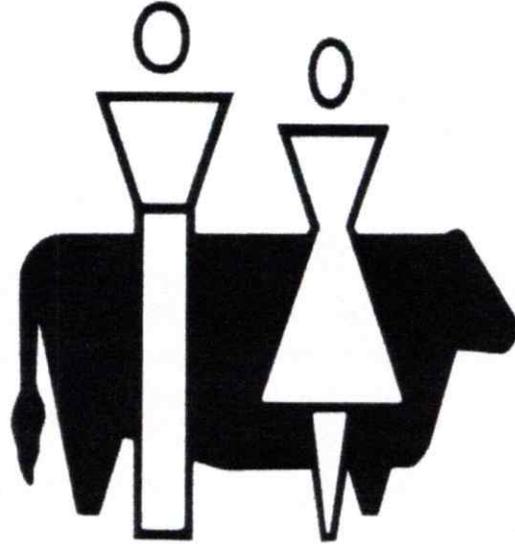


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Traditional
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Judging Program,
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Traditional Canine Obedience Event Introduction

The Berrien County Youth Fair's Traditional Canine Obedience Event demonstrate the canine's ability to follow specified routines in the obedience ring and emphasize the usefulness of the canine as a companion for the youth. All exhibitors in the class are required to perform the same exercises in the same way so that the relative quality of the various performances may be compared and scored. However, the basic objective of the Dog Department Traditional Obedience Event is to recognize canines that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the social presence of other canines and human beings in a manner that will reflect credit to the exhibitor's teaching and teamwork. It is also important that the canine demonstrates a willingness and enjoyment of working with the exhibitor.

Berrien County Youth Fair's Dog Department Mission Statement

To provide an educational experience and an opportunity to learn about canine obedience training and handling in a safe, supportive environment by using an ADAPTIVE VERSION of the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Program and the American Kennel Club Obedience Regulations and Obedience Judges' Guidelines as a foundation and goal. To assist the exhibitor to focus on building positive relationships between the exhibitor and his or her canine through teamwork, as well as developing sportsmanship skills through competition.

Purpose of the Berrien County Youth Fair's Dog Department Traditional Obedience Judging Program

The traditional obedience judging program is a series of exercises designed to demonstrate the working relationship and abilities of the traditional exhibitor and his or her canine in a controlled performance and somewhat natural independent exercise. The obedience exercises are not a test, but rather demonstrates the exhibitor's team's ability, skill, knowledge, willingness and enjoyment of working together acquired through training and bonding with his or her canine.

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is an aspiration or ethos that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. A "sore loser" refers to one who does not take defeat well, whereas a "good sport" means being a "good winner" as well as a "good loser" (*someone who shows courtesy towards another in a sports game*).

"Win as if you are used to it, lose as if you enjoyed it for a change."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"You pay for the judge's opinion and you will get it ... whether you agree with it or not."

~ Kerri Barnes

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Berrien County Youth Fair's Exhibitor's Parking - As the Dog and Cat Arena is located in the Youth Memorial Reserve Parking Lot, exhibitor may drive up to the Dog and Cat Arena, unload his or her equipment, and then park the car.

**** Exhibitor Handbook** - Please review the following topics in the current Berrien County Youth Fair Exhibitor Handbook ...

1. BCYF Dog Department Registration Rules
2. BCYF Canine Regulations
3. BCYF Dog Department General Rules
4. Sunday, Entry Day

Section One Canine Obedience Event Regulations

Major Event - Canine Obedience Event is a Berrien County Youth Fair major exhibit.

Earning an AKC Obedience Title at the Berrien County Youth Fair - As the Berrien County Youth Fair is not an American Kennel Club sanctioned dog show, AKC obedience titles cannot be earned.

How Many Canine(s) May I Enter? - For OB Pre Beginner A Class the TR exhibitor may enter only one (1) canine. For Pre-Beginner B and all other OB event classes the TR exhibitor may enter a maximum of two (2) canines.

Sharing Canine(s) - Sharing of a canine in the TR Obedience event and/or class is prohibited.

Acquiring a New Canine - Should the exhibitor acquire a new canine; the following will apply...

1. New exhibitor will begin with Pre-Beginner A class (*see Section Six*).
2. Experienced exhibitor will begin with Pre-Beginner B class (*see Section Six*).

Canine with a Title - Exhibitor's canine with an obedience title, and showing proof of said title, must show in the next higher class than the title.

Class Advancement - The exhibitor's team must earn a qualifying score before the team can advance to the next level. Should the exhibitor's team receive a qualifying score in the event's class A level, but feels the team is not ready for advancement to the next event class level, he or she may choose to remain in said event class in the "B" class level for no more than two (2) years at which time the team must advance to the next class level.

Section Two Tools of the Trade

Canine's Leash - Leash should be clean and in repair. All canines must be kept on a leash except when in the obedience ring and the judge indicates the leash must come off. Canine must enter and exit the obedience ring on leash. Leash must be clipped to the collar when the canine is brought in for classes requiring an on-leash exercise, a group exercise and awards. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and four (4) to six (6) feet long. The clip on the leash must be appropriate weight and size for the canine's breed.

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Space Between Canines - Please try and keep canines six (6) to eight (8) feet apart to prevent dog fights.

Bleachers - Canine is not allowed on the bleachers nor in the bleacher area under any circumstances.

Section Five BCYF Dog Department Obedience Judging Rules

Exhibitor's Responsibility - It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have him or herself and his or her canine fully prepared and ready to enter the obedience ring at the proper time.

Obedience Event Classes Judging Order - Obedience event class schedule judging order will be determined by the Dog Show Committee and may be held in reverse Exhibitor Handbook order should the judge deem necessary. Judging schedule order will be posted by the obedience ring the exhibitor has been assigned after all exhibitors have registered and picked up his or her BCYF ID back tag number.

Exhibitor's Judging Conflicts - Should the exhibitor have a judging conflict (*canine in season, exhibitor is needed elsewhere on the grounds, etc.*) it is the exhibitor's responsibility to communicate this information to the Registrar (*located at the Registration Table*) when picking up his or her BCYF back tag ID. His or her canine can be judged earlier or later than the posted judging order. If no conflicts have been communicated, posted judging order will stand as written.

Judging Group Exercise of Long Sit and Long Down - The judge may choose to or not choose to have the exhibitors complete the Obedience Group Exercises of Long Sit and Long Down prior to the individual obedience exercises.

Judge's Score Sheet - Exhibitor and canine will be judged according to the BCYF's Canine Event Class Score Sheet. The same methods and standards will be used for judging and scoring each exhibitor in each obedience class. Judging score sheet can be found under the Obedience Judge's Score Sheet section of this book.

Judge's Directions - The judge's orders and signals should be given to the exhibitor in a clear and understandable manner, but in such a way that the work of the canine is not disturbed. Before starting each exercise the judge will ask, "Are you ready?" to which the exhibitor will reply "Yes" or "No." If "No," then the judge will wait until the exhibitor says, "I'm ready." At the end of each exercise the judge will say, "Exercise finished." Each team will be worked and judged separately, except during group exercises. The judging of an exercise will not begin until the judge has given the first order of the exercise.

Judge's Decisions - **JUDGE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** The judge is not required to explain his or her scoring, but the judge does have the option to discuss individual scores with the exhibitor privately after all judging has been completed and trophies have been distributed.

Judging Canine's Misbehavior - Canine must be under control at all times when entering and exiting the obedience ring. Any display of fear or nervousness by the canine or any uncontrolled behavior such

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as barking or running away from the exhibitor must be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior whether it occurs during or between an exercise, or before or after judging.

If a canine is working smartly and continuously tries to go outside a ring boundary while completing an exercise (*as opposed to a canine that bolts out of the ring or leaves the ring between exercises*) the penalty, if any, is left to the discretion of the judge.

If the misbehavior occurs during an exercise, the penalty must first be applied to the score for that exercise. Should the penalty be greater than the value of the exercise, the additional points will be deducted from the total score under Miscellaneous Penalties. If such behavior occurs before or after the judging or between exercises, the entire penalty will be deducted from the total score.

The judge must disqualify any canine that attacks or attempts to attack any person in the ring. The canine that attacks another canine or that appears dangerous to other canines must be excused from the premises and not allowed back into the obedience ring for group exercises.

Section Six Obedience Classes Instructions and Scoring

Canine Obedience Exercise Instructions - Complete exercise eligibility, canine obedience exercises to perform, class advancement and trophy, rosettes and ribbons eligibility are on pages six (6) through twenty (20). Instructions for each individual canine obedience exercise can be found under Section Eighteen (18) of the Traditional Canine Obedience Exercise Instructions.

Qualifying Score - A qualifying score is comprised of scores of more than fifty percent (50%) of the available points in each exercise and a final score of one hundred and seventy (170) points to two hundred (200) points earned in a single obedience class.

Canine Classes Offered - *** Please see the individual obedience class on pages 6 through 20 for further explanation and instructions.* Canine obedience classes offered are ...

OB TR Pre Beginners A	OB TR Pre Beginners B
OB TR Beginners A	OB TR Beginners B
OB TR Novice A	OB TR Novice B
OB TR Graduate Novice A	OB TR Graduate Novice B
OB TR Advanced Graduate Novice A	OB TR Advanced Graduate Novice B
OB TR Open A	OB TR Open B
OB TR Utility A	OB TR Utility B

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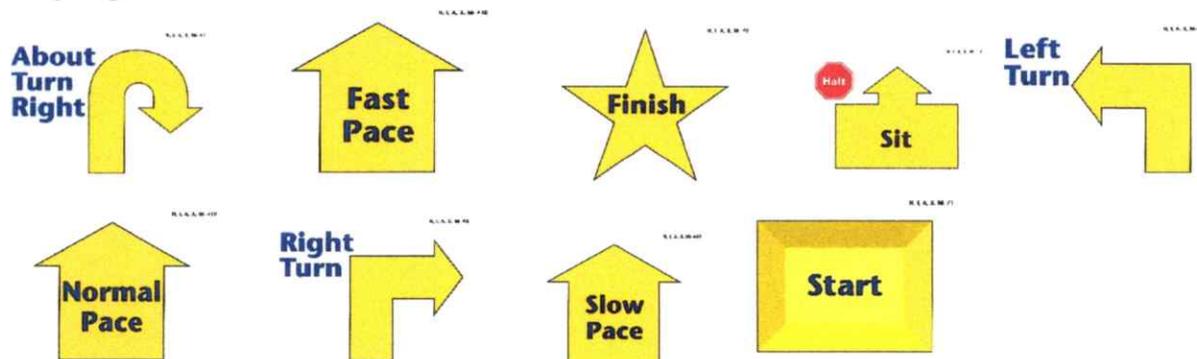
Please Note: Exhibitor may remain in Pre-Beginner class level (classes A and B combined) for a maximum of three (3) years at which time the exhibitor's team must advance to Beginner level classes regardless of scoring.

Eligibility - OB TR Pre-Beginner A Class is for the first-time exhibitor only after which he or she must advance to OB TR Pre-Beginner B Class regardless of score.

Exercises - The following canine exercises are to be accomplished:

<i>OB TR PRE-BEGINNER A EXERCISES</i>	<i>LEASH</i>	<i>POINTS</i>
Heel with Rally Signs	ON	40
Figure 8	ON	40
Sit for Exam	ON	40
Sit Stay - Walk Around the Ring	ON	40
Recall Without Finish	ON	40
Total Points =		200

Rally Signs Used:



Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team will advance to OB TR Pre-Beginner B regardless of score, or if the team receives a qualifying score of one hundred seventy (170) to two hundred (200) points, they may advance to OB TR Beginner A (exhibitor's choice).

