

# The Kintala Club Inc

## General Rules and Regulations for Competitions

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**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS****ALL CLASSES****ALL CLASSES****General**

- 1 It is the responsibility of all competitors to be familiar with the rules and requirements of the test.
- 2 Competitors will enter and leave the ring on the steward's instruction.
- 3 Training is not permitted once the competitor has entered the ring.
- 4 Competitors shall not bring food in to the ring
5. 'Bum bags' must not be worn whilst in the ring.
- 6 In Gold and open class Food for "*food refusal*" shall be fresh meat and bones, where required, and provided by the competitor
- 7 Food must never be placed directly on the ground in the ring.
8. Competitors should work at a smart pace throughout the competition
- 9 Competitors who manually handle their dog into position whilst competing will incur a non-qualifying score in either Parts B or C.
- 10 A dog leaving the competition ring during the heeling routine will incur a non-qualifying score in Part B

**Handling**

- 12 '*Return to heel*' means dog sitting on the left hand side of the competitor, unless otherwise stated.
- 13 In the '*stop on recall*' exercise, the dog's response must be consistent with the verbal signal.
- 14 The timing of all **in-sight** stays will start when the competitor is the stipulated distance away from the dog.
- 15 The timing of all **out-of-sight** stays will start when the last competitor is out of sight.
- 16 All exercises which entail the competitor leaving their dog must be performed at the minimum distance stated or beyond, otherwise the dog will be deemed not to have completed the exercise.
- 17 All exercises which require the dog to remain in a certain position for a set period must be performed for at least the minimum time stated, otherwise the dog will be deemed not to have completed the exercise, e.g. food refusal for 10 seconds. The steward will time such exercises with a stop watch and **inform the competitor at the completion of the set time.**
- 18 Group stay exercises – competitors will line up in accordance with their entry number. No change of position will be allowed. A minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 competitors will be judged. Larger numbers will be equally divided. Competitors with more than one dog in a class may either (i) co-opt another person to handle a dog for them; or (ii) handle more than one dog themselves. In the latter case, the dogs will be placed next to one another in accordance with the lowest entry number. The timing of "out-of-sight" stays will commence when the last competitor is out-of-sight. Competitors will leave their dogs on the steward's signal and move off together at normal pace to a previously designated out-of-sight area.

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS(cont)**

**ALL CLASSES(cont)**

- 19 Competitors should ensure that their signals (visual and verbal) can be easily interpreted by the judges.
- 20 Where both verbal and visual signals are required, they must be given simultaneously or will be considered as two signals.
- 21 Signals or actions seen or heard to be menacing or-harassing will incur penalties up to a zero score depending on the severity of the reprimand.
- 22 Fear, resentment or aggression in a dog will be penalised.
- 23 Willingness and enjoyment in the dog's work will attract higher points in Section B.

**Jumping**

- 24 When undertaking jumping exercises, all dogs must jump their height at shoulder, but not more than 50 cm, or complete the alternative exercise.
- 25 When undertaking the broad jump, all dogs must jump one and a half times their height at shoulder, but not more than 75 cm, or complete the alternative exercise.

**Scent Discrimination**

- 26 In the scent discrimination exercise the competitor will supply their own personal articles to be retrieved. The articles must be similar in shape, size and texture to those supplied by the club e.g. socks, keys and spectacle cases.
- 27 In the seek back exercise, the-competitor will use a similar article to those used for scent discrimination. The article should be small and flat so that it is not easily visible to the dog.

**Disputes**

- 28 Any dispute over a judging decision, rules or procedure should be lodged with the Competition Manager only. The Competition Manager, at his/her discretion will refer the matter to the Management Committee.
- 29 Competitors will not discuss disputes with the judges.
- 30 Retests may be permitted in extenuating circumstances according to a majority decision of the judges and steward.  
If a group stay exercise is being retested, only the dogs which have been deemed to be disadvantaged will be re-scored, but all competitors will take part in the retested stay exercise. Those competitors who were not deemed to be disadvantaged will keep their original score.

**Handlers with Disabilities**

- 31 Handlers with disabilities may participate in Competitions, provided they can move about without physical assistance by another person. The use of a wheelchair, crutches or cane is acceptable.
- 32 When necessary, an exercise may be modified in order to help the Handler execute the exercise, but the modification must not aid the performance of the dog. The dog is required to perform all parts of the exercises as described in these rules.
- 33. The heeling exercises are expected to be performed at a brisk pace and there must be a definite change of pace during the slow and fast portion. Failure to do the above will result in a penalty, the same as for any handler. Proper heel position must be determined prior to the commencement of the exercises and this position should be maintained throughout.

**SCORING.****Pass Score**

- 1 Competitors must achieve the designated pass score in the class in which they are competing to be eligible to enter the next class.
- 2 Competitors who have not passed a particular class are eligible to achieve both a pass and proficiency score for the same class at a subsequent competition provided that they achieve the appropriate score.
- 3 To be eligible for a pass in a class, all sections require a qualifying score of not less than 50 per cent of the allotted points for each section, except for Gold class, where a minimum of 75% of allotted points in each section is required.
4. Tied scores will be decided by a count-back of Section B, A & C (in that order) to determine placings. If still a tie, the placing is shared between tied competitors.
5. All final scores/percentages are calculated without rounding up or down.

**Proficiency System:**

- 1 This standard can be obtained if a competitor achieves the designated proficiency score.
- 2 If a competitor has obtained a pass in a class but **not** proficiency then the competitor may re-enter that class to attain proficiency.
- 3 Competitors entering for the eligible class may also enter for proficiency in the immediate lower class during a single competition. They will perform their routines in the order given by the competition program.
- 4 Competitors may not re-enter a class from which a proficiency standard has previously been obtained, with the exception of Open class.
- 5 A competitor entering for proficiency only is not eligible for a placing in that class.
- 6 A ribbon will be awarded to those attaining a proficiency score.

<b>CLASS SCORE SYSTEM</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>PASS</b>	<b>PROF</b>	<b>MAX</b>
	<b>Minor</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>
	<b>Junior</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>130</b>
	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>140</b>
	<b>Silver</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>200</b>
	<b>Gold</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>210</b>
	<b>Open</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>200</b>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### MINOR AND JUNIOR CLASSES

- 1 The steward will call the routine and give the instructions for all exercises.
- 2 Judging commences on the competitor's "yes" response to the steward's "are you ready?" and concludes on "exercise finished".
- 3 All heeling routines may be performed **off** or **on a loose** lead. The stay must be done **off** lead and the lead must not be left on the ground next to the dog.

### BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD AND OPEN CLASSES

- 1 All exercises and routines must be performed **off** lead.
- 2 Competitors may introduce 'extra' exercises to enhance their routine once the set exercises have been completed.
- 3
  - (a) A dog moving 5 paces or more from the competitor during the judging of Sections A and B but instantly returns either on the competitors signal or of its own volition, will incur a 5 point loss of marks to the Section B total. This does not include any other marks lost in that section.
  - (b) A dog moving more than 5 paces from the competitor for a second time will incur a non-qualifying score in Section B.
  - (c) A dog moving more than 5 paces from the competitor for a third time will cease to be judged for Sections A and B. The points thus far obtained in Section A will be accredited as the total score of Section A. A zero score will apply for Section B. At the direction of the steward, the competitor should return to the start post.
- 4 The steward should be informed of his/her part in the routine by the competitor prior to its commencement, e.g. stand for examination.
- 5 '*Set exercises*' refer to those stated under '*Exercise requirements*' for each class.
- 6 '*Set exercises*' not performed will receive a zero score.
- 7 Exercises performed to enhance the routine will be judged for overall presentation and competence, e.g. series of quick sits, turns etc. They will not be counted as part of a '*set exercise*'. They will be taken into consideration when scoring section B.
- 8 Extra components should not be included within a '*set exercise*' e.g. dropping the dog from a sit position before calling the dog in the recall.
- 9 The food for the '*food refusal*' exercise will be supplied by the competitor and must be fresh meat.
- 10 Judging commences from the steward's signal "start" and concludes when the competitor returns to the starting post after the signal "time." The dog should finish in the sit position.

**STEWARD'S INSTRUCTIONS****ALL CLASSES**

- 1 The steward will answer any reasonable questions from competitors prior to the commencement of each section.
- 2 The steward will make sure that judges are ready.
- 3 When judges are ready, the steward, with a word of encouragement will invite the competitor to enter the ring.
- 4 The steward will make sure that competitors are not wearing bumbags.
- 5 When the competitor has entered the ring, the steward will ask the judges again if they are ready.
- 6 The steward will then ask if the competitor can hear his/her instructions and is ready to commence. On the competitors 'yes' their routine will begin.
- 7 The steward is responsible for the timing of any exercise.
- 8 Stewards will make every endeavour to move about the ring in a manner that will not distract or interfere with the judges or competitors.
- 9 The steward will perform all '*examination*' tests. Dogs will be approached from a front/side angle.
- 10 The judges' scores will be collected by the steward on the completion of Sections A & B and again on completion of Section C and handed to the scorers.
- 11 Under normal circumstances no change of steward is permitted during a class.
- 12 The steward will draw up a routine for Minor and Junior classes.
- 13 The steward will practice using the routine in as many situations as possible prior to competitions including on competition training day.
- 14 The steward will keep to the routine as closely as possible to give each competitor the same opportunity.
- 15 The steward will be familiar with the rules and know how to handle any deviations from the normal routine, e.g. the dog leaving the ring or not completing an exercise.
- 16 The steward will indicate clearly when competitors should leave the ring and, if possible, will walk out with them with some words of encouragement.
- 17 The steward will make certain that all equipment is arranged in accordance with the competition rules and with competitors' wishes in Bronze, Silver, Gold and Open classes.
- 18 The steward will make sure that no equipment impedes the judges views.
- 19 The steward will arrange for someone outside the ring to bring the meat and bone to the edge of the ring for food refusal when requested by the steward.
- 20 The steward will time the routines for Bronze, Silver and Gold with a stopwatch. The function of the stopwatch must be familiar to the steward.
- 21 The steward will advise the judges of each competitors position in the '*stay*' exercise.
- 22 In Gold and Open class, the steward will obtain from each competitor three copies of the order of the intended routine, and will provide each judge with a copy.
- 23 Any conversation between the judges should be made via the steward.

**STEWARD INSTRUCTIONS (cont)**

**MINOR & JUNIOR CLASSES**

- 1 The steward should encourage competitors to start in the '*sit*' position with their dog alert and attentive.
- 2 The steward will organise a set routine which ideally should be the same for each competitor in a class. However, the steward must exercise discretion in 'timing' the various commands so that the competitor and dog have the optimum chance of success.
- 3 The steward will use the correct terminology for the various exercises e.g. 'halt' for '*sit*', 'drop' for '*down*', 'stand your dog for examination' etc.
- 4 The steward should allow the competitor adequate time to offer his/her dog a second signal if necessary.
- 5 The steward may inform the judges of any second signal by raising his/her arm.
- 6 The '*stay*' exercise. In Minor class, the steward should indicate that the competitor may leave the dog in any position and facing in any direction. In Junior class, the steward will ask each competitor in which position they will leave their dog. In both Minor and Junior classes, the steward will advise the judges of each position.

**BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD & OPEN CLASSES**

- 1 The steward will assist in setting up ring equipment, e.g. jumps, obstacles etc, at the regulation height or distance.
- 2 The steward will give the signal "start" to indicate the commencement of the routine. When the time has elapsed the steward will give the signal "time".
- 3 The steward will do his/her utmost to assist competitors to maintain an interesting flow to their routine.
- 4 The '*stay*' exercise. The steward will ask each competitor in which position they will leave their dog. The steward will advise the judges of each position.
5. In Gold and Open classes the steward will supply both judges with a printed copy of the intended routine.
6. In Gold class, the steward will inform the competitor of the jumping order, will place and remove the food receptacles, place the discrimination articles, position the marker at 20 paces from the discrimination articles, set out the stay markers and determine the out-of-sight area to be used. The steward will designate the discrimination article which must be of the same type for all competitors.

## JUDGES INSTRUCTIONS

### ALL CLASSES

1. They should set an example by their punctuality, attitude, and dress.
2. They should be well acquainted with the rules.
3. Will be seated at tables within the boundaries of the ring.
4. Will acknowledge the steward's "judges are you ready?".
5. Will enter their marks on appropriate score sheets and sign them on completion of judging.
6. Will not communicate with or distract the competitor whilst he/she is in the ring.
7. Should a judge be of the opinion that the performance of a competitor was impeded due to unforeseeable or unusual circumstances, he/she is permitted, through the steward, to seek the opinion of the other judge. A majority decision of the judges and steward will decide such issues.
8. Under normal circumstances no change of judge is permitted during a class.
9. Judges should write a critique for each competitor.

## AWARDS

### ALL CLASSES

**Best In Competition Sash** will be awarded to the competitor who achieves both a pass score and the overall highest percentage score in the competition.

A **First Place Sash** will be awarded provided the class winner has a pass score.

A **First Place ribbon** will be awarded, provided there are two or more entrants and the winner does not have a pass score.

**Placement ribbons** will be awarded to second and third place getters in each class level.

**Proficiency ribbons** will be awarded to entrants who achieve a proficiency score.

**Pass ribbons** will be awarded to competitors who achieve a pass score and do not qualify for a first, second or third place.

An **Encouragement ribbon** will be awarded to a competitor in Minor class at the discretion of the steward.

