lined up in catalog order along one side of the ring. In Novice, dogs will be on a six (6) foot leash during the group stays. Each handler will leave the leash attached to the collar and lay the rest of the leash and their armband - weighted, if necessary - in between the dog and the handler. In Open, each handler will remove the leash and place the leash and their armband, weighted as necessary, behind their dog. The judge should stand so that he can see all the dogs and all the handlers without having to turn around.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

The person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must also handle that dog in the Long Sit and Long Down unless the person handled more than one dog in the class and the class will only have one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog(s) during the Group Exercises.

When the last Group Exercise has been completed and the judge has said, "Exercise Finished," Novice handlers must pick up the leash; Open handlers must leash their dogs. Dogs must be kept under control while exiting the ring.

Dogs moving from the place where they were left in the first group exercise shall be excused from the remaining group exercise.

4.2 Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)

This class has the Open A and Open B Divisions as set forth below.

1. Open A Division Class Eligibility and Exercises: The Open A class shall be for any dogs that have earned the CD title from ASCA but have not earned the ASCA ODX or CDX title. Each dog must be handled by its owner or by a member of the owner's household or immediate family. The same person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises. However, if a person has handled more than one dog in the individual exercises that will participate in the group exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog when judged in the same group. The additional handler for the group exercises need not be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. No dog may be entered in both the Open A and Open B classes at any one trial. A dog may continue to be shown in Open A for 180 days following notification by three (3) judges, two (2) of whom are different, that it has

completed the requirements for the Open title. After the 180-day grace period is over, the team must move to any division B Open, or another class for which they are eligible. Failure to move on will result in the loss of all wins, placements, scores, prizes, etc. which were earned after the grace period. Once an Open A dog enters Utility, it can no longer enter Open A. No dog may be entered in Open A and Utility at the same trial. Five mandatory Individual Exercises are as set forth in Section 6 and shall be done in the order set forth in Section 4. Group Exercises shall be done as set forth in Section 7.

2. Open B Division Class Eligibility and Exercises: The Open B class shall be for dogs that have earned the CD, CDX, or ODX title from ASCA and may show in this class after earning their Open or Utility title from ASCA. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person. Owners may enter more than one (1) dog in this class. Five mandatory Individual Exercises are as set forth in Section 6 and shall be done in the order set forth in Section 5. Group Exercises shall be done as set forth in Section 7.
3. CDX Title: The title of CDX shall be awarded after the dog has acquired three qualifying scores, two of which must be under two different judges.
4. Special Awards, Finals and Merits: This class is eligible for Finals Points, High in Trial, and High Combined. This class is eligible for any applicable optional awards. Please refer to Chapter 1, Section 16 for Merit accreditation for dogs competing for a CDX title in either the A or B division.

4.4 Order of Individual Exercises for Open A Divisions

The Long Sit and the Long Down may be done either before or following the individual exercises as per Chapter 1, Section 2.2. Directed Open Exercises are always done last.

1.	Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points
2.	Drop on Recall	30 points
3.	Retrieve on Flat	20 points
4.	Retrieve Over High Jump	30 points
5.	Broad Jump	20 points
6.	Long Sit or DOE 1	30 points
7.	Long Down or DOE 2	30 points
	Maximum Total Score	200 points

4.5 Order of Individual Exercises for Open B Divisions

The judge shall select one of the orders of exercises from the sheets provided by the host club and post it at ringside at least thirty (30) minutes before the class is scheduled to begin. If there is only a start time for the trial, it shall be posted thirty (30) minutes before the trial is scheduled to begin. Each judge will use Orders I through V equally in their assignments.

Long Sit and Long Down may be done either before or following the individual exercises as per Chapter 1, Section 2.2. Directed Open Exercises are always done last.

OPEN B I	OPEN B II
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1.	Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points	1.	Drop on Recall	30 points
2.	Drop on Recall	30 points	2.	Broad Jump	20 points
3.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points	3.	Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points
4.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points	4.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points
5.	Broad Jump	20 points	5.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points
6.	Long Sit or DOE 1	30 points	6.	Long Sit or DOE 1	30 points
7.	Long Down or DOE 2	30 points	7.	Long Down or DOE 2	30 points
	Maximum Total Score	200 points		Maximum Total Score	200 points
OPEN B III			OPEN B IV		
1.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points	1.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points
2.	Figure Eight and Heel Free	40 points	2.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points
3.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points	3.	Broad Jump	20 points
4.	Broad Jump	20 points	4.	Drop on Recall	30 points
5.	Drop on Recall	30 points	5.	Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points
6.	Long Down or DOE 1	30 points	6.	Long Sit or DOE 1	30 points
7.	Long Sit or DOE 2	30 points	7.	Long Down or DOE 2	30 points
	Maximum Total Score	200 points		Maximum Total Score	200 points
OPEN B V					
1.	Broad Jump	20 points			
2.	Retrieve over High Jump	30 points			
3.	Drop on Recall	30 points			
4.	Figure Eight and Heel Free	40 points			
5.	Retrieve on the Flat	20 points			
6.	Long Down or DOE 1	30 points			
7.	Long Sit or DOE 2	30 points			
	Maximum Total Score	200 points			