Trophy, Rosettes and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Class Rosette awarded to first (1st) through sixth (6th) place. Exhibitor is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for Overall Junior Dog Exhibitor Award or OB TR Overall Championship awards, rosettes or trophies.

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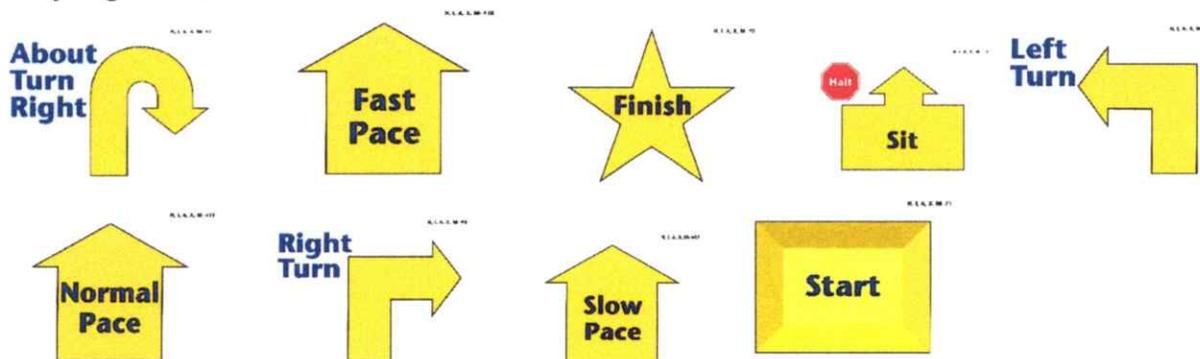
Please Note: Exhibitor may remain in Pre-Beginner class level (classes A and B combined) for a maximum of three (3) years at which time the exhibitor's team must advance to Beginner level classes regardless of scoring.

Eligibility – Exhibitor has shown one year in OB Pre-Beginner A, or an experienced exhibitor has acquired a new team canine for his or her team.

Exercises – The following canine exercises are to be accomplished:

<i>OB TR PRE-BEGINNER B EXERCISES</i>	<i>LEASH</i>	<i>POINTS</i>
Heel with Rally Signs	ON	40
Figure 8	ON	40
Sit for Exam	ON	40
Down Stay - Walk Around the Ring	ON	40
Recall Without Finish	ON	40
Total Points =		200

Rally Signs Used:



Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team receiving a qualifying score of one hundred seventy (170) to two hundred (200) points may choose to advance to OB TR Beginner A. If a qualifying score has not been received, exhibitor's team (to include experienced exhibitor with new team canine) remains in OB TR Beginner B for one (1) more year after which the team must advance to the Beginner A class.

Trophy, Rosettes and Ribbons – Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Class Rosette awarded to first (1st) through sixth (6th) place. Exhibitor is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for Overall Junior Dog Exhibitor Award or OB TR Overall Championship awards, rosettes or trophies.

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Please Note - Exhibitor may remain in Beginner class level (*classes A and B combined*) for a maximum of three (3) years at which time the exhibitor's team must advance to Novice A class regardless of scoring. Exhibitor will be performing both group exercises of 1 minute Sit Stay and 1 minute Down Stay but will only accrue points for group exercise listed in their class division.

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score of 170 to 200 points in OB TR Pre-Beginner A or B and opted to move to OB TR Beginner A, or exhibitor's team has finished the three-year class level limit.

Exercises - The following canine exercises are to be accomplished:

OB TR BEGINNER A EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Heel	ON	40
Figure 8	ON	30
Stand for Exam	ON	30
Recall With Finish	ON	30
Sit Stay - Walk Around the Ring	ON	30
Group Exercise - Sit Stay: 1 Minute	ON	40
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team receiving a qualifying score of one hundred seventy (170) to two hundred (200) points may choose to advance to OB TR Novice A (*exhibitor's choice*). Exhibitor's team receiving zero (0) to one hundred sixty-nine (169) points will advance to OB TR Novice B regardless of score.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for Overall Junior Dog Exhibitor Award, BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place. Exhibitor is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for OB TR Overall Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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Please Note - Exhibitor may remain in Beginner class level (*classes A and B combined*) for a maximum of three (3) years at which time the exhibitor's team must advance to Novice A class regardless of scoring. Exhibitor will be performing both group exercises of 1 minute Sit Stay and 1 minute Down Stay but will only accrue points for group exercise listed in their class division.

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score of 170 to 200 points in OB TR Beginner A and opted to stay in OB TR Beginner level. Exhibitor's team received zero (0) to one hundred sixty-nine (169) points in OB TR Novice A.

Exercises - The following canine exercises are to be accomplished:

OB TR BEGINNER B EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Heel	ON	40
Figure 8	ON	30
Stand for Exam	ON	30
Recall With Finish	ON	30
Down Stay - Walk Around the Ring	OFF	30
Group Exercise - Down Stay: 1 Minute	OFF	40
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team receiving a qualifying score of one hundred seventy (170) to two hundred (200) points may choose to advance to OB TR Novice A (*exhibitor's choice*). Exhibitor's team receiving zero (0) to one hundred sixty-nine (169) points will remain in OB TR Beginner B.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for Overall Junior Dog Exhibitor Award, BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place. Exhibitor is **NOT ELIGIBLE** for OB TR Overall Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR NOVICE A CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Novice*)

Please Note - Exhibitor may remain in Novice class level (*classes A and B combined*) for a maximum of three (3) years at which time the exhibitor's team must advance to Graduate Novice A class regardless of scoring.

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score of 170 to 200 points in OB TR Beginner A or B and opted to advance to OB TR Novice A, or exhibitor's team has finished the three-year class limit.

Exercises - The following canine exercises are to be accomplished:

OB TR NOVICE A EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Heel	ON	30
Figure 8	ON	30
Stand for Exam	OFF	30
Recall With Finish	OFF	30
Sit Stay - Get Your Leash	OFF	30
Group Exercise - Sit Stay: 1 Minute	OFF	25
Group Exercise - Down Stay: 3 Minutes	OFF	25
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team receiving a qualifying score of one hundred seventy (170) to two hundred (200) points may choose to advance to OB TR Graduate Novice A or remain in Novice Level and enter OB TR Graduate Novice B (*exhibitor's choice*). Exhibitor's team receiving zero (0) to one hundred sixty-nine (169) points will advance to OB TR Graduate Novice B.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and OB TR Overall Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR NOVICE B CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Novice*)

Please Note - Exhibitor may remain in Novice class level (*classes A and B combined*) for a maximum of three (3) years at which time the exhibitor's team must advance to Graduate Novice A class regardless of scoring.

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score of 170 to 200 points in OB TR Novice A and opted to stay in OB TR Novice class level. Exhibitor's team received zero (0) to one hundred sixty-nine (169) points in OB TR Novice A.

Exercises - The following canine exercises are to be accomplished:

OB TR NOVICE B EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Heel	ON	30
Figure 8	ON	30
Stand for Exam	OFF	30
Recall With Finish	OFF	30
Down Stay - Get Your Leash	OFF	30
Group Exercise - Sit Stay: 1 Minute	OFF	25
Group Exercise - Down Stay: 3 Minutes	OFF	25
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team receiving a qualifying score are required to advance to OB TR Graduate Novice A. Exhibitor not receiving a qualifying score may remain in OB TR Novice B until 3-year term limit has been completed.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and OB TR Overall Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR GRADUATE NOVICE A CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Novice*)

Please Note - Exhibitor may remain in Graduate Novice class level (*classes A and B combined*) for a maximum of three (3) years at which time the exhibitor's team must advance to Advanced Graduate Novice A class regardless of scoring.

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score of 170 to 200 points in OB TR Novice A or B and opted to advance to OB TR Graduate Novice A, or exhibitor's team has finished the three-year class level limit.

Exercises - The following canine exercises are to be accomplished:

OB TR GRADUATE NOVICE A EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Heel	ON	20
Figure 8	OFF	20
Stand for Exam	OFF	30
Heel Free	OFF	40
Recall With Finish	OFF	30
Sit Stay - Get Your Leash	OFF	30
Group Exercise - Sit Stay: 3 Minutes	OFF	15
Group Exercise - Down Stay: 5 Minutes	OFF	15
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team receiving a qualifying score of one hundred seventy (170) to two hundred (200) points may opt to advance to Advanced Graduate Novice A or may opt to advance to OB TR Graduate Novice B. Exhibitor's team not receiving a qualifying score will advance to OB TR Graduate Novice B.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and **OB TR Overall** Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR GRADUATE NOVICE B CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Novice*)

Please Note - Exhibitor may remain in Graduate Novice class level (*classes A and B combined*) for a maximum of three (3) years at which time the exhibitor's team must advance to Advanced Graduate Novice A class regardless of scoring.

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score 170 to 200 points in OB TR Graduate Novice A, or exhibitor's team has finished the three-year class level limit.

Exercises - The following canine exercises will be accomplished:

OB TR GRADUATE NOVICE B EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Heel	ON	20
Figure 8	OFF	20
Stand for Exam	OFF	30
Heel Free	OFF	40
Recall With Finish	OFF	30
Down Stay - Get Your Leash	OFF	30
Group Exercise - Sit Stay: 3 Minutes	OFF	15
Group Exercise - Down Stay: 5 Minutes	OFF	15
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team receiving a qualifying score of one hundred seventy (170) to two hundred (200) points may opt to advance to OB TR Advanced Graduate Novice A or may opt to stay to OB TR Graduate Novice B until he or she no longer wishes to compete.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and OB TR Overall Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR ADVANCED GRADUATE NOVICE A CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Novice*)

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score 170 to 200 points in OB TR Graduate Novice A, or exhibitor's team has finished the three-year class level limit.

Exercises - The following canine exercises will be accomplished:

OB TR ADVANCED GRADUATE NOVICE A EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Heel	OFF	25
Figure 8	OFF	25
Stand for Exam	OFF	25
Drop on Recall	OFF	25
Retrieve on Flat	OFF	25
Sit Stay - Get Your Leash	OFF	25
Group Exercise - Sit Stay: 3 Minutes	OFF	25
Group Exercise - Down Stay: 5 Minutes	OFF	25
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team must receive a qualifying score of 170 to 200 points before he or she may advance to OB TR Advanced Graduate Novice B.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and OB TR Overall Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR ADVANCED GRADUATE NOVICE B CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Novice*)

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score 170 to 200 points in OB TR Advanced Graduate Novice A.

Exercises - The following canine exercises will be accomplished:

OB TR ADVANCED GRADUATE NOVICE B EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Heel	OFF	25
Figure 8	OFF	25
Stand for Exam	OFF	25
Drop on Recall	OFF	25
Retrieve on Flat	OFF	25
Down Stay - Get Your Leash	OFF	25
Group Exercise - Sit Stay: 3 Minutes	OFF	25
Group Exercise - Down Stay: 5 Minutes	OFF	25
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team must receive a qualifying score of 170 to 200 points before he or she may choose to advance to OB TR Open A. Otherwise he or she may choose to stay in OB TR Advanced Graduate Novice B until he or she no longer wishes to compete.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and **OB TR Overall** Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR OPEN A CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Graduate Novice*)

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score 170 to 200 points in OB TR Advanced Graduate Novice B.