Class placing will be awarded firstly to the highest scoring competitors with a Pass Score, and then to those with a non-pass score.



## CLASS EXERCISES

### MINOR CLASS

#### INTRODUCTION

This class junior is designed to familiarise competitors with a testing situation in a competitive environment. The exercises to be performed are of a basic training standard. The routine will be set by the steward and the competitors will respond to the steward's instructions in all exercises.

#### QUALIFICATION

Dogs and competitors who have not entered a Kintala competition before.

Dogs and competitors that have not obtained a pass score in Minor class.

Dogs and competitors who have obtained a pass score and are aiming for a proficiency score.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 The heeling routine may be performed **off** or **on a loose** lead. The 'stay' exercise must be done **off** lead. The lead must not be left on the ground next to the dog.
- 2 The competitor will follow the steward's routine and instructions.
- 3 Competitors shall not bring food in to the ring. Praise may be given on completion of the section exercise after the steward's signal "exercise finished".
- 4 Visual and verbal signals must be given simultaneously or they will be considered as two signals. Second signals will incur a deduction of points. The steward may indicate to the judges that a second signal was given.

### EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS

#### SECTION A

The competitor will be required to perform a heeling routine called by the steward and consisting of **four sits, two stands, two drops from the sit position and right-about turns only**. All at normal pace.

(TOTAL SCORE - 40)

#### SECTION B

The competitor and dog will be judged on their general heeling competence.  
e.g. teamwork, willingness, loose lead, attentiveness, etc.

(TOTAL SCORE - 30)

#### SECTION C

**An individual 'stay' exercise** - Dog may be left in either the sit, stand or drop position, **off** lead. The lead must not be left on the ground next to the dog. Competitors to be at least 4 paces away and facing their dog. Duration 20 seconds. Competitors may return to their dog without going around the back of their dog. This is not a group exercise. Points may be awarded for part success of the stay exercise, depending on duration.

(TOTAL SCORE - 30)

**TOTAL SCORE - 100**

**PASS SCORE - 75**

**PROFICIENCY SCORE - 90**

**MINOR CLASS (cont)****SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES****TOTAL SCORE - 100****PASS SCORE - 75****PROFICIENCY SCORE - 90****SECTION A****Total points score - 40**

<b>Sit, stand and drop</b>	<b>score</b>
Failure to respond to second signal	0
Poor response to second signal	1
Good response to second signal	2
Poor response to first signal	3
Minor error to first signal	4
Good response to first signal	5

**SECTION B****Total points score - 30**

<b>General heeling</b>	<b>P/F</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog frequently lagging or surging, or handler frequently offering extra signals and encouragement	F	0 - 8
Poor teamwork comprising of frequent encouragement/inattentiveness	F	9 - 14
Good teamwork comprising of occasional encouragement/inattentiveness	P	15 - 25
Enthusiastic and attentive response	P	26-30

**SECTION C****Total points score - 30**

<b>Stay</b>	<b>P/F</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog breaks away. A minor score may be awarded depending on duration of the stay	F	0 - 8
Dog changes position but does not move away	F	9 - 14
Excessive whimpering, barking, minor movement, poor handling	P	15 - 29
Good response	P	30

## **JUNIOR CLASS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The competence of the competitor and dog as a team will be tested over a longer duration than Minor class. The routine will be set by the steward and the competitors will respond to the steward's instructions in all exercises.

### **QUALIFICATION**

Dogs that have obtained a pass score or proficiency score in Minor Class.  
Dogs who have obtained a pass score in Junior and are aiming for proficiency.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 The heeling routine may be performed **off** or **on a loose** lead. The 'stay' exercise must be done **off** lead. The lead must not be left on the ground next to the dog.
- 2 The competitor will follow the steward's routine and instructions.
- 3 Competitors shall not bring food in to the ring. Praise may be given on completion of the section exercise after the steward's signal "exercise finished".
- 4 Visual and verbal signals must be given simultaneously or they will be considered as two signals. Second signals will incur a deduction of points. The steward may indicate to the judges that a second signal was given.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Four weaving obstacles are to be placed by the steward in a straight line and 2 paces apart.

### **EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **SECTION A**

The competitor will be required to perform a heeling routine of **6 sits, 2 stands, 2 drops, all turns, fast and slow pace without turns for at least 10 paces, obstacle weaving in both directions without any sits and stand for examination with the competitor 2 paces from the dog.** All sits, stands and drops at normal pace from the heeling position.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 70)**

#### **SECTION B**

The competitor and dog will be judged on their general heeling competence.  
e.g. teamwork, willingness, loose lead, attentiveness, etc.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 30)**

**JUNIOR CLASS(cont)**

**SECTION C**

1

**A group 'stay' exercise.**

- (a) The steward will direct the dog and handler to their designated marker in competitor number order. The markers will be equally spaced in a straight line 2 paces apart.
- (b) Two markers will be placed one at each end of the line 2 paces from the first and last dog. The minimum distance between the posts will be 8 paces.
- (c) The dogs may be left in any position **off** lead e.g. sit, stand or drop. The lead must not be left on the ground next to the dog.
- (d) On the steward's signal "leave your dogs", the competitors will stay their dog, step off 2 paces, right turn and walk away in single file going around the first post, walking down the other side of the dogs, going around the next post then continue on for a further circuit before returning to their dogs. The competitors will return by going around behind their dogs.
- (e) Competitors should be 2 paces from the dogs when walking past.
- (f) Points may be awarded for part success of the 'stay' exercise depending on duration.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 30)**

**SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES****TOTAL SCORE - 130.****PASS SCORE - 100.****PROFICIENCY SCORE - 120.****SECTION A****Total points score - 70**

<b>Sit, stand and drop</b>	<b>score</b>
Failure to respond to second signal	0
Poor response to second signal	1
Good response to second signal	2
Poor response to first signal	3
Minor error to first signal	4
Good response to first signal	5

<b>Fast and slow pace</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog or handler, or both, do not significantly change pace	0
Second signal or inconsistent response (lagging or surging)	1-2
Minor error	3-4
Good response	5

<b>Stand for examination</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog unable to be examined	0
Dog breaks substantially from position before or after examination	1-2
Minor movements	3-4
Good response	5

<b>Obstacle weaving</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog goes around the wrong side of an obstacle	0
Second signal to heel	1-2
Minor error	3-4
Good response	5

**JUNIOR CLASS (cont)****SECTION B****Total points score - 30**

<b>General heeling</b>	<b>P/F</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog frequently lagging or surging, or handler frequently offering extra signals	F	0 - 8
Poor teamwork comprising of frequent encouragement/inattentiveness	F	9 - 14
Good teamwork comprising of occasional encouragement/inattentiveness	P	15 - 25
Enthusiastic and attentive response	P	26-30

**SECTION C****Total points score – 30**

<b>Stay</b>	<b>P/F</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog breaks away. A minor score may be awarded depending on duration of the stay	F	0 - 8
Dog changes position but does not move away	F	9 - 14
Excessive whimpering, barking, minor movement, poor handling	P	15 - 29
Good response	P	30

**BRONZE CLASS****INTRODUCTION**

Individuality, presentation, competence and teamwork is the aim for the competitor. As there is no routine set by the steward in Section A, competitors have the opportunity to present the set exercises in an order to suit themselves then introduce variations to those set exercises provided they are within the meaning and intention of the Bronze routine. Individual expression should be designed to create interest not only for competitors but also for the general public.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Dogs that have obtained a pass score or proficiency score in Junior class.

