

OBEDIENCE TEST – OB1-3

All exercises start in the basic position with dog on left side.

All dogs shall be wearing a fur saver or a choke chain with a leash, no longer than 4 ft., attached to the dead ring.

Anytime the team halts, the dog will be in the basic position, sitting on the handlers left side with shoulder even with handlers knee.

Leash is to be held in the left hand and should be slack at all times.

OB1/Novice – On lead in a controlled heel. Teams need 70 points out of 100 to pass

OB2/Intermediate – On lead in a focused heel. Teams need 75 points out of 100 to pass

OB3/Advanced – Off lead in a focused heel with distractions*. Teams need 80 points out of 100 to pass

*Distractions can be suited decoys, gunfire, etc.

Exercise 1 - Heeling on Leash (30 points)

Starting in the basic position team will heel forward a minimum of 20 paces, execute a left turn, continue 10 paces, execute a right turn, continue 10 paces, execute a right turn. Team will continue 10 paces at a normal pace, execute a right turn, continue 10 paces. Without stopping, handler will change to a fast pace for 10 paces then without stopping will change to a slow pace for 5 paces then stop in the basic position. Exercise complete

Any handler influence or dogs that forge forward or lag behind shall result in point deductions.

Exercise 2 - Heeling Through a Crowd (15 points)

On Judge's signal, Team will heel forward 10 paces, execute a left turn, continue 10 paces to crowd of a minimum of 4 people. Team will heel a figure eight pattern through the crowd making 1 left turn and 1 right turn and end in the basic position in the center of the group. On Judge's signal the crowd will move in on the team. At Judge's signal the crowd will be dismissed. Judge will then dismiss the team. Exercise complete

Dog is expected to remain neutral around the crowd. Dogs that break basic position will incur point deductions.

Dogs that show any aggression towards the crowd will be an automatic fail and be asked to leave the field

Exercise 3 - Sit in Motion (15 points)

On Judge's signal team will heel forward a minimum of 5 paces, handler will give a "sit" command and continue walking without stopping, changing pace, or looking back for 30 paces. Handler will stop and turn to face the dog. On Judge's signal the handler will return back to their dog to resume basic position. Judge will give an order for team to heel forward 5 paces to finish point. Exercise complete

Exercise 4 - Down in motion (20 points)

Starting in the basic position team will heel forward 10 paces, handler will give a "Down" command, upon which the dog should "Down" promptly. Handler will continue walking without stopping, changing pace or looking back for an additional 30 paces, halt and turn facing dog. On Judge's signal handler will "Recall" their dog to a "Front" position. Judge will signal handler to "Finish" dog to a basic position. Team will then heel to finish line. Exercise complete

OB 3 - dog will be recalled past a decoy in scratch pants and a sleeve or full bite suit.

Double commands, changing pace or looking back are deemed handler help and will result in point deductions

Exercise 5 - Jump (10 points)

From basic position 10 feet away from jump.

- OB 1 Over jump and back over jump to basic position. Done on leash with the guidance of the handler
- OB 2 Handler will send dog over jump then recall back over jump to handler into the basic position.
- OB 3 Handler will throw approved article over the jump, send dog over jump to retrieve article. Handler will recall, dog will proceed back over jump with article to front position, release article to handler. Finish in the basic position

Exercise 6 - Long Down (10 points)

On Judge's signal team will heal to designated area where the handler will put their dog in a long down. Handler will then be directed to leave dog and move to a designated area, out of sight of the dog. On Judge's command handler will return to dog and heel back to designated area. Exercise complete

- OB 1 Minimum 1 minute duration
- OB 2 Minimum 2 minute duration
- OB 3 minimum 2 minute duration with distraction