Exercises - The following canine exercises will be accomplished:

<i>OB TR OPEN A EXERCISES</i>	<i>LEASH</i>	<i>POINTS</i>
Heel	OFF	20
Figure 8	OFF	20
Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	OFF	30
Drop on Recall	OFF	30
Retrieve on Flat	OFF	20
Retrieve Over High Jump	OFF	30
Broad Jump	OFF	20
Sit Stay - Get Your Leash	OFF	30
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team must receive 170 to 200 points before he or she may choose to advance to OB TR Utility A. Otherwise exhibitor's team will enter OB TR Open B.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and OB TR Overall Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR OPEN B CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Graduate Novice*)

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score 170 to 200 points in OB TR Open A.

Exercises - The following canine exercises will be accomplished:

OB TR OPEN B EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Heel	OFF	20
Figure 8	OFF	20
Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	OFF	30
Drop on Recall	OFF	30
Retrieve on Flat	OFF	20
Retrieve Over High Jump	OFF	30
Broad Jump	OFF	20
Down Stay - Get Your Leash	OFF	30
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team must receive 170 to 200 points before he or she may choose to advance to OB TR Utility A. Otherwise exhibitor's team will remain in OB TR Open B until he or she no longer wishes to compete.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and **OB TR Overall** Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR UTILITY A CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Preferred Utility*)

Eligibility - Exhibitor's team has earned a qualifying score 170 to 200 points in OB TR Open B.

Exercises - The following canine exercises will be accomplished:

OB TR UTILITY A EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Signal Exercise	OFF	40
Scent Discrimination Article #1	OFF	30
Scent Discrimination Article #2	OFF	30
Directed Retrieve	OFF	30
Moving Stand for Examination	OFF	30
Directed Jumping	OFF	40
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement - Exhibitor's team must receive 170 to 200 points before he or she may choose to advance to OB TR Utility B.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons - Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and OB TR Overall Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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OB TR UTILITY B CLASS (*Adapted from AKC's Preferred Utility*)

Eligibility – Exhibitor’s team has earned a qualifying score 170 to 200 points in OB TR Utility A.

Exercises – The following canine exercises will be accomplished:

OB TR UTILITY B EXERCISES	LEASH	POINTS
Directed Jumping	OFF	40
Moving Stand for Examination	OFF	30
Directed Retrieve	OFF	30
Scent Discrimination Article #1	OFF	30
Scent Discrimination Article #2	OFF	30
Signal Exercise	OFF	40
Total Points =		200

Class Advancement – Exhibitor’s team will remain in OB TR Utility B class until he or she no longer wishes to compete.

Trophy, Rosette and Ribbons – Exhibitor is **ELIGIBLE** for BCYF Premiums, Class Trophy and Rosette awarded first (1st) through sixth (6th) place and OB TR Overall Grand Champion or OB TR Overall Reserve Grand Champion.

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Section Seven **Jump Heights**

The following jump heights shall be used for jumps in obedience...

Wicket Height of Canine	Minimum Height of Jump
12 inches or less	4 inches
12 inches up to 18 inches	8 inches
18 inches up to 22 inches	10 inches
22 inches up to 26 inches	12 inches
26 inches up to 30 inches	14 inches
30 inches up to 34 inches	16 inches
Greater than 34 inches	18 inches

Section Eight **Broad Jump**

The broad jump boards will be evenly spaced, covering the distance equal to twice the height of the high jump set for each canine. **Formula used** - Height of wicket multiplied by 2, plus ½ inch per space between the boards will equal the Jump Distance.

Wicket Height of Canine	Boards to Jump
18 inches or less	1 Board
19 inches to 27 inches	2 Boards
28 inches to 44 inches	3 Boards
49 inches to 72 inches	4 Boards

Section Nine **Obedience Deductions for Scoring**

The points deducted for the following reasons will be the judge's preference (*please refer to Section Five; Judge's Decisions*). The judge is required to give deductions for the following reasons ...

- Canine anticipates.
- Canine attempts to leave the ring.
- Canine demonstrates resentment or shyness.
- Canine has sat or laid down before, during or after judge's examination.
- Canine heeling wide on turns.
- Canine is barking or whining more than a few times.
- Canine is forced into a position.
- Canine is lagging, crowding, or forging.
- Canine is slow to respond.
- Canine is sniffing.
- Canine moves before, during or after exam.
- Canine moves from position.
- Canine moves from stay position.

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- Canine resistance to exhibitor poisoning.
- Canine sat out of reach.
- Canine stood up before or after exhibitor's return.
- Exhibitor adapts pace to canine's pace.
- Exhibitor has a constant tight leash.
- Exhibitor has an occasional tight leash.
- Exhibitor is guiding with leash
- Exhibitor keeps tugging at leash
- Exhibitor's errors.
- Extra commands or hand signals.
- Improper hand or heel position.
- Lack of brisk pace.
- No change in pace on fast or slow.
- No sit or poor sit.

Section Ten Non-Qualifying Score For The Exercise

A non-qualifying score must be given to the exhibitor's team exercise for the following reasons ...

- Canine and/or exhibitor are unmanageable.
- Canine did not retrieve the item.
- Canine did not stay in place.
- Canine didn't come on first command or signal
- Canine goes to another canine.
- Canine has sat or laid down before, during or after judge's examination.
- Excessive barking or whining.
- Unqualified heeling.

Section Eleven Unusual and Uncontrolled Behavior Penalties

The following behaviors will earn the exhibitor and canine an IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL from the ring and a non-qualifying score ...

- Canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine.
- Canine has excessive barking and/or whining.
- Canine has fouled the ring.
- Canine has left the ring.
- Either the canine and/or the exhibitor are unmanageable.
- Exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

Section Twelve Scoring Procedures

Each exhibitor will be given two hundred (200) points at the start of the obedience competition. The judge will evaluate as to how many points he or she will deduct depending on how well the exhibitor and canine perform the obedience exercises, and on how well groomed the exhibitor and canine are.

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The judge will subtract the deductions from the two hundred (200) points, which in turn, will be the exhibitor's final score.

Section Thirteen Berrien County Youth Fair Premiums

The Berrien County Youth Fair may be awarding cash premium ribbons for the Canine Obedience Event. To earn a premium ribbon the exhibitor and his or her canine must earn the following scores ...

A Ribbon (Blue)	=	170 points to 200 points (<i>qualifying score!</i>)
B Ribbon (Red)	=	100 points to 169 points
C Ribbon (White)	=	00 points to 99 points

Section Fourteen Berrien County Youth Fair's Rosettes, Ribbons and Trophies

Class Trophy and Rosettes – Trophy awarded for first placement in a class only. Rosettes will be awarded to a class placement of first through sixth placement.

Overall Classes Championship Awards and Rosettes –

- Pre-Beginner A Class, Pre-Beginner B Class, Beginner A Class and Beginner B Class **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** for Overall Classes Championship awards.
- Exhibitors, ages five (5) to nine (9) years of age shall compete for Young Junior Overall Championship and Young Junior Overall Reserve Championship trophies.
- Championship rosettes will be awarded to champion scores of first through sixth placements.
- Each qualifying score from all other classes shall compete for Overall Classes Championship Trophies of Grand Champion Obedience and Reserve Grand Champion Obedience. Championship rosettes will be awarded to champion scores of first through sixth placements.

Tie Score for Young Junior Overall Championship and Overall Classes Championship Placement –
In the event of a tie score for Overall Classes Championship Placement the judge will have the teams execute an on-lead heel pattern.

Section Fifteen Exhibitor's Judge's Worksheet

Exhibitor may choose to keep a copy of his or her judge's worksheet. Exhibitor may pick up a copy of his or her judge's worksheet on Thursday at the Dog and Cat Tent **between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon. After 12:00 Noon on Thursday the worksheets** become the property of the Berrien County Youth Fair.

Section Sixteen Review of the Berrien County Youth Fair's Dog Department Traditional Obedience Judging Program and Guidelines

A review of the Berrien County Youth Fair's Dog Department Traditional Obedience Judging Program and Guidelines shall be done annually based upon the American Kennel Club's updates and modifications.

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Section Seventeen **Obedience Glossary and Definitions**

AG - Abbreviation for Agility Event.

About Turn - While heeling, the exhibitor turns to his or her right making a 180° turn and continue walking.

About "U" Turn - While heeling, the exhibitor turns to his or her left making a 180° turn and continue walking.

AKC - Abbreviation for the American Kennel Club.

Amble - A relaxed, easy gait in which the legs on either side move almost, but not quite, as a pair. Often seen as the transition movement between the walk and other gaits.

Autism Meltdown - An exhibitor that is receiving an overload of outside stimulus that he or she has become psychologically and physically unable to process the information and begins to shut down mentally in the form of anger and confusion. Personal safety may be compromised and fatigue and noncompliance in any communication form may become a factor. Exhibitor is not goal dependent and may require assistance to gain control of him or herself.

Bait - The food or object that an exhibitor uses to get a dog's attention or to have it look alert in the ring. The term bait or baiting can also be used to describe the action of getting the dog's attention using food or an object.

Balance - When all the parts of the dog, moving or standing, produce a harmonious image.

BCYF - Abbreviation for the Berrien County Youth Fair.

Bitch - A female dog.

Breed - A domestic race of dogs (selected and maintained by man) with a common gene pool and characterized appearance and function.

Breed Standard - A word picture describing how the perfect dog of a breed should look, move, and behave. The breed standard is owned by the parent club, with full use extended to the AKC.

Brisk or Briskly - Walking keenly alive, alert and energetic.

Canid - A family (Canidae) of carnivorous animals including dogs, wolves, coyotes, foxes, and jackals.

Canine - Either a male or female gender of the species *Canis lupus familiaris* or *Canis familiaris*.

Class - The diverse levels of training exercises offered under an event.

Command - Verbal order from exhibitor to canine.

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Control Position – You and your canine are in proper control position when canine is sitting on your right or left side (depending upon the disability) facing the same direction you are facing, and you are ready for the judge to begin. Canine is in proper control position when the area from its head to its shoulder is in line with your hip.

Crate - Portable container used for shipping, transporting, or housing dogs. Also called *cage* or *kennel*.

Croup – The canine’s top rump area.

Crowding – A canine so close to the exhibitor as to interfere with exhibitor’s freedom of motion.

Directly – Immediately, without deviation or hesitation.

Disability – A persistent physical or mental defect, weakness, or handicap which prevents a person from engaging in ordinary activities or normal life, or from performing a specific job.

Disqualify - To deprive the right to participate in and/or win a contest because of a violation of the rules.

Dog – Male dog or term used to refer generically to all dogs, male or female.

Dog Show Committee – A committee set up by the Berrien County Youth Fair that carries the powers of the Berrien County Youth Fair’s Dog Department’s responsibilities and the corresponding duty to use its authority for the Canine Events, as well as, to deal with any misconduct that may occur in connection with its event.

Down – The canine’s body is on the ground; the canine’s weight is off the feet and legs.

Drop Completely – A down position that would be acceptable for a Long Down Exercise.

Event - A structured activity evaluating the conformation, training, or instinctive abilities of canines.

Excused – The judge’s justification to ask an exhibitor to leave the non-traditional obedience event ring without completing the obedience itinerary. An invitation to return to the non-traditional obedience ring will be withheld and penalties will be given.

Exhibitor – The person entered in a canine competition.

Exhibitor’s Team – A team of three or more consisting of the exhibitor, the canine and one or more team instructor(s).

Expression - The general appearance of all the features of the head.

Fast – The canine and handler must speed up walking pace noticeably.

Feature – Goal.

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the AKC) may be transferred from one of the regular classes to the Best of Breed or Variety competition. *Event Records:* If an award in any of the regular classes is canceled, the dog judged in the next order of merit will be given that award. The result of the award will be counted the same as if it had been the original award.