Dogs who have a pass score in Bronze and are aiming for proficiency.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 All exercises will be performed **off** lead.
- 2 Competitors will arrange their own routine for all exercises in Section A.
- 3 Competitors can obtain the assistance of the steward for their routines.
- 4 The steward will make certain that all equipment is arranged in accordance with competition rules and with the competitor's wishes.
- 5 Visual **and/or** verbal signals for stands, drops, stays, heeling off and recall only. Dogs should sit without any signals.
- 6 Competitors should perform the set exercises first before displaying any variations. This will make the performance more discernible for the judges.
- 7 (a) Should a dog move 5 paces or more from the competitor during the judging of Sections A and B but instantly return either on the competitors signal or of its own volition, the competitor will incur a 5 point loss of marks to the Section B total. This does not include any other marks lost in that Section.  
(b) Should a dog move more than 5 paces from the competitor for a second time, the competitor will incur a non-qualifying score in Section B.  
(c) Should a dog move more than 5 paces from the competitor for a third time the competitor will cease to be judged for Sections A and B. The steward will indicate to the competitor to return to the start flag. The points thus far obtained in Section A will be accredited as the total score of Section A. A zero score will apply for Section B.

**EQUIPMENT**

- 1 Four weaving obstacles are to be placed by the steward in a straight line and 2 paces apart.
- 2 Marker pegs for the recall and stay exercises must meet with the steward's approval.

**BRONZE CLASS(cont)****EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS****SECTION A**

- 1 On the steward's signal "start" the competitor will commence his/her routine for a duration of not less than 4 minutes. The routine will **include 6 sits, 2 stands, 3 drops, all turns, fast and slow pace with at least one turn in each, with a minimum of 10 paces both before and after the turn, stand for examination, recall (choice), and obstacle weaving.** Set exercises must be completed before including any variations.
- 2 '**Stand for examination**' – the competitor will ask the steward to examine the dog during the routine. The competitor will be at least 5 paces from the dog during the examination.
- 3 '**Obstacle weaving**' – during heeling the competitor will negotiate four obstacles situated 2 paces apart by weaving through them in both directions. This exercise must include 2 sits with the dog sitting next to an obstacle. These sits are in addition to the 6 required sits.
- 4 '**Recall**' – either (a) During heeling the handler will stop his/her dog (any position) then walk on for at least 20 paces, about turn, halt then call the dog. The dog must sit in front before being sent to heel. When the dog has returned to the heel position the competitor will continue with the routine **OR** (b) During heeling the competitor will stop the dog (any position) at a designated marker then walk on to the next marker at least 10 paces away. Upon reaching the second marker the competitor will call the dog without turning round to face the dog. The competitor will not stop but will continue walking-on until the dog comes to the heel position. The competitor will then continue with the routine.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 80)****SECTION B**

The competitor and dog will be judged on their heeling competence and presentation, the continuity of the routine plus the dog's willingness and enjoyment in its work..

**(TOTAL SCORE - 30)****SECTION C**

- 1 **A 'stay' group exercise.**
  - (a) The steward will direct the dog and handlers to their designated marker in competitor number order. The markers will be equally spaced in a straight line 2 paces apart.
  - (b) Dogs may be left in any position e.g. sit, stand or drop.
  - (c) On the steward's signal "leave your dogs" the competitors will stay their dogs, step off 2 paces, right turn and walk away in single file going twice around the perimeter of the ring before returning to their dogs. Competitors should wait in front of their dogs until the steward says "return to your dog". The competitors will return by going around behind their dogs.
  - (d) The steward will instruct the competitors to halt twice while walking around the perimeter of the ring.
  - (e) Points may be awarded for part success of the 'stay' exercise depending on duration.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 30)****TOTAL SCORE - 140****PASS SCORE - 110****PROFICIENCY SCORE - 125**



**BRONZE CLASS(cont)****SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES****TOTAL SCORE - 140****PASS SCORE – 110****PROFICIENCY SCORE - 125****SECTION A****Total points score - 80**

<b>Sit, stand and drop</b>	<b>score</b>
Failure to respond to second signal	0
Poor response to second signal	1
Good response to second signal	2
Poor response to first signal	3
Minor error to first signal	4
Good response to first signal	5

<b>Fast and slow pace</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog or handler, or both, do not significantly change pace	0
Second signal or inconsistent response (lagging or surging)	1-2
Minor error	3-4
Good response	5

<b>Stand for examination</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog unable to be examined	0
Dog breaks substantially from position before or after examination	1-2
Minor movements	3-4
Good response	5

<b>Obstacle weaving</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog goes around the wrong side of an obstacle, fails a sit or receives more than two signals during heeling	0
Second signal to heel	1-2
Minor error	3-4
Good response	5

**BRONZE CLASS – (cont.)****SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES**

<b>Recall</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to return to the handler	0
Dog anticipates, second signal or extreme slowness	1-2
Minor errors	3-4
Good response	5

**SECTION B****Total points score - 30**

<b>General heeling</b>	<b>P/F</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog frequently lagging or surging, or handler frequently offering extra signals	F	0 - 8
Poor teamwork comprising of frequent encouragement/inattentiveness	F	9 - 14
Good teamwork comprising of occasional encouragement/inattentiveness	P	15 - 25
Enthusiastic and attentive response	P	26-30

**SECTION C****Total points score – 30**

<b>Stay</b>	<b>P/F</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog breaks away. A minor score may be awarded depending on duration of the stay	F	0 - 8
Dog changes position but does not move away	F	9 - 14
Excessive whimpering, barking, minor movement, poor handling	P	15 - 29
Good response	P	30

**SILVER CLASS****INTRODUCTION**

The inclusion of additional exercises calls for competence and individuality of a higher and more durable standard. The test is designed to allow the competitor to express their standard of training in a manner which will enhance their overall performance and be seen to be interesting to fellow competitors and to the public. The dogs enjoyment and willingness must be evident.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Dogs that have obtained a pass or proficiency score in Bronze class