4.6 Five Mandatory Individual Exercises for CDX and ODX

4.7 Group Exercises (Long Sit and Long Down) – FOR ONLY CDX

The Group Exercises, Long Sit (30 Points), and Long Down (30 Points) shall be done only by those entered in the Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) class.

4.7.1 Group Exercises

For the long sit and down, Open dogs will be brought into the ring in catalogue order with a maximum of 10 dogs in a group. Open A and Open B stay groups may be combined unless Order III or Order V are being used for Open B. Those two orders require that the down be performed before the sit. The dogs shall be lined up approximately 4 feet out from the long side of the ring, with a minimum distance of four feet (4') between each dog and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates. Handlers are instructed to remove their armbands and leashes and place them on the ground behind their dog.

Open dogs are required to sit for three minutes and to down for five minutes. When the judge commands, "Leave your dogs," the handlers must cross to the opposite side of the ring, then leave in a single file, and go completely out of the dogs' sight. After the judge has commanded or signaled to the steward for the handlers to return, the handlers will follow the steward back into the ring in reverse order, and line up to face their dogs at the opposite side of the ring, before the judge commands, "Back to your dogs." The judge shall stand in such a position that he can see all the handlers leaving and returning to the ring, as well as all of the dogs, without having to turn around.

4.7.2 Group Exercises, Scoring

During these exercises the judge shall stand in such position that all the dogs are in his line of vision, and where he can see all the handlers in the ring without having to turn around.

Scoring of the exercises will not start until after the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler's attempts to make it sit or lie down. These shall be penalized substantially; in extreme cases the dog may be excused.

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- Group stays take place first thing in the morning with staggered times for each ring

Open ODX:

- One Open class per ring
- Open B mixed orders used

Utility:

- One Utility class per ring
- Utility B mixed orders used

Super Dog:

- One Open class using Open B mixed orders
- NO group stay exercises and NO DOE exercises in Super Dog Open
- One Utility class using Utility B mixed orders
- One Super Dog mixed order class per ring using Super Dog Orders

13.7.5 Super Dog

For scores to count for Super Dog finals, dogs must qualify in Open B CDX and Utility or Open B ODX and Utility at the same trial. If qualifying via the CDX class, a dog must have already earned a CDX and a UD. If qualifying via the ODX class, a dog must have already earned an ODX and a UD. The dog's top three combined qualifying scores from CDX B and Utility and/or from ODX B and Utility during the present qualifying year will be added and averaged. There will be one Super Dog Finals regardless of whether dogs qualify via the CDX or the ODX class. There will be no Group Stay Exercises or Directed Open Exercises in Super Dog Finals. Dogs are eligible for Top Ten Super Dog finals standings indefinitely.

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- Walk your Novice, Open and Utility pattern to be sure the patterns are smooth, practical and functional. You should avoid running or jumping dogs towards the ring entrance or walking them into the baby gates or jumps.
- Decide where you'll have dogs line up for the sits/downs and be sure you know where the out-of-sights will be held.
- Mark your start for the heel work.
- Choose your start line for heel work. When marking lines or distances for the jumps or tossing of the dumbbell, you may utilize chalk, golf tees, or stanchions.
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Obedience Steward Guidelines

CDX Open Class Ring Steward Duties

- **Group exercises:** See the General Ring Steward Duties Group Exercise paragraphs. CDX group exercises are done with the handlers out of sight for a 3-minute sit and a 5-minute down. For the CDX class, one steward will lead the handlers to a designated out-of-sight location. Make sure that all handlers are hidden from all dogs. Watch the judge to see if the judge wants a specific handler to return and for the signal for all handlers to return. Once the judge indicates that it is time to return, be prepared to immediately lead the handlers back to the ring or to stand aside as the exhibitors return, depending on the judge's directions. Handlers will line up in reverse order to return. Be ready to lead handlers out again for the second part of the group exercises.