Mouthing - When a canine chews or rolls the dumbbell in its mouth unnecessarily.

Natural - Not artificial; free of affectation; what is customarily expected in the home or public places.

Natural Manner - The gait is not artificial, free from affectation; what is expected to be the exhibitor's natural walk.

Non-qualifying - A score that is lower than the number designated as a qualifying score.

NTR - Abbreviation for Non-Traditional Exhibitor.

Non-Traditional Exhibitor (NTR) - Is a person who cannot meet the American Kennel Club's traditional canine competition handling standards of one handler with one canine and does require the assistance of a Team Instructor in the judging ring.

Non-Traditional Standards of Canine Obedience Handling - Non-Traditional standards of canine handling consist of a team of one (1) dog, one (1) exhibitor, one (1) to two (2) Team Instructors, and one (1) to two (2) leashes(es) attached to one (1) to two (2) collar(s) and/or one (1) harness performing the canine obedience competition exercises.

Normal Pace - The exhibitor and canine walk briskly.

OB - Abbreviation for Obedience Event.

On-dog identification - A system of tagging, tattooing, or microchipping used to uniquely identify a dog.

Order - Direction from the judge to the exhibitor, either verbal or nonverbal.

Pace - A lateral gait or stride that tends to promote a rolling motion of the body. The left foreleg and left hind leg advance in unison, then the right foreleg and right hind leg.

Pause - A complete stop of forward motion by the exhibitor.

Pivot - Turning in a circle occupied by the exhibitor before the team start to turn; a turn in place.

Pleading - Repeated urgent commands and/or signals to elicit the proper behavior from the dog while the dog remains unresponsive to the exhibitor's commands and/or signals.

Prompt Response - Without hesitation, immediate, quick.

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Prong Collar (aka Pinch Collar) - Collar used for training dogs. It has metal pieces on it that pinch a dog. It is against Berrien County Youth Fair rules to use this type of collar on the fairgrounds.

Qualifying Score - A qualifying score is comprised of scores of more than 50% of the available points in each exercise and a final score of 170 or more points, earned in a single regular class at a licensed or member obedience trial or sanctioned match.

RA - Abbreviation for Rally Event.

Regularly trained or instructed - Where a canine and/or exhibitor meet on a regular basis for instructions. A regular basis is considered a set pattern of dates, such as monthly or more often.

Release - The judge's permission for the exhibitor to leave the obedience ring without completing the obedience itinerary due to extenuating physical and/or mental circumstances. An invitation to return to the obedience ring will be extended and penalties for the release will not be given.

Resentment - Resistance, unwillingness.

Right Turn - 90° turn to the right and continue walking.

Service Dog - A canine that has been specially trained to assist the exhibitor with his or her disability, yet still accomplish the obedience exercises that is asked of it by the exhibitor.

Signal - Nonverbal directions for the exhibitor to the canine.

Sit - The canine has its rear and/or hocks on the ground.

Slow Pace - The canine and exhibitor must slow down gait or stride noticeably.

Smartly - Quickly, vigorously.

Start - Indicates the beginning of the sequence of canine exercises.

Substantial Deduction - Six points or more.

Team Instructor - The person or persons working and assisting the exhibitor's team in the obedience ring.

Therapy Dog - A trained and temperament evaluated canine who provides affection and comfort during stressful situations, yet still accomplishes the obedience exercises asked of it by the exhibitor.

Title - An award conferred on a dog for completing specific qualifications earned at AKC events or AKC-sponsored activities.

TR - Abbreviation for Traditional Exhibitor.

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Traditional Exhibitor (TR) - is a person who can meet the American Kennel Club's traditional canine competition handling standards of one handler with one canine and does not require the assistance of a Team Instructor in the judging ring.

Traditional Standards of Canine Handling - Traditional standards of canine handling consist of one (1) dog, one (1) exhibitor and one (1) leash attached to one (1) collar or harness performing the canine obedience competition exercises.

Training - As related to where an exhibitor-handler / teacher-judge relationship is established, with or without compensation.

Training Collar (*aka Choke or Slip Collar*) - A collar made of nylon, leather, or chain, fitted to the dog's neck in such a manner that the degree of tension exerted by the hand tightens or loosens it.

Trot - A rhythmic two-beat diagonal gait in which the feet at diagonal opposite ends of the body strike the ground together; i.e., right hind with left front and left hind with right front.

Turn In Place - Turning in a circle that was occupied by the exhibitor before the team started to turn.

Walk - Gaiting pattern in which three legs are in support of the body at all times, each foot lifting from the ground one at a time in regular sequence.

Walking Forward - All four (4) feet of the canine move forward.

Valid Certification - A document signed by a licensed veterinarian, stating the canine has received the required immunizations.

Wicket - Device used to measure the height of a dog at the withers.

Withers - Highest point of a dog's shoulders.

Withholding - The decision not to give an award or placement in a class at any point in the judging process.

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BROAD JUMP EXERCISE – OFF LEASH

Adapted from – Broad jump exercise was adapted from the American Kennel Club's Preferred Open 1 and Preferred Open 2 classes on page 75 of the AKC's Obedience Regulations and updated on the amended AKC Obedience Regulations of January 1, 2019.

For Obedience Classes – Advanced Graduate Novice A, Advanced Graduate Novice B, Open A and Open B classes.

Principal Feature – The principal feature of the broad jump exercise is that the canine stays where left until directed to jump, the canine clears the jump on a single command or signal, and that the canine returns to the exhibitor after it has completed the jump.

Exhibitor's Responsibility – It is the exhibitor's responsibility to inform the judge and/or steward of his or her canine's wicket measurement prior to entering the obedience ring.

Equipment Needed – The broad jump will consist of four (4) white telescoping hurdles, all about eight inches (8") wide. The largest hurdle will measure about five feet (5') long and about six inches (6") at the highest point. In the obedience ring, the hurdles will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each canine. Four (4) hurdles will be used for a jump of forty-eight inches (48") to seventy-two inches (72"), three (3) hurdles for twenty-eight inches (28") to forty-four inches (44"), two (2) hurdles for sixteen inches (16") to twenty-four inches (24"), and one (1) hurdle for eight inches (8"). The highest hurdle will be removed first as called for.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge's orders are: "Leave your dog," "Send your dog," and "Finish." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions – Before the exercise begins, the exhibitor will have unclipped the canine's leash from the canine's collar and giving the leash to the steward. The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position beside him or her in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, the exhibitor will give the command or signal to jump. While the canine is in midair, the exhibitor will make a ninety-degree (90°) pivot but will remain in the same spot. The canine will clear the entire distance of the hurdles without touching them and, without further command or signal, immediately return to a sitting position in front of the exhibitor, who will finish the exercise as in a Novice Recall.

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise During the Exercise** – None.
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – Depending upon the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for a canine that does not return directly to the exhibitor, canine displays any hesitation or reluctance in jumping, or that touches the jump. At the judge's discretion, the

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COMMAND DISCRIMINATION (STAND, DOWN, SIT) EXERCISE - OFF LEASH

Adapted from - Command discrimination exercise was adapted from the American Kennel Club's Open class on page 48 of the AKC's Obedience Regulations and updated on the amended AKC Obedience Regulations of January 1, 2019.

For Obedience Classes - Open A and Open B

Principal Features - The principal features of the Command Discrimination exercise is the canine's correct response to the exhibitor's commands and/or signals and that the canine stay until the exhibitor returns to heel position.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are: "Leave your dog," and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the exhibitor to command, and/or, signal the canine to change positions except for the first position and that order is "Stand your dog," or "Down your dog." The judge will verbally state "Exercise Finished" when all exercises have been completed. The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order to "Stand your dog," or "Down your dog." The exhibitor will give a command and/or signal for the canine to change position. On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal to "Stay" and will immediately walk forward fifteen feet (15'), turn and face the canine. On the judge's signal, the exhibitor will give a command and/or signal for the canine to change to the second position. The judge will then order, "Leave your dog." The exhibitor may give command and/or signal to "Stay," and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional fifteen feet (15'), turn and face the canine. On the judge's signal, the exhibitor will give a command and/or signal for the canine to change to the third position. The judge will then order "Back to your dog." The exhibitor may give a command and/or signal to "Stay," and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the canine to heel position. The canine must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the exhibitor has returned to heel position.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - None

- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the team must receive minor to substantial deductions for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into or shows resistance to the standing, sitting or down position, minor barking and/or whining, extra command or signal, slight movement from standing, sitting or down position, canine is slow to respond, canine fails to remain sitting or down, canine anticipates exhibitor's return, canine walks forward, canine changes position after the exhibitor has returned to heel position and before the judge issues "Exercise Finished," canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground, or exhibitor's errors.

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- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team exercise if the canine fails to obey the exhibitor's first command and/or signal for each position, or that does not stay until the exhibitor returns to heel position.

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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DIRECTED JUMPING EXERCISE - OFF LEASH

Adapted from - Directed jumping exercise was adapted and updated from the American Kennel Club's Preferred Utility 1 and Preferred Utility 2 class on page 78 of the Obedience Regulations amended January 1, 2019.

For Obedience Classes - Utility A and Utility B

Principal Features - The principal feature of the directed jumping is that the canine goes away from the exhibitor to the opposite end of the ring, stops, jumps the bar as directed, and returns as in a recall exercise.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Send your dog," "Bar," or "High" and "Finish." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Equipment Needed - One (1) bar jump and one (1) high jump set at the proper wicket height for the canine. The bar jump will consist of a bar between two (2) posts, and two- and one-half inches (2½") square with the edges rounded to remove any sharpness. The bar will be flat black and white in alternate sections each about three inches (3") wide. The bar will be supported by two (2) unconnected four foot (4') upright posts spaced five feet (5') apart.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position beside him or her in a place designated by the judge. The exhibitor will remove the canine's leash and hand it to the steward. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop and between the jumps, to a point about twenty (20) feet past the jump in the approximate center of the unobstructed end of the ring. When the canine reaches this point, the exhibitor will give a command to "Sit." The Canine must stop and sit with its attention focused on the exhibitor. Canine does not need to sit squarely.

The judge will order either the "Bar" or "High" jump for the first jump, and the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to return to the handler over the designated jump. While the canine is in midair, the exhibitor may turn to face the canine as it returns. The canine will sit in front of the exhibitor and, on the order from the judge, "Finish" as in a recall exercise. After the canine has returned to heel position, the judge will say, "Exercise Finished."

The same procedures will be followed for the second jump.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - None
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the team must receive minor to substantial deductions for the canine showing resentment or shyness, slow to respond, no briskness in going out, no trotting or gallop, does not stop on command, does not stop in the approximate center of the ring about twenty feet (20') past the jumps, does not sit, receives additional commands or signals, or anticipates exhibitor's command.

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- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the canine anticipates the exhibitor's command and/or signal to go out, fails to leave the exhibitor, does not go out between the jumps, does not stop and remain at least ten feet (10') past the jumps without additional command, anticipates the exhibitor's command to jump, returns over the wrong jump, knocks the bar off the uprights, uses the top of the jump for aid in going over.

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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DIRECTED RETRIEVE EXERCISE - OFF LEASH

Adapted from - Direct retrieve exercise was adapted and updated from the American Kennel Club's Preferred Utility 1 and Preferred Utility 2 class on page 78 of the Obedience Regulations amended January 1, 2019.

For Obedience Classes - Utility A and Utility B.