Dogs that have obtained pass score in Silver and are aiming for proficiency

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 All exercises will be performed **off** lead.
- 2 Competitors will arrange their own routine for all exercises in Section A.
- 3 Competitors can obtain the assistance of the steward for their routines.
- 4 The steward will make certain that all obstacles and markers arranged by the competitor are in accordance with the competition rules and their position retains their intended purpose.
- 5 High jumps will be limited to the dogs height at the shoulder with a maximum height of 50 cm., or the dog may complete the alternative exercise.
- 6 Broad jumps will be one and half times the dogs height at shoulder, with a maximum width of 75 cm, or the dog may complete the alternative exercise.
- 7 Visual and/or verbal signals for stands, drops, stays, heeling off and recall only. Dogs should sit without any signals.
- 8 Competitors should perform the set exercises before displaying any variations. This will make the performance more discernible for the judges.
- 9 (a) Should a dog move 5 paces or more from the competitor during the judging of Sections A and B but instantly return either on the competitors signal or of its own volition, the competitor will automatically incur a 5 point loss of marks to the Section B total. This does not include any other marks lost in that Section.  
(b) Should a dog move more than 5 paces from the competitor for a second time, the competitor will incur a non-qualifying score in Section B.  
(c) Should a dog move more than 5 paces from the competitor for a third time the competitor will cease to be judged for Sections A and B. The points thus far obtained in Section A will be accredited as the total score of Section A. A zero score will apply for Section B. At the direction of the steward, the competitor should return to the start post.

**EQUIPMENT**

- 1 Three hurdles of the competitors choice may be placed in any order at the competitors discretion. The jumps must be set at regulation height. See Section A (3) hurdles.
- 2 Six slalom poles may be used instead of the three hurdles. Poles should be set one pace apart.
- 3 The competitor shall provide an article for the seek back exercise eg. Spectacle case, sock or keys

**SILVER CLASS (cont)****EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS****SECTION A**

- 1 On the steward's signal to "start", the competitor will commence their routine for a duration of not less than 5 minutes. **The routine will include 6 sits, 2 stands, 3 drops, all turns, fast and slow pace with at least one turn in each, with a minimum of 10 paces both before and after the turn. The stop on recall, hurdles, and seek back may be introduced at any time and in any order.**
- 2 **'Signals'** – As part of the heeling exercise the competitor will place the dog in a stand position. No audible signal is to be used once the handler has left the dog. The handler will leave the dog and step off at least 5 full paces then about turn, halt and face the dog. Visual signals only will then be given to the sit, drop (any order) and come. Set exercises must be completed before including any variation-
- 3 **either**  
**'Hurdles'** – three hurdles of the competitors choice will be used, e.g. high, broad and bar jump, set parallel to one another at a distance apart to suit the competitor and in any order. Whilst heeling the competitor will approach the jumps at normal or fast pace. One visual and verbal signal only may be given simultaneously as the dog approaches the first hurdle. Broad or bar jump height not less than dogs height at shoulder, but not more than 50 cm.. Broad jump width not less than one and half dogs height at shoulder but not more than 75 cm.
- 3 **or**  
**'Slalom'** – six poles to be erected 1 pace apart. The dog to weave through the poles in one direction only while the competitor moves beside the poles. One visual and verbal signal may be used simultaneously as the dog approaches the first pole.
- 4 **'Seek Back'** – whilst heeling, the competitor will surreptitiously drop an article similar to those used for scent discrimination (spectacle case, sock or keys). The competitor will continue to walk on for at least 10 paces then about turn and halt. After a short pause the competitor will send the dog to retrieve the article. The dog to return to the competitor with the article, sit in front holding the article until the 'give' signal is given before being sent to heel.
- 5 **'Stop on Recall'** – during heeling the dog may be left in any position. Then the competitor will proceed to walk away from the dog for at least 30 paces, about turn and stop. After a short pause, the competitor will signal the dog to come (visual and/or verbal signal). The dog should respond promptly at a quick pace. When the dog has covered approximately half the distance, the competitor will signal the dog to stop. The competitor may use any verbal signal once only together with any visual signal which may be prolonged. The dog may stop in any position but **must stop within 4 body lengths**. The dog's response must be consistent with the verbal signal. ie. drop = drop, stop = stop in any position. After a short pause the competitor will call the dog to complete the recall. The dog must sit in front of the competitor upon its return. The return to heel is considered as part of general heeling. The competitor may move off into another exercise as the dog is going to heel.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 140)**

**SILVER CLASS (cont)**

**SECTION B**

Throughout Section A the competence and general presentation will be judged. The continuity of the routine plus the dogs. willingness and enjoyment in its work should be easily observed and will also be judged.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 30)**

**SECTION C**

- 1 **A 'stay' group exercise.** The dogs will be 20 paces from the out of sight screen.
  - (a) The steward will direct the dog and competitor to their designated marker in competition number order. The markers will be equally spaced in a straight line 2 paces apart.
  - (b) Dogs may be left in any position e.g. sit, stand or drop.
  - (c) On the steward's signal "leave your dogs" the competitors will "stay" their dogs and move off. The competitors will proceed out of the ring to an out-of-sight area previously designated.
  - (d) After 3 minutes the steward will signal the competitors to reappear and reform again just inside the ring.
  - (e) After a further 2 minutes the steward will signal the competitors to return to their dogs. Competitors must return going behind their dogs to stand at the dogs side.
  - (f) Competitors will wait for the steward to call exercise finished before rewarding their dog.
  - (g) Points may be awarded for part success of the 'stay' exercise depending on duration.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 30)**

**TOTAL SCORE - 200**

**PASS SCORE - 175**

**PROFICIENCY SCORE - 185**

**SILVER CLASS****SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES****TOTAL SCORE - 200.****PASS SCORE - 175.****PROFICIENCY SCORE - 185.****SECTION A****Total points score - 140**

<b>Sit, stand and drop</b>	<b>score</b>
Failure to respond to second signal	0
Poor response to second signal	1
Good response to second signal	2
Poor response to first signal	3
Minor error to first signal	4
Good response to first signal	5
<b>Fast and slow pace</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog or handler, or both, do not significantly change pace	0
Second signal or inconsistent response (lagging or surging)	1-2
Minor error	3-4
Good response	5
<b>Signals (5 points per signal – total 15 points) If any audible signal is heard or if the dog is not at least 5 paces away at the start of the exercise, the handler will incur a zero score for all the signal exercises.</b>	<b>score</b>
Failure to respond to second signal or dog not 5 paces from handler	0
Dog anticipates, second signal or movement towards the handler	1-2
Minor error	3-4
Good response	5
<b>Hurdles (20 points). Any second signal will be considered a failure for the exercise</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to jump all obstacles	0
Dog clears one jump only	1-5
Dog clears two jumps only	6-9
Dog clears all jumps	10-20