Hall of Fame Program Rules

HF.19.03 Add UTDX to Section 6.1 HOFX Breeder/Kennel Requirements

Approved by Board: 10/27/2019

Effective Date: 6/1/2020

New Wording:

6 Hall of Fame Excellent Breeder/Kennel

6.1 Breeder and/or Kennel Requirements

C. FIVE ADDITIONAL TITLES IN EITHER PERFORMANCE, STOCKDOG, OR CONFORMATION AS NAMED ABOVE. Qualifying performance titles are:

1. OBEDIENCE: UD (1 pt.) (Utility Dog in Obedience)
2. TRACKING: TDX (1 pt.) (Tracking Dog Excellent) or UTDX (1 pt.) (Urban Tracking Dog Excellent). Only one per dog to count.
3. AGILITY: (must earn ALL THREE Elite titles of Regular, Gamblers, and Jumpers) (1 pt.)
 - i. Qualifying Regular titles are: RS-E or RJ-E or RV-E (Regular Standard Elite or Regular Junior Elite or Regular Veteran Dog Elite)
 - ii. Qualifying Jumper titles are: JS-E or JJ-E or JV-E (Jumper Standard Elite or Jumper Junior Elite or Jumper Veteran Dog Elite)
 - iii. Qualifying Gambler titles are: GS-E or GJ-E or GV-E (Gamblers Standard Elite or Gamblers Junior Elite or Gamblers Veteran Dog Elite)
4. RALLY: REMX (Rally Excellent/Masters X)

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- 4. RALLY: REMX (Rally Excellent/Masters X)

Stockdog Program Rules

SD.19.16 Change to Stockdog Rules 15.1.1 Course G Arena

Approved by Board: 9/27/2019

Effective Date: 6/1/2020

New Wording:

15 Chapter 15: Arena Trial Course G

15.1 Course G

15.1.1 Course G Arena

f. Obstacle 2: This obstacle consists of a single panel, positioned at a 90-degree angle to the side fence. It is positioned 10' from the side fence and 25' from and parallel to the back fence (see drawing for clarification). This obstacle has a separate entrance and exit and requires the stock to clear both in the proper sequence to earn course points. If the stock enters the obstacle from the wrong direction, the daylighting rules found in the daylighting chapter will apply.

Old Wording:

15 Chapter 15: Arena Trial Course G

15.1 Course G

15.1.1 Course G Arena

f. Obstacle 2: Consists of one panel, positioned 25' from and parallel to the back fence with a 10' foot opening between the left end of the panel and the left-hand side of the arena (See drawing for clarification). The stock must move through the entrance from the top end of the arena towards the re-pen end of the arena. When at least one head of stock passes through the panels, then no further course points can be counted. To receive course points, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane between the in-line panels. If the stock passes through the obstacle from the wrong direction, at least one head must be driven past the plane of the in-line panels so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. Only those head of stock that clear the daylight line will count for Course points. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

Ducks/Geese: the panel is placed 8' from and parallel to the back fence with a 6' opening between the left end of the panel and the left-hand side of the arena.

SD.19.18 Selection Process & Criteria for National Specialty Stockdog Judges

Approved by Board: 12/20/2019

Effective Date: 6/1/2020

New Wording:

25.3.3 Judging the National Specialty

The Course Director for the National Specialty Stockdog Trial will be responsible for selecting and hiring the Judges. The Course Director for each pre-trial held during the National Specialty will be responsible for selecting and hiring Judges for their trial.

When Judging the National Specialty and any pre-trial held during the National Specialty, the following rules vary from a regular trial event.

- a. To judge the National Specialty, the Judge must have been approved to move out of the Provisional Status and be a Regular Judge before accepting the assignment.
 1. A Provisional Judge may judge a pre-trial held during the National Specialty.
- b. An Apprentice Judge may not apprentice at either the National Specialty or any pre-trial held during the National Specialty.
- c. A Judge may judge up to 60 runs per day.
- d. The period of time may not exceed twelve consecutive hours, not counting meal breaks.
- e. The Judges do not need to be the same Judges who judged the Stockdog Finals.

Old Wording: None.

Versatility Program Rules

HF.19.04 Add UTDX to Section 2.1 Versatility Champion Requirements

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New Wording:

2 Versatility Champion Requirements

2.1 Eligibility

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 1. CH or A-CH (Regular Class Breed Championship)
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3. One of the following five:
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 - ii. ~~CD/TD (Companion Dog in Obedience/Tracking Dog)~~ or TDU (Tracking Dog Urban)
 - iii. TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) or UTDX(Urban Tracking Dog Excellent)
 - iv. Three Open Agility titles: Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (Standard, Junior or Veteran Dog)
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