Principal Feature - The principal feature of the directed retrieve is that the canine stays until directed to retrieve and that it completes the retrieve of the designated glove, with a proper finish.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "One," "Two," or "Three," "Take It," and "Finish." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Equipment Needed - The exhibitor will provide three (3) gloves that are predominately white. The gloves must be open and approved by the judge.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - The exhibitor will remove the canine's leash and hand it to the steward. The exhibitor will stand with his or her back to the unobstructed end of the ring midway between and in line with the jumps. The canine will be in heel position. The judge or steward will drop the gloves across the end of the ring while the exhibitor and canine are facing the opposite direction. One (1) glove is dropped about three feet (3') from each corner of the ring, and the remaining glove is dropped in the center, again three feet (3') from the baby gates. The gloves will be designated as "One," "Two," or "Three" reading from left to right when the exhibitor is facing the gloves. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order.

When the judge designates the glove by number, the exhibitor will turn in place to face the gloves, halting with the canine sitting in heel position. The exhibitor may not touch the canine or reposition the canine. The exhibitor will give the canine the direction to the designated glove with a single motion of the left hand and arm along the right side of the canine. Either simultaneously with or immediately following the giving the hand and arm signal of the direction, the exhibitor must give a verbal retrieve command. The canine must then go directly to the glove, retrieve the glove, and return with the glove to the exhibitor, sitting in front of the exhibitor as in a recall exercise.

The exhibitor may bend his or her body and knees as far as necessary to give the direction the canine must go but must stand up in a natural position with his or her arms and hands hanging naturally at his or her sides.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - None.
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - The exhibitor does not turn in place, does not face the designated glove, does not give the verbal command to retrieve simultaneously or immediately after giving the hand and arm signal of direction to retrieve, or for the canine that does not go directly to the designated glove. Canine's slowness in going out, returning, or picking up the glove, not going directly to the glove, unnecessary mouthing or playing with the glove, a reluctance or

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refusal to release the glove to the exhibitor, canine is showing resentment or shyness, minor barking and/or whining, exhibitor's errors, canine sat out of reach, no sit, poor sit, canine fails to return to heel position, canine attempts to leave the ring, canine keeps sniffing ground.

- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the exhibitor commands or signals the canine to position after the exhibitor turns to face the gloves. Exhibitor fails to give a verbal command to retrieve, the canine retrieves the wrong glove, or does not complete the retrieve of the designated glove.

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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DOWN STAY, GET YOUR LEASH EXERCISE – OFF LEASH

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For Obedience Classes – Novice B, Graduate Novice B, Advance Graduate Novice B, and Open B.

Principal Feature –The principal feature of this exercise is that the canine remains in the down position.

Judge’s Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge’s orders are “Sit your dog,” “Down your dog,” “Get your leash,” and “Back to your dog.” The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor’s Ring Instructions – Before the exercise begins, the exhibitor will have unclipped the canine’s leash from the canine’s collar and giving the leash to the steward. The steward will place the leash in a designated location thirty feet (30’) from the exhibitor and canine, facing the direction of the obedience ring entrance. The exhibitor will stand with the canine 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 the exhibitor may command and or signal the canine to down without touching either the canine or the canine’s collar. On the order of “Get your leash,” the exhibitor may command and/or signal the canine 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 canine and wait for the next judge’s order. The judge will give the order of “back to your dog,” at which time the exhibitor must return to his or canine directly, walking around the canine’s left side and back into heel position without touching the canine. The canine must not move from the down position until after the judge issues the “Exercise finished” order. The judge will tell the exhibitor to “Clip your leash” at which time the exhibitor will clip the leash to the canine’s collar and maintain control of his or her canine. The exhibitor will exit the ring with the canine under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are “All right,” “Good,” “Yes,” “Nice,” “Super,” “Great,” or “Atta boy/girl.”
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – At the judge’s discretion, the exhibitor’s team must receive minor to substantial deduction for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into or shows resistance to the sitting or down position, minor barking and/or whining, exhibitor’s errors, extra command or signal, canine’s slight movement from down position, canine is slow to respond, canine is jumping, pulling or tugging at the leash when exiting the ring, or canine keeps sniffing the ground while waiting for the exhibitor to return.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** – A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the canine fails to remain down or attempts to leave the ring without the exhibitor.

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- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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DOWN STAY - WALK AROUND THE RING EXERCISE - ON OR OFF LEASH

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For Obedience Classes - Pre-Beginner A, Beginner A, Novice A and Graduate Novice A classes.

Principal Feature - The principal feature of this exercise is that the canine stays in a down position.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Down your dog," "Leave your dog" and "Exercise Finished." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - The exhibitor's team will stand with the canine sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge.

On Leash - If the exhibitor's team is being judged on leash; the leash will remain attached to the canine's collar. The exhibitor's end of the leash will be placed on the ground between the canine and the exhibitor before the exercise begins.

Off Leash - If the exhibitor's team is being judged off leash; prior to the exercise beginning the exhibitor will remove the leash from the canine's collar and hand the leash to the steward.

The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order of "Down your Dog" the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to lay down. On the judge's order of "Leave your dog," the exhibitor may give a command and/or signal to have the canine stay in place and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. Upon completing the full perimeter walk around the ring, the exhibitor will approach the canine from the front, and proceed to walk around the canine's left side, and in back of the canine, returning to heel position. Once the exhibitor had returned to heel position, he or she will wait until the judge gives the order of "Exercise finished" before he or she can

On Leash - Pick up the leash, touch and praise his or her canine.

Off Leash - Touch and praise his or her canine.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the exhibitor's team must receive minor to substantial deduction for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into or shows resistance to the down position, exhibitor backs away from the canine, minor barking

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and/or whining, exhibitor's errors, extra command or signal, canine's slight movement from down position, canine is slow to respond, canine fails to stay down, or canine keeps sniffing the ground while waiting for the exhibitor to return.

- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the canine did not respond to the second command or signal, or the canine did not stay in place.

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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DROP ON RECALL EXERCISE – OFF LEASH

Adapted from – Drop On Recall Exercise was adapted and updated from the American Kennel Club's Graduate Novice on page 88 of the Obedience Regulations amended January 1, 2019.

For Obedience Classes – Advanced Graduate Novice A, Advanced Graduate Novice B, Open A and Open B.

Principal Features – The principal feature of drop on recall are the canine's prompt response to the exhibitor's command and/or signal to drop and the canine remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge's orders are "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then the judge will give a clear signal to "Drop your dog," followed by "Call your dog," and "Finish." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions – The exhibitor will stand with the canine 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, the exhibitor may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The exhibitor will walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn and face the canine, standing naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the exhibitor will either command or signal the canine to come. The canine must come directly to the exhibitor at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge's order or hand signal, the exhibitor will give the command and/or signal to drop ... they must be given simultaneously. The canine will remain down until the exhibitor gives the command or signal to come when ordered by the judge. The canine must come at a brisk trot or gallop and sit in front of the exhibitor. On the judge's order, the exhibitor will have the canine "Finish" to heel position.

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – None.
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – At the judge's discretion, the team must receive substantial deduction for the canine showing resentment or shyness, minor barking and/or whining, extra commands or signals, canine is slow to respond, or has a delayed response to commands or signals, canine fails to stay down, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring without the exhibitor, anticipates command, does not drop completely to the down position on a single command and/or signal, no sit or poor sit, exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** – A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the canine did not respond to the second command or signal, or the canine did not stay in place.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** – The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine

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FIGURE 8 EXERCISE - OFF LEASH

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For Obedience Classes - Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, Advanced Graduate Novice A, Advanced Graduate Novice B, Open A and Open B.

Principal Features - The principal feature of Figure 8 is the ability of the exhibitor and canine to work as a team.

Equipment Needed - Either two (2) stewards with arms folded and facing one another from eight feet (8') apart, or two (2) thirty-six inch (36") tall cones placed eight feet (8') apart.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Forward," "Halt," and "Exercise Finished." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - Prior to the exercise beginning the exhibitor will detach his or her leash from the canine's collar and give it to the steward. The exhibitor will stand with canine sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the stewards/cones. The exhibitor may go around either steward first. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. The exhibitor and canine will walk briskly around and between the two stewards/cones twice with one (1) "Halt" during the exercise and one (1) halt at the end of the exercise.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the team must receive substantial deductions for the exhibitor constantly talking to the canine as if in a Rally class, adapting his or her pace to the canine's pace, the canine showing resentment or shyness, minor barking and/or whining, extra commands or signals, canine is slow to respond, or has a delayed response to commands or signals, heeling wide on turns, canine is lagging, forging or crowding the exhibitor, fails to sit or has a poor sit, canine attempts to leave the ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if the canine did not respond to the second command or signal.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine

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FIGURE 8 EXERCISE - ON LEASH

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For Obedience Classes – Pre-Beginner A, Pre-Beginner B, Beginner A, Beginner B, Novice A and Novice B.

Principal Features – The principal feature of Figure 8 is the ability of the exhibitor and canine to work as a team.

Equipment Needed – Either two (2) stewards with arms folded and facing one another from eight feet (8') apart, or two (2) thirty-six inch (36") tall cones placed eight feet (8') apart.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge's orders are "Forward," "Halt," and "Exercise Finished." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions – The exhibitor will stand with canine sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the stewards/cones. The exhibitor may go around either steward first. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. The exhibitor and canine will walk briskly around and between the two stewards/cones twice with one (1) "Halt" during the exercise and one (1) halt at the end of the exercise.

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – At the judge's discretion, the team must receive substantial deductions for the exhibitor constantly controlling the canine by tugging at the leash, keeping a tight leash, guiding with the leash, constantly talking to the canine as if in a Rally class, adapting his or her pace to the canine's pace, the canine showing resentment or shyness, minor barking and/or whining, extra commands or signals, canine is slow to respond, or has a delayed response to commands or signals, heeling wide on turns, canine is lagging, forging or crowding the exhibitor, fails to sit or has a poor sit, canine attempts to leave the ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** – The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if the canine did not respond to the second command or signal.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** – The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine

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GROUP EXERCISE – DOWN STAY – OFF LEASH

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For Obedience Classes – Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, Advanced Graduate Novice A, and Advanced Graduate Novice B.

Principal Features – The principal feature of this exercise is that the canine stays down where it is left and in a social environment until released by the exhibitor.

Judge’s Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge’s orders are “Sit your dog,” “Down your dog,” “Leave your dog,” “Back to your dog,” and “Exercise Finished.” The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either. The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either, as well as observing the canine’s reactions to staying in position for one (1) minute to five (5) minutes (depending upon the class level) without interfering with either.

Exhibitor’s Ring Instructions – Exhibitor will enter the obedience ring and proceed to the place where the judge has designated. Canines must be spaced with a minimum of four (4) feet between each canine and four (4) feet from the ring barrier on one (1) side of the obedience ring. The judge has the option to separate any canine(s) that he or she feels may not get along with one another. The exhibitor will remove his or her leash and place the leash on the floor behind the canine. On the judge’s order of “Down your dog,” the exhibitor will place his or her canine in a down position. On the judge’s order of “Leave your dog,” the exhibitor will give a command and/or signal to his or her canine to “Stay.” The exhibitor will walk away from his or her canine to the designated place the judge has chosen, turn and face the canine with his or her arms folded across his or her chest. The exhibitor will remain standing still until the judge orders “Back to your dog” at which time the exhibitor will walk to the canine’s left side, walk around the canine’s back side (being careful not to step on the tail), walk up to the canine right shoulder and stop in “Heel position.” The exhibitor will remain standing and the canine must remain down until the judge orders “Exercise finished.”