**SILVER CLASS(cont)****SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES**

<b>Slalom (20 points). Any second signal will be considered a failure for the exercise</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog that clears less than two poles	0
Dog that clears 2-3 poles	1-5
Dog that clears 4-5 poles	6-9
Dog that clears 6 poles	10-20

<b>Seek back (20 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog that fails to retrieve	0
Dog anticipates or second signal	1-5
Dog drops article more than once	5-9
Dog drops article once only, chews, or does not readily give it up	10-15
Good response	16-20

<b>Stop on recall (20 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to stop on signal (within 4 body lengths) or fails to return to handler	0
Dog anticipates or second signal to come, stop, or come again	1-5
Slow response	6-9
Minor errors e.g. going straight to heel	10-15
Good response	16-20

**SECTION B Total points score - 30**

<b>General heeling</b>	<b>P/F</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog frequently lagging or surging, or handler frequently offering extra signals	F	0 - 8
Poor teamwork comprising of frequent encouragement/inattentiveness	F	9 - 14
Good teamwork comprising of occasional encouragement/inattentiveness	P	15 - 25
Enthusiastic and attentive response	P	26-30

**SECTION C Total points score – 30**

<b>Stay</b>	<b>P/F</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog breaks away. A minor score may be awarded depending on duration of the stay	F	0 - 8
Dog changes position significantly but does not move away	F	9 - 14
Excessive whimpering, barking, minor movement, poor handling	P	15 - 29
Good response	P	30

**GOLD CLASS****INTRODUCTION**

The majority of tests set in this class are to assess the dogs performance when away from the competitor and its ability to discern a variety of signals in various situations. The dogs willingness and the competitors presentation is of considerable importance.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Dogs that have obtained a pass or proficiency score in Silver class.

Dogs who have obtained a pass in gold and are aiming for proficiency

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 Set exercises must be completed before showing any variation.
- 2 All exercises will be performed **off** lead.
- 3 Competitors will arrange their own routine for all exercises in Section A and provide the steward with three copies of their intended routine. The steward will provide each judge with a copy.
- 4 Competitors can obtain the assistance of the steward for their routine.
- 5 The steward will make certain that all obstacles and markers arranged by the competitor are in accordance with the competition rules and their position retains their intended purpose.
- 6 High jumps will be at the dog's height at shoulder, but not more than 50 cm, or the dog may complete the alternative exercise.
- 7 Broad jumps will be one and a half times the dogs height at shoulder, but not more than 75 cm, or the dog may complete the alternative exercise.
- 8 Visual and/or verbal signals for stands, drops, stays, heeling off and recall only. Dogs should sit without any signals.
- 9
  - (a) Should a dog move 5 paces or more from the handler during the judging of Sections A and B but instantly return either on the competitors signal or of its own volition, the competitor will automatically incur a 5 point loss of marks to the Section B total. This does not include any other marks lost in that section.
  - (b) Should a dog move more than 5 paces from the competitor for a second time, the competitor will incur a non-qualifying score in Section B.
  - (c) Should a dog move more than 5 paces from the competitor for a third time the competitor will cease to be judged for Sections A and B. The points thus far obtained in Section A will be accredited as the total score of Section A. A zero score will apply for Section B. At the direction of the steward, the competitor should return to the start post.
- 10 The penalties of 9 (a), (b) and (c) will not apply during the 'Scent Discrimination' exercise provided the dog is "obviously" seeking.



**GOLD CLASS (cont)****EQUIPMENT****either**

- 1 **Two jumps of the competitors choice** will be placed 6 paces apart and parallel to one another. The jumps may be positioned anywhere within the ring at the request of the competitor. The jumps will be at regulation height or width.
- or**
- 1 **Two pathways 1 pace wide** to be erected 6 paces apart. The pathways may be positioned anywhere within the ring at the request of the competitor.
  
- 2 **Twelve personal articles**, i.e. spectacle cases, socks, and keys, will be placed over a selected area (1 pace x 1 pace) within the ring. Competitor to carry a similar article. A marker indicates where the dog will be sent from and return to. This marker will be 20 paces from the area with the articles.
  
- 3 **Two receptacles, one with a fresh bone and the other with fresh meat**, will be placed beside markers which will be set 3 paces apart. The markers will be placed in a position chosen by the competitor. The steward will place the containers on the ground when requested to do so by the competitor and will remove the containers on completion of this exercise.
  
- 4 Markers for the stay exercise will be placed 2 paces apart. The steward will determine the out-of-sight area to be used. The dogs will be 20 paces from the out of sight screen.

**EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS****SECTION A**

- 1 On the steward's signal "start" the competitor will commence his/her routine for a period of not less than 5 minutes. **The exercises of the routine, performed in any order, will consist of food refusal, scent discrimination, directed jumping or directed pathway, bark on signal or visual signal exercise, and stand for examination.** Judging will cease when the competitor returns to the starting post after the "time" signal has been given.
  
- 2 **'Food refusal'** – two receptacles, one containing a fresh bone and the other fresh meat will be laid beside markers which will be set 3 paces apart. The competitor will approach the first container at slow pace and stand the dog directly beside and close to it. After 10 seconds have elapsed he/she will move off at slow pace to the second container and stand the dog as before for a further 10 seconds. The time will be monitored by the steward. The competitor will then move off at any desired pace. A signal such as "leave it" or "don't touch" may be given together with the "stand" signal. e.g. "stand-leave". Unless otherwise requested by the competitor the steward will remove food containers without distracting the handler or dog

**GOLD CLASS(cont)**

- 3 **'Scent discrimination'** – the steward will select 12 club articles, (4 keys, 4 socks & 4 spectacle cases) placing them on the ground approximately 15 cm apart and where they will not interfere with other exercises. Whilst heeling the competitor will surreptitiously drop a similar personal article amongst the other articles. The dropped article will be designated by the steward. The competitor will then complete at least one other exercise before resuming the scent discrimination exercise. On completion of the other exercise the competitor will proceed to the designated marker. On the competitors signal the dog will leave the competitor, seek out and retrieve the dropped article, then return to the competitor and sit in front holding the correct article. The competitor to take the article. before sending the dog to heel.
- 4 **either**  
**'Directed jumping'** – Two jumps of the competitors choice to be set up 6 paces apart and parallel to one another. Competitor to heel the dog midway between the jumps, about turn and halt. The competitor will leave the dog and step forward 6 paces, then turn and face the dog. Dog to sit facing the competitor. The competitor by the use of one verbal and visual signal given simultaneously will then direct the dog to jump one of the obstacles in the order designated by the steward. The dog must not anticipate. The dog having jumped should return to the competitor and sit in front before being sent to heel. The exercise is then repeated using the other jump. On completion the competitor will move on to the next exercise.- Jump height not less than dogs height at shoulder, but not more than 50 cm.
- 4 **or**  
**'Directed pathways'** – Two pathways each 1 pace wide to be set up 6 paces apart and in line with one another. Competitor to heel the dog midway between the pathways, about turn and halt. The competitor leaves the dog, steps off at least six paces, then turn and face the dog. The dog to sit facing the competitor. The competitor by the use of one verbal and visual signal given simultaneously will then direct the dog to move through one of the pathways in the order designated by the steward and return to the competitor and sit in front before being sent to heel.. The dog must not anticipate.-The exercise is then repeated using the other pathway. On completion the competitor will move on to the next exercise.
- 5 **'Stand for examination'** – the competitor will stand and stay their dog and move off for at least 20 paces then halt facing away from the dog. Whilst the competitor is moving away the steward will examine the dog. The steward will re-examine when the competitor has halted. The dog should be approached from a different side (front side angle) for each examination. When the steward has completed both examinations he/she will inform the competitor that the "examination is complete" whereupon the competitor will turn around, return to the dog and continue with the routine.

**GOLD CLASS (cont)****either**

- 6 **'Bark on signal'** – this exercise is to be carried out in a sit and drop position (any order) at a distance of at least 10 paces. The competitor will return to the dog after the first bark and place the dog in the second position. In each position the competitor will signal (verbal and/or visual) his/her dog to bark. On completion of the two exercises the competitor will move off to the next part of the routine.

**or**

- 6 **'Visual signals'** – the competitor will leave the dog in a stand position, step off at least 10 paces, about turn and halt facing the dog. After a short delay the competitor will signal the dog to sit and drop (any order) then come with visual signals only. The dog to sit in front before being sent to heel

**(TOTAL SCORE - 150)****SECTION B**

Throughout the Section A routine the competence and general presentation will be judged. The continuity of the routine plus the dogs willingness and enjoyment in its work should be easily observed and will also be judged.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 30)****SECTION C**

- 1 A **'stay'** group exercise. The dogs will be 20 paces from the out of sight screen.
- (a) Dog and competitor will place themselves beside a designated marker. The markers will be equally spaced in a straight line 2 paces apart.
  - (b) Dogs may be left in any position e.g. sit, stand or drop.
  - (c) On the steward's signal "leave your dogs" the competitors will stay their dogs and move off. The competitors will proceed out of the ring to an out-of-sight area previously designated.
  - (d) After 2 minutes the steward will signal the competitors to reappear and reform again just outside the ring.
  - (e) After a further 2 minutes the steward will signal the competitors to return to the out-of-sight area.
  - (f) After a further 2 minutes the steward will signal the competitors to return to their dogs.
  - (f) Points may be awarded for part success of the **'stay'** exercise depending on duration.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 30)****TOTAL SCORE - 210****PASS SCORE - 185****PROFICIENCY SCORE - 200**

**GOLD CLASS(cont)****SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES****TOTAL SCORE - 210****PASS SCORE – 185****PROFICIENCY SCORE- 200****SECTION A****Total points score - 150**

<b>Food refusal (15 points per refusal – total 30 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog licks or eats the food	0
Second signal, dog changes position or is not brought close to the dish	1-7
Dog moves away	8-10
Good response	11-15

<b>Scent discrimination</b>	<b>Score</b>
Dog fails to bring back the correct article within a reasonable time	0
Dog anticipates or second signal	1-9
Dog that drops article more than once	10-14
Dog drops article once, chews, or does not readily give it up	15-24
Good response	25-30

<b>Directed jumping (15 point per jump – total 30 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to jump the obstacle or return to the handler	0
Dog anticipates or second signal	1-7
Slow response or dog touches the jump	8-10
Good response	11-15

<b>Directed pathways (15 point per pathway – total 30 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to negotiate the pathway or return to the handler	0
Dog anticipates or second signal	1-7
Slow response or dog hesitates within the pathway	8-10
Good response	11-15

<b>Stand for examination (15 points per exam – total 30 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog unable to be examined	0
Dog breaks substantially from position before or after examination	1-7
Minor movements	8-10
Good response	11-15

**GOLD CLASS (cont)****SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES****SECTION A (cont)**

<b>Bark on signal (15 points per bark – total 30 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to bark	0
Dog barks on second signal or breaks from position prior to signal	1-7
Dog breaks from position after barking	8-10
Good response	11-15

<b>Signals – 10 points per signal; total 30 points . If any audible signal is heard or if the dog is not at least 10 paces away at the start of the exercise, the handler will incur a zero score for all the signal exercises.</b>	<b>score</b>
Failure to respond to second signal or dog not 10 paces from handler	0
Dog anticipates, second signal or movement towards the handler	1-4
Minor error	5-7
Good response	8 -10

**SECTION B Total points score - 30**

<b>General heeling</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog frequently lagging or surging, or handler frequently offering extra signals	0 - 8
Poor teamwork comprising of frequent encouragement/inattentiveness	9 - 14
Good teamwork comprising of occasional encouragement/inattentiveness	15 - 25
Enthusiastic and attentive response	26-30

**SECTION C Total points score – 30**

<b>Stay</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog breaks away. A minor score may be awarded depending on duration of the stay	0 - 8
Dog changes position but does not move away	9 - 14
Excessive whimpering, barking, minor movement, poor handling	15 - 29
Good response	30

**NOTE: In Gold class, a minimum of 75% of allotted points in each section constitutes a pass.**

**OPEN CLASS****INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this class is to encourage competition amongst club dogs regardless of their standard of training, and to allow them to display a more comprehensive range of exercises. As with all other classes the dogs willingness and the competitors presentation is of considerable importance and will be judged.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Any dog regardless of competition standard.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 All exercises will be performed **off** lead.
- 2 Competitors will arrange their own routine for all exercises in Section A and provide the steward with three copies of their intended routine. The steward will provide each judge with a copy
- 3 Competitors can obtain the assistance of the steward for their routine.
- 4 The steward will make certain that all obstacles and markers arranged by the competitor are in accordance with the competition rules and their position retains their intended purpose.
- 5 High jumps will not be less than the dogs height at shoulder. Pathways will be no more than one pace wide.
- 6 Broad jumps will not be less than one and half times the dogs height at shoulder.
- 7 Visual and/or verbal signals for stands, drops, stays, heeling off and recall only. Dogs should sit without any signals.
- 8 Competitors should perform the set exercises before displaying any variations. This will make the performance more discernible for the judges.
- 9 (a) Should a dog move 5 paces or more from the competitor during the judging of Sections A and B but instantly return either on the competitors signal or of its own volition, the competitor will automatically incur a 5 point loss of marks to the Section B total. This does not include any other marks lost in that Section.  
(b) Should a dog move more than 5 paces from the competitor for a second time, the competitor will incur a non-qualifying score in Section B.  
(c) Should a dog move more than 5 paces from the competitor for a third time the competitor will cease to be judged for Sections A and B. The points thus far obtained in Section A will be accredited as the total score of Section A. A zero score will apply for Section B. At the direction of the steward, the competitor should return to the start post.
- 10 The penalties of 9 a, b and c will not apply during the 'Scent Discrimination' exercise provided the dog is 'obviously' 'seeking'.