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are “All right,” “Good,” “Yes,” “Nice,” “Super,” “Great,” or “Atta boy/girl.”
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – At the judge’s discretion, the team must receive substantial deductions for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into down position, show resistance to down position, exhibitor backs away from the dog instead of walking away, canine’s minor bark or whine, extra command or signal, canine’s slight movement from down position, canine fails to stay down but stays in place, canine anticipates, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground while down, or exhibitor’s errors.

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- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying score will be given for the exercise should the canine decide not to remain in place, goes to another canine, disturbs another canine, moves a substantial distance out of position, or there is excessive barking and/or whining.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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GROUP EXERCISE – DOWN STAY – ON LEASH

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For Obedience Classes – Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, Advanced Graduate Novice A, and Advanced Graduate Novice B.

Principal Features – The principal feature of this exercise is that the canine stays down where it is left and in a social environment until released by the exhibitor.

Judge’s Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge’s orders are “Sit your dog,” “Down your dog,” “Leave your dog,” “Back to your dog,” and “Exercise Finished.” The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either. The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either, as well as observing the canine’s reactions to staying in position for one (1) minute, three (3) or five (5) minutes (*depending upon the class level*) without interfering with either.

Exhibitor’s Ring Instructions – Exhibitor will enter the obedience ring and proceed to the place where the judge has designated. Canines must be spaced with a minimum of four (4) feet between each canine and four (4) feet from the ring barrier on one (1) side of the obedience ring. The judge has the option to separate any canine(s) that he or she feels may not get along with one another. On the judge’s order of “Down your dog,” the exhibitor will place his or her canine in a down position. On the judge’s order of “Leave your dog,” the exhibitor will give a command and/or signal to his or her canine to “Stay.” The exhibitor will walk away from his or her canine to the end of his or her leash, turn and face the canine with his or her arms folded across his or her chest while still holding the end of the leash. The exhibitor should not tug, jerk, or tighten the leash at any time during this exercise. The exhibitor will remain standing still until the judge orders “Back to your dog” at which time the exhibitor will begin to gather, but not pull or tug at, the leash, walk to the canine’s left side, walk around the canine’s back side (being careful not to step on the tail), walk up to the canine right shoulder and stop in “Heel position.” The exhibitor will remain standing and the canine must remain down until the judge orders “Exercise finished.”

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are “All right,” “Good,” “Yes,” “Nice,” “Super,” “Great,” or “Atta boy/girl.”
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – At the judge’s discretion, the team must receive substantial deductions for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into down position, show resistance to down position, exhibitor backs away from the dog instead of walking away, exhibitor pulls on the leash causing the canine to move, canine’s minor bark or whine, extra command or signal, canine’s slight movement from down position, canine fails to stay down (*stands*

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or sits up) but stays in place, canine anticipates, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground while down, or exhibitor's errors.

- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying score will be given for the exercise should the canine decide not to remain in place, goes to another canine, disturbs another canine, moves a substantial distance out of position, or there is excessive barking and/or whining.

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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GROUP EXERCISE – SIT STAY – OFF LEASH

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For Obedience Classes – Beginner A, Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, Advanced Graduate Novice A, and Advanced Graduate Novice B.

Principal Feature – The principal Feature of this exercise is that the canine stays where it is left, in a social environment, until released by the exhibitor.

Judge’s Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge’s orders are “Sit your dog,” “Leave your dog,” “Back to your dog,” and “Exercise Finished.” The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine, as well as observe the canine’s reactions to staying in position for one (1), three (3) or five (5) minutes (*depending upon the class level*) without interfering with either.

Exhibitor’s Ring Instructions – Exhibitors will enter the obedience ring and proceed to the place where the judge has designated. Canines will be spaced with a minimum of four (4) feet between each canine and four (4) feet from the ring barrier on one (1) side of the obedience ring. The judge has the option to separate any canine(s) that he or she feels may be incompatible with one another. The exhibitors will remove his or her leash from the canine’s collar and place the leash on the floor behind the canine. On the judge’s orders of “Leave your dog,” the exhibitor will give the command and/or signal to his or her canine to “Stay.” Exhibitor will walk away from his or her canine to the designated place the judge has chosen, turn and face his or her canine with his or her arms crossed across the chest. The exhibitor will remain standing still until the judge orders “Back to your dog,” at which time the exhibitor will walk to the canine’s left side, walk around the canine’s back side (*being careful not step on the tail*), walk up to the canine’s right shoulder and stop in “Heel Position.” The exhibitor will remain standing and the canine must remain sitting until the judge orders “Exercise Finished.”

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are “All right,” “Good,” “Yes,” “Nice,” “Super,” “Great,” or “Atta boy/girl.”
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – At the judge’s discretion, the team must receive substantial deductions for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into sitting position, show resistance to sitting position, exhibitor backs away from the dog instead of walking away, canine’s minor bark or whine, extra command or signal, canine’s slight movement from sit position, canine fails to stay sitting (*stands up or lays down*) but stays in place, canine anticipates, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, or exhibitor’s errors.

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- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying score will be given for the exercise should the canine decide not to remain in place, goes to another canine, disturbs another canine, moves a substantial distance out of position, or there is excessive barking and/or whining.

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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For Obedience Classes - Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, Advanced Graduate Novice A, Advanced Graduate Novice B, Open A and Open B

Principal Feature - The principal feature of heel off leash is the ability of the exhibitor and canine to work as a team.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Forward," "Halt," "Right Turn," "Left Turn," "About Turn," "Slow," "Normal," and "Fast." The judge should be near enough so the exhibitor can hear and/or see the commands clearly, as well as, to observe any signals or hear any commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either. The judge will order "Exercise Finished" at the completion of the exercise.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions -The exhibitor will enter the ring with the canine on a loose leash and stand with the canine sitting in the "Heel Position" in a place designed by the judge. At this time the exhibitor will detach the canine's leash and hand it to the steward. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the exhibitor may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the canine on a loose leash. The canine should walk close to the exhibitor's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The canine must not interfere with the exhibitor's freedom of motion at any time. At each order to "Halt," it is permissible for the exhibitor to give a command or signal to "Heel" before moving forward again. Please keep in mind that "Fast" means that the exhibitor must run, and the exhibitor and canine must move forward at a noticeable accelerated speed. Turns will be used only when the exhibitor and canine are moving at a normal speed.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion... the exhibitor adapting his or her pace to the canine's pace, canine's minor bark or whine, exhibitor giving an extra command and/or signal, canine has not changed his/her pace on the Fast, Normal or Slow exercises, canine is heeling wide on turns, canine is lagging, forging, or crowding the exhibitor, canine fails to sit, or has a poor sit, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground, or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - Canine refuses to heel.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or

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whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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HEEL EXERCISE - ON LEASH

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For Obedience Classes - Pre-Beginner A, Pre-Beginner B, Beginner A, Beginner B, Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice A, and Graduate Novice B.

Principal Feature - The principal feature of heel on leash is the ability of the exhibitor and canine to work as a team.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Forward," "Halt," "Right Turn," "Left Turn," "About Turn," "Slow," "Normal," and "Fast." The judge should be near enough so the exhibitor can hear and/or see the commands clearly, as well as, to observe any signals or hear any commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either. The judge will order "Exercise Finished" at the completion of the exercise.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - The exhibitor will enter the ring with the canine on a loose leash and stand with the canine sitting in the "Heel Position" in a place designed by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the exhibitor may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the canine on a loose leash. The canine should walk close to the exhibitor's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The canine must not interfere with the exhibitor's freedom of motion at any time. At each order to "Halt," it is permissible for the exhibitor to give a command or signal to "Heel" before moving forward again. Please remember that "Fast" means that the exhibitor must run, and the exhibitor and canine must move forward at a noticeable accelerated speed. Turns will be used only when the exhibitor and canine are moving at a normal speed.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - A one (1) time single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion... the exhibitor adapting his or her pace to the canine's pace, canine's minor bark or whine, exhibitor giving an extra command and/or signal, canine has not changed his/her pace on the Fast, Normal or Slow exercises, canine is heeling wide on turns, canine is lagging, forging, or crowding the exhibitor, canine fails to sit, or has a poor sit, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground, or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - Canine refuses to heel.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine

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HEEL WITH RALLY SIGNS EXERCISE – ON LEASH

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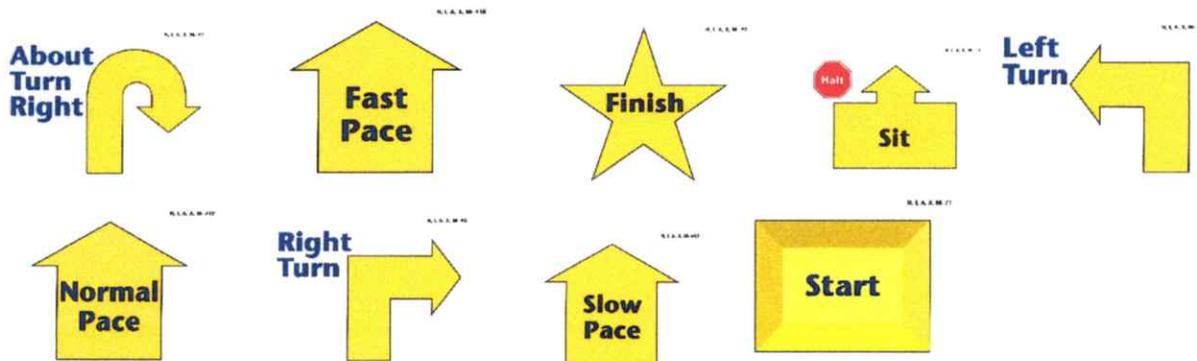
For Obedience Classes – Pre-Beginner A and Pre-Beginner B.

Principal Feature – The principal feature of heel with Rally Signs is the ability of the exhibitor and canine to work as a team.

Equipment Needed – The following Rally signs will be used in this exercise. (x __) will indicate how many signs are needed.

Start (x 1)	Right Turn (x 2)	Left Turn (x 2)	About Turn (x 2)
Slow (x 2)	Normal (x 2)	Fast (x 2)	Halt/Sit (x 2)
Finished (x 1)			

Rally Signs Appears as -



Rally Sign Placement in the Obedience Ring – Rally signs will be placed to the right of the exhibitor’s path except for those indicating a change in direction, in which case the sign will be placed directly in front of the team’s path to aid in the change. The “Start” sign, while not required, may be used to signify the starting point for the “Heel on Leash” exercise. Both “Fast” and “Slow” signs must be followed by a “Normal” sign. Turn signs may be placed in any sequence and may be repeated. The “Halt/Sit” sign will be used once at the end of the exercises.

Rally Sign Instructions – “Fast” means that the exhibitor and canine must run and move forward at a noticeable accelerated speed. Turns signs (*About, Right, Left*) will be completed at a normal pace.

Judge’s Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge’s orders are “Forward” and “Exercise Finished.” The judge should be near enough so the exhibitor can hear and/or see the commands clearly, as well as, to observe any signals or hear any commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor’s Ring Instructions – The exhibitor may enter the obedience ring with the canine on a loose leash and stand with the canine sitting in “Heel Position” in a place designated by the judge. The judge

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will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the "Forward" order. On the judge's order the exhibitor may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the canine on a loose leash. The canine should walk close to the exhibitor's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging or crowding the exhibitor. The canine must not interfere with the exhibitor's freedom of motion at any time. At the "Halt/Sit" sign, the exhibitor will stop and the canine will sit straight and promptly in "heel position" without command or signal from the exhibitor. The judge will then order "Exercise Finished" at the completion of the exercise.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion... the exhibitor adapting his or her pace to the canine's pace, canine's minor bark or whine, exhibitor giving an extra command and/or signal, canine has not changed his/her pace on the Fast, Normal or Slow exercises, canine is heeling wide on turns, canine is lagging, forging, or crowding the exhibitor, canine fails to sit, or has a poor sit, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground, or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - Canine refuses to heel.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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MOVING STAND AND EXAMINATION EXERCISE - OFF LEASH

Adapted from - Moving Stand and Examination exercise was adapted from the American Kennel Club's Utility Class on page 60 of the Obedience Regulations amended January 1, 2019.

For Obedience Classes - Utility A and Utility B.

Principal Feature - The principal feature of a moving stand and examination are that the canine heels, stands and stays where it is told as the exhibitor moves away; accepts the examination without shyness or resentment; and the return of the exhibitor.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel." The judge should be near enough so the exhibitor can hear and/or see the commands clearly, as well as, to observe any signals or hear any commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - The exhibitor will stand with the canine 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 the exhibitor may command or signal the canine to "Heel." After the exhibitor's team has proceeded ten (10) feet, the judge will order "Stand your dog." Without pausing, the exhibitor will command and/or signal the dog to stand and the exhibitor will continue forward about ten (10) to twelve (12) feet, stop, turn, and face his or her canine who must stand and stay in position. The judge will then approach the canine, examine the canine, and leave the canine. On the judge's order of "Call your dog to heel" the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to "Come" in a brisk manner and return to heel position. The judge will then order "Exercise Finished" at the completion of the exercise.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - None.
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the team must receive substantial deduction for the canine that moves its feet repeatedly while remaining in place or the canine that returns to the exhibitor and sit in front of the exhibitor and not in heel position. Deductions will be given for the exhibitor that hesitates or pauses while giving the "Stand" and "Stay" command or signal. the exhibitor adapting his or her pace to the canine's pace, canine's minor bark or whine, exhibitor giving an extra command and/or signal, canine is heeling wide, canine is lagging, forging, or crowding the exhibitor, canine fails to sit, or has a poor sit, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground, or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - Canine refuses to heel, stand or stay.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine

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RECALL WITH FINISH EXERCISE – ON AND/OR OFF LEASH

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For Obedience Classes – Beginner A, Beginner B, Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice A and Graduate Novice B.

Principal Feature – The principal feature of a recall with finish exercise is that the canine stays where it is told to stay until called by the exhibitor to come briskly to him or her.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge's orders are "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Finish" and "Exercise Finished." The judge should be near enough so the exhibitor can hear and/or see the commands clearly, as well as, to observe any signals or hear any commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions –

On Leash – The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position beside him or her in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to "Sit" (*if not already sitting*), command and/or signal the canine to "Stay" and still holding the end of his or her leash, walk away from the canine to the end of the leash, turn and face the canine with his or her arms hanging naturally by his or her sides. On the judge's order the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to "Come" to which the canine must come at a brisk trot or gallop and sit in front of the exhibitor. The canine should be sitting close enough so that the exhibitor can touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or the moving of either foot. On the judge's order of "Finish" the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to return to "Heel Position" at which time the canine will stand up and move into "Heel Position."

Off Leash – The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position beside him or her in a place designated by the judge. The exhibitor will remove the canine's leash and hand it to the steward. On the judge's order, the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to "Sit" (*if not already sitting*), command and/or signal the canine to "Stay" and walk away from the canine for six (6) feet, turn and face the canine with his or her arms hanging naturally by his or her sides. On the judge's order the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to "Come" to which the canine must come at a brisk trot or gallop and sit in front of the exhibitor. The canine should be sitting close enough so that the exhibitor can touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or the moving of either foot. On the judge's order of "Finish" the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to return to "Heel Position" at which time the canine will stand up and move into "Heel Position."

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."

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- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the team must receive minor to substantial deduction for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into or shows resistance to the sitting position, exhibitor backs away from the canine instead of walking away, minor barking and/or whining, exhibitor's errors, extra commands or signals, slight movement from sitting position, exhibitor guides and/or pulls on the leash, canine sat out of reach, no sit, poor sit, canine is slow to respond, canine fails to return to "Heel Position," canine fails to stay sitting, canine anticipates recall command, canine attempts to leave the ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground when going to the exhibitor, or exhibitor's errors.

- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - Canine refuses to "Come."

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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RECALL WITHOUT A FINISH EXERCISE - ON LEASH

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For Obedience Classes - Pre-Beginner A and Pre-Beginner B.

Principal Feature - The principal feature of a recall without a finish exercise is that the canine stays where it is told to stay until called by the exhibitor to come briskly to him or her.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Leave your dog," "Call your dog" and "Exercise Finished." The judge should be near enough so the exhibitor can hear and/or see the commands clearly, as well as, to observe any signals or hear any commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position beside him or her in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to "Sit" (*if not already sitting*), command and/or signal the canine to "Stay" and still holding the end of his or her leash, walk away from the canine to the end of the leash, turn and face the canine with his or her arms hanging naturally by his or her sides. On the judge's order the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to "Come" to which the canine must come at a brisk trot or gallop and sit in front of the exhibitor. The canine should be sitting close enough so that the exhibitor can touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or the moving of either foot. On the judge's order of "Finish" the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to return to "Heel Position" at which time the canine will stand up and move into "Heel Position."

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the team must receive minor to substantial deduction for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into or shows resistance to the sitting position, exhibitor backs away from the canine instead of walking away, minor barking and/or whining, exhibitor's errors, extra commands or signals, slight movement from sitting position, exhibitor guides and/or pulls on the leash, canine sat out of reach, no sit, poor sit, canine is slow to respond, canine fails to stay sitting, canine anticipates recall command, canine attempts to leave the ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground when going to the exhibitor, or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - Canine refuses to "Come."
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or

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whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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reluctance or refusal to release the dumbbell to the exhibitor, canine showing shyness or resentment, minor barking and/or whining, exhibitor's errors, extra command or signal, slight movement from the sitting position, canine sat out of reach, no sit, poor sit, or canine is slow to response, canine fails to return to heel position, canine attempts to leave the ring, or canine keeps sniffing ground.

- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - Canine fails to go out on the first command or signal, goes to retrieve before the command or signal is given, fails to retrieve or does not return with the dumbbell.

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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RETRIEVE OVER HIGH JUMP EXERCISE – OFF LEASH

Adapted From – Retrieve on flat exercise was adapted from the American Kennel Club’s Open Class on page 51 of the Obedience Regulations amended January 1, 2019.

For Obedience Classes – Open A and Open B.

Principal Feature – The principal feature of retrieve over high jump is that the canine goes out over the jump, picks up the dumbbell and promptly return with it over the jump.

Equipment Needed –

- One (1) dumbbell made of one or more solid pieces of wood or non-wooden material similar in size, shape and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted, nor can it be hollowed out. Dumbbell may be unfinished, coated with clear finish or may be any color. Dumbbell may not have decorations or attachments but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell will be proportionate to the size of the canine. Dumbbell must be approved by the judge.
- One panel jump five feet (5’) wide and built to be set at a height of four inches (4”) and adjustable at two inch (2”) increments from eight inches (8”) to thirty-six inches (36”). The uprights of the high jump will be four feet (4”) high. In addition, four (4) eight-inch (8”) boards, one four-inch (4”) board and one two-inch (2”) board should be available for use.

Jump Heights -See Section Seven; Jump Heights.

Judge’s Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge’s orders are “Throw it,” “Send your dog,” “Take it” and “Finished.” The judge should be near enough so the exhibitor can hear and/or see the commands clearly, as well as, to observe any signals or hear any commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either. A judge should not place a dumbbell that is improperly thrown but should require the handler to throw the dumbbell again. A judge will not ask the handler’s opinion when deciding whether a dumbbell is to be thrown again or not; it is the judge’s sole responsibility to make this decision. Once this decision has been made, the judge or steward will retrieve the dumbbell. Under no circumstances should the handler be penalized for a bad throw.

Exhibitor’s Ring Instructions – The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position beside him or her eight feet (8’) from the jump in a place designated by the judge. The dumbbell must be thrown at least eight feet (8’) pass the jump before the canine is sent. **Remember...** Once the exercise begins, the exhibitor may not adjust his or her feet or position. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order of “Throw it,” the exhibitor may give the command and/or signal to “Stay.” If the exhibitor does use a hand signal that signal may not be given with the hand that is holding the dumbbell. After the dumbbell is thrown at least eight feet (8’) pass the jump, the judge will order the exhibitor to “Send your dog.” The canine’s retrieve should be performed at a brisk trot or gallop. The canine will jump over the jump, go directly to the dumbbell and retrieve it, jump back over the jump, return directly to the exhibitor and sit in front of the exhibitor. The canine should be sitting close enough so that the exhibitor can touch its head without excessive bending,

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stretching or the moving of either foot. On the judge's order of "Take it," the exhibitor will give a command or signal and take the dumbbell. On the judge's order of "Finish" the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to return to "Heel Position" at which time the canine will stand up and move into "Heel Position." Judge will then order "Exercise Finished."

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise - None.**
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions -** At the judge's discretion, the team must receive minor to substantial deduction for the canine's slowness in going out, returning or picking up the dumbbell, not going directly to the dumbbell, unnecessary mouthing or playing with the dumbbell, a reluctance or refusal to release the dumbbell to the exhibitor, ticking the jump, canine showing shyness or resentment, minor barking and/or whining, exhibitor's errors, extra command or signal, slight movement from the sitting position, canine sat out of reach, no sit, poor sit, or canine is slow to response, canine fails to return to heel position, canine attempts to leave the ring, or canine keeps sniffing ground.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise -** Canine fails to go out on the first command or signal, goes to retrieve before the command or signal is given, knocks the panel off the uprights, fails to retrieve or does not return with the dumbbell.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring -** The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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steward will place it amount the others. Once the judge takes the article from the exhibitor, the exhibitor is not permitted to talk to the canine.

On the order of “Send your dog,” the exhibitor has the option as to how the canine is sent. The exhibitor may give the command OR signal to “Heel” and will turn in place; either right or left, to face the articles. The exhibitor will come to a halt with the canine sitting in “Heel” position. The exhibitor will then give the command OR signal to retrieve. OR the exhibitor may do a right about turn, simultaneously giving the command OR signal to retrieve. In this case, the canine should not assume a sitting position but must go directly to the articles. Exhibitor may give his or her scent by extending the palm of one hand in front of the canine’s nose or gently touching the canine’s nose, but the arm and hand must be returned to a natural position before they turn and face the articles. The canine should go directly to the articles at a brisk trot or gallop. It may take any reasonable time to select the correct article but must work continuously. After picking up the correct article, the dog will return directly to the exhibitor and sit in front of the exhibitor. The canine should be sitting close enough so that the exhibitor can touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or the moving of either foot. On the judge’s order of “Take it,” the exhibitor will give a command or signal and take the dumbbell. On the judge’s order of “Finish” the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to return to “Heel Position” at which time the canine will stand up and move into “Heel Position.” Judge will then order “Exercise Finished.”

Should the canine retrieve the wrong first article, that article and the correct one must be removed. The articles will be placed on the table or chair, and the next exercise will be done with one less article.

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise – None.**
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions –** At the judge’s discretion, the team must receive minor to substantial deduction for the canine’s slowness in going out, returning or picking up the article, not going directly to the article, unnecessary mouthing or playing with the article, a reluctance or refusal to release the article to the exhibitor, canine showing shyness or resentment, minor barking and/or whining, exhibitor’s errors, extra command or signal, slight movement from the sitting position, canine sat out of reach, no sit, poor sit, or canine is slow to response, canine fails to return to heel position, canine attempts to leave the ring, or canine keeps sniffing ground.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise –** Canine fails to go out on the first command or signal, goes to retrieve before the command or signal is given, fails to retrieve or does not return with the article.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring –** The judge must disqualify an exhibitor’s team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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SIGNAL EXERCISE – OFF LEASH

Adapted From – Signal exercise was adapted from the American Kennel Club’s Utility Class on page 56 of the Obedience Regulations amended January 1, 2019.

For Obedience Classes - Utility A and Utility B.

Principal Feature – The principal feature of signal exercise is the ability of the canine and exhibitor to work as a team while heeling and the canine’s correct response to the signals to stand, stay, down, sit and come.

Judge’s Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge’s orders and signals are “Forward,” “Halt,” “Right Turn,” “Left Turn,” “Stand your dog,” “Leave your dog,” “About Turn,” “Slow,” “Normal,” and “Fast.” The judge should be near enough so the exhibitor can hear and/or see the commands clearly, as well as, to observe any signals or hear any commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either. The judge will order “Exercise Finished” at the completion of the exercise.

Exhibitor’s Ring Instructions – **The exhibitor MUST USE SIGNALS ONLY and must not speak to the canine at any time during the exercise.**

The exhibitor will enter the ring with the canine on a loose leash and stand with the canine sitting in the “Heel Position” in a place designed by the judge. At this time the exhibitor will detach the canine’s leash and hand it to the steward. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the exhibitor **SIGNALS** the dog to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the canine beside him/her. The canine should walk close to the exhibitor’s left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The canine must not interfere with the exhibitor’s freedom of motion at any time. At each order to “Halt,” it is permissible for the exhibitor to give a signal to “Heel” before moving forward again. Please keep in mind that “Fast” means that the exhibitor must run, and the exhibitor and canine must move forward at a noticeable accelerated speed. Turns will be used only when the exhibitor and canine are moving at a normal speed.

While the canine is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the exhibitor to “Stand your dog.” On further order to “Leave your dog,” the exhibitor will signal the canine to “Stay,” go at least ten feet (10’) from the canine, turn and face the canine. The judge will signal the exhibitor to signal the canine to “Down,” “Sit,” “Come,” and “Finish.”

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – None.
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – At the judge’s discretion, exhibitor is adapting his or her pace to the canine’s pace, or canine’s minor bark or whine, exhibitor giving an extra command and/or signal, canine has not changed his or her pace on the “Fast,” “Normal” or “Slow” exercises, canine is heeling wide on turns, canine is lagging, forging or crowding the exhibitor, canine fails to sit or

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has a poor sit, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground, or exhibitor's errors. Canine walks forward on the stand, down or sit portions of the exercise.

- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - Canine doesn't give the correct response to the signals to stand, stay, down, sit and come.

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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SIT FOR EXAM EXERCISE - ON LEASH

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For Obedience Classes - Pre-Beginner A and Pre-Beginner B

Principal Feature - The principal feature of sit for exam on leash exercise is the ability of the canine to stay sitting in position before, during and after the judge's examination.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Sit your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise Finished." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either, yet close enough to approach the canine and pet the canine.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - The exhibitor will be in "Heel Position" in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, the exhibitor will command or signal the canine to "Sit" (*if not already sitting*), command or signal the canine to "Stay," walk away from the canine six feet (6') or to the end of his or her leash, turn and face the canine with his or her arms crossed against his or her chest. The judge will approach the canine from the front and using his or her fingers and the palm of one (1) hand, the judge will touch the canine on the canine's head. The judge will step back and order, "Back to your dog," and the exhibitor will walk to the canine's left side, walk around the canine's back side (*being careful not to step on the canine's tail*), walk up to the canine's right shoulder and stop in "Heel Position." The canine must remain sitting until the judge orders "Exercise Finished."

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the exhibitor's team must receive substantial deduction for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into sitting position, shows resistance to sitting position, exhibitor backs away from the canine instead of walking away, minor barking and/or whining, extra command or signal, canine's slight movement from sitting position, canine stands or lays down before, during or after examination, canine stands or lays down before or after exhibitor returns to "Heel Position," or exhibitor pulls on the leash causing the canine to move, canine fails to stay sitting or has a poor sit, canine anticipates command, canine attempts to leave the ring, canine keeps sniffing, the ground while sitting, or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the canine fails to remain sitting.
- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine

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has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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SIT STAY - GET YOUR LEASH

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For Obedience Classes - Novice A, Graduate Novice A and Advanced Graduate Novice A,

Principal Feature -The principal feature of this exercise is that the canine remains in the sit position.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog and get your leash," and "Back to your dog." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - Before the exercise begins, the exhibitor will have unclipped the canine's leash from the canine's collar and giving the leash to the steward. The steward will place the leash in a designated location thirty feet (30') from the exhibitor and canine, facing the direction of the obedience ring entrance. The exhibitor will stand with the canine 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 the exhibitor may command and or signal the canine to sit without touching either the canine or the canine's collar. On the order of "Leave your dog and get your leash," the exhibitor may command and/or signal the canine 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 canine and wait for the next judge's order. The judge will give the order of "Back to your dog," at which time the exhibitor must return to his or canine directly, walking around the canine's left side and back into heel position without touching the canine. The canine must not move from the down position until after the judge issues the "Exercise finished" order. The judge will tell the exhibitor to "Clip your leash" at which time the exhibitor will clip the leash to the canine's collar and maintain control of his or her canine. The exhibitor will exit the ring with the canine under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the exhibitor's team must receive minor to substantial deduction for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into or shows resistance to the sitting position, minor barking and/or whining, exhibitor's errors, extra command or signal, canine's slight movement from sit position, canine is slow to respond, canine is jumping, pulling or tugging at the leash when exiting the ring, or canine keeps sniffing the ground while waiting for the exhibitor to return.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the canine fails to remain sitting and/or attempts to leave the ring without the exhibitor.

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- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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SIT STAY – WALK AROUND THE RING EXERCISE - ON OR OFF LEASH

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For Obedience Classes – Pre-Beginner A and Beginner A

Principal Feature –The principal feature of this exercise is that the canine remains in the sit position.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge's orders are "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog" and "Exercise Finished." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions – The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge.

On Leash – If the exhibitor is using a leash for this exercise, the leash remains attached to the canine's collar and looped end will be dropped or placed on the ground between the canine and the exhibitor before the exercise begins.

Off Leash – If the exhibitor is not using a leash for this exercise and prior to the exercise beginning, he or she will have removed the leash from the canine's collar and have handed to the steward.

The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. On the judge's order of "Sit your dog," the exhibitor will command and/or signal the canine to sit. On the judge's order of "Leave your dog," the exhibitor will give the command and/or signal of "Stay," and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge. Upon completing the full perimeter walk around the ring, the exhibitor will approach the canine from the front, proceed to walk around and in back of the canine, returning to a heel position. Once the exhibitor has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order of "Exercise Finished."

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – At the judge's discretion, the team must receive substantial deductions for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into sitting position, show resistance to sitting position, exhibitor backs away from the dog instead of walking away, canine's minor bark or whine, extra command or signal, canine's slight movement from sit position, canine fails to stay sitting (*stands up or lays down*) but stays in place, canine anticipates exhibitor's return, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground while exhibitor is walking around the ring, or exhibitor's errors.

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- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the canine fails to remain in place.

- **Non-Qualifying Score with Dismissal from the Ring** - The judge must disqualify an exhibitor's team if either the exhibitor and/or the canine are unmanageable, excessive barking and/or whining, the canine has bit, growled and/or snapped at a human being and/or canine, the canine has fouled the ring, the canine has left the ring, the exhibitor uses physical and/or verbal harsh discipling.

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STAND FOR EXAM EXERCISE – OFF LEASH

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For Obedience Classes – Novice A, Novice B, Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, Advanced Graduate Novice A and Advanced Graduate Novice B

Principal Feature –The principal feature of this exercise is that the canine remains standing in set position before, during and after the judge's examination.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring – The judge's orders are "Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise Finished." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions – The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The exhibitor will remove the canine's leash and hand it to the steward prior to the beginning of the exercise. On the judge's order, the exhibitor will command or signal the canine to stand, command or signal the canine to "Stay," walk away from the canine six feet (6'), turn and face the canine with his or her arms crossed against his or her chest, or have the arms hanging naturally by his or her sides. The judge will approach the canine from the front and using his or her fingers and the palm of one hand, the judge will touch the canine's head, body and hindquarters. The judge will step back and order "Back to your dog," at which time the exhibitor will walk to the canine's left side, walk around the canine's back side and walk up to the canine's right shoulder and stop in "Heel Position." The canine must remain in standing position until the judge orders "Exercise Finished."

Scoring –

- **Verbal Praise** – A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** – At the judge's discretion, the team must receive substantial deductions for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into sitting position, show resistance to sitting position, exhibitor backs away from the dog instead of walking away, canine's minor bark or whine, extra command or signal, canine's slight movement from standing position, canine fails to stay standing (*sits or lays down*) but stays in place before, during or after examination, canine fails to stay standing (*sits or lays down*) but stays in place before, during or after exhibitor's return, canine anticipates exhibitor's return, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground, or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** – A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the canine fails to remain in place.

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STAND FOR EXAM EXERCISE - ON LEASH

Adapted From - Stand for exam off leash exercise was adapted from the American Kennel Club's Novice Class on page 39 of the Obedience Regulations amended January 1, 2019.

For Obedience Classes - Pre-Beginner B, Beginner A and Beginner B

Principal Feature -The principal feature of this exercise is that the canine remains standing in set position before, during and after the judge's examination.

Judge's Orders and Place in the Obedience Ring - The judge's orders are "Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise Finished." The judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the exhibitor to the canine without interfering with either.

Exhibitor's Ring Instructions - The exhibitor will stand with the canine sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The exhibitor will remain attached to the canine's leash. On the judge's order, the exhibitor will command or signal the canine to stand, command or signal the canine to "Stay." Keeping a loose lead, the exhibitor will walk away from the canine six feet (6'), or to the end of his or her leash, turn and face the canine with his or her arms crossed against his or her chest, or have the arms hanging naturally by his or her sides. The judge will approach the canine from the front and using his or her fingers and the palm of one hand, the judge will touch the canine's head, body and hindquarters. The judge will step back and order "Back to your dog," at which time the exhibitor, again keeping a loose lead, will walk to the canine's left side, walk around the canine's back side and walk up to the canine's right shoulder and stop in "Heel Position." The canine must remain in standing position until the judge orders "Exercise Finished."

Scoring -

- **Verbal Praise** - A **one (1) time** single phrase of praise or encouragement by the exhibitor to the canine will be allowed without penalty. Examples are "All right," "Good," "Yes," "Nice," "Super," "Great," or "Atta boy/girl."
- **Minor to Substantial Deductions** - At the judge's discretion, the team must receive substantial deductions for the canine showing resentment or shyness, canine is forced into sitting position, show resistance to sitting position, exhibitor backs away from the dog instead of walking away, canine's minor bark or whine, extra command or signal, canine's slight movement from standing position, canine fails to stay standing (*sits or lays down*) but stays in place before, during or after examination, canine fails to stay standing (*sits or lays down*) but stays in place before, during or after exhibitor's return, canine anticipates exhibitor's return, canine attempts to leave the obedience ring, canine keeps sniffing the ground, or exhibitor's errors.
- **Non-Qualifying Score for the Exercise** - A non-qualifying exercise score will be given if the canine fails to remain in place.

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