**EQUIPMENT**

Competitors should organise their own equipment as required and in accordance with the competition rules.

**OPEN CLASS(cont)****EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS****SECTION A**

- 1 On the steward's signal "start" the competitor will commence his/her routine. **The routine, performed in any order, will consist of 2 sits, 1 stand, 2 drops, all turns, fast and slow pace with at least one turn in each, with a minimum of 10 paces both before and after the turn, obstacle weaving in both directions with or without 2 sits beside an obstacle and 6 exercises of the competitors choice; two exercises from each of the three score levels, i.e. 2 X 15 points, 2 X 20 points and 2 X 30 points.** The competitor must notify the steward of his/her chosen exercises **prior** to the start of their routine by providing the steward with three copies of their intended routine. The steward will provide each judge with a copy  
.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 170)**

**15 POINTS EXERCISES**

- 2 **'Stand for examination'** – the competitor will ask the steward to examine the dog during the routine. The competitor will be at least 5 paces from their dog during examination.

**either**

- 3 **'Broad jump'** – dog left in a wait position, competitor adopts a position central to the jump, then signals the dog to jump using a simultaneous verbal and visual signal. The dog to jump then return to the competitor and sit in front, before going to heel. Jump width at least one and half times the dogs shoulder height.

**or**

- 3 **'Pathway'** – one pathway to be set 1 pace wide. Dog left in a wait position facing the pathway. Competitor to adopt a position central to the pathway then signal the dog to move down the pathway using a simultaneous verbal and visual signal. Dog to pass through the pathway then return to the competitor and sit in front, before going to heel.

- 4 **'Food refusal'** – a dish containing fresh meat will be placed on the ground by the steward. Dog to be heeled up at normal pace stopping close to the dish and adopting a stand position for 10 seconds. The steward will notify the competitor when the 10 seconds is complete.

**20 POINTS EXERCISES**

- 5 **'Retrieve over high jump or retrieve through pathway'** – Competitor to be at least 5 paces from jump or pathway, article thrown at least 5 paces past jump or pathway. Dog to jump or negotiate the pathway. One signal only is given to the dog for going away and returning with article. Dog will sit in front holding article until the 'give' signal is given before going to heel. Jump height not less than the dogs shoulder height . Pathway no more than one pace wide.

**OPEN CLASS (cont)****20 POINT EXERCISES**

- 6 **'Seek back over an L shaped course'** – the sides of the L should be at least 10 paces each and the article should be surreptitiously dropped near the start whilst heeling. The course should end with a right about turn. Dog to seek back over the track. A reasonable time should be allowed if the dog is obviously seeking in the right area. Dog to return with the article and sit in front of competitor. Competitor to take the article before sending the dog to heel.
- 7 **'Stop on recall'** – dog to be left in a wait position. Competitor to move off at least 30 paces, about turn and face their dog. The dog will be stopped about midway during the recall and **must** stop within 4 body lengths. Dog to return to the competitor on signal then sit in front, before going to heel.

**30 POINTS EXERCISES**

- 8 **'Scent discrimination'** – the steward will select 12 club articles consisting of 4 keys, 4 socks and 4 wallets, placing them on the ground approximately. 15 cm apart. Competitor and dog will adopt a position not less than 10 paces from the articles and facing away from them. The steward will take a similar personal article chosen by the competitor and place it amongst the other articles (not touching). The steward then gives the following instructions "about turn"; "send your dog"; "take it"; "finish". Dog will sit in front holding the correct article, until the 'give' signal is given, before going to heel.
- either**
- 9 **'Directional jumping'** – two jumps of the competitors choice to be set up 6 paces apart and parallel to one another. Competitor to heel the dog midway between the jumps, about turn and halt. The competitor will leave the dog, and step forward 6 paces, then turn and face the dog. Dog to sit facing the competitor. The competitor by the use of one verbal and visual signal given simultaneously will then direct the dog to jump one of the obstacles in the order designated by the steward. The dog must not anticipate. The dog having jumped should return to the competitor and sit in front before being sent to heel. The exercise is then repeated using the other jump. On completion the competitor will move on to the next exercise. Jump height not less than dog's height at shoulder, but not more than 50 cm.
- or**
- 9 **'Directional pathways'** – two "pathways" each 1 pace wide to be set up 6 paces apart and in line with one another. Competitor to heel the dog midway between the pathways, about turn and halt. The competitor leaves the dog, steps off at least 6 paces, then turn and face the dog. The dog to sit facing the competitor. The competitor by the use of one verbal and visual signal given simultaneously will then direct the dog to move through one of the pathways in the order designated by the steward and return to the competitor and sit in front before being sent to heel. The dog must not anticipate. The exercise is then repeated using the other pathway. On completion the competitor will move on to the next exercise.



**OPEN CLASS (cont)**

**30 POINT EXERCISES**

- 10 **'Bark on signal'** – this exercise to be carried out in a sit and drop position (any order) at a distance of at least 5 paces. The competitor will return to the dog after the first bark and place the dog in the second position. In each position the competitor will signal (verbal and/or visual) his/her dog to bark. On completion of the two exercises the competitor will move off to the next part of the routine.
- 11 **'Visual signals'** – the competitor will leave the dog in a stand position and step off at least 5 paces, about turn and halt facing the dog. After a short delay the competitor will signal the dog to sit and drop (any order) then come, **with visual signals only**. The dog to sit in front before going to heel.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 170)**

**SECTION B**

Throughout the Section A routine the competence and general presentation will be judged. The continuity of the routine plus the dogs willingness and enjoyment in its work should be easily observed and will be judged.

**(TOTAL SCORE - 30)**

**TOTAL SCORE - 200**

**PASS 175**

**PROFICIENCY 185**

**OPEN CLASS****SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES****TOTAL SCORE - 200****PASS SCORE – 175****PROFICIENCY SCORE - 185****Section A - 50% or more in each section, or part thereof, for a pass.****SECTION A****Total point score - 170**

<b>Broad jump or Pathway (15 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to jump the obstacle, negotiate the pathway or fail to return to the handler	0
Dog anticipates or second signal	1-7
Slow response or touches the jump/pathway	8-10
Good response	11-15

<b>Directed jumping/pathway (15 points per jump/pathway – total 30 points)</b>	<b>Score</b>
Dog fails to jump the obstacle, negotiate the pathway or fails to return to the handler	0
Dog anticipates or second signal	1-7
Slow responses or touches the jump/pathway	8-10
Good response	11-15

<b>Fast and slow pace</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog or handler, or both, do not significantly change pace	0
Second signal or inconsistent response (lagging or surging)	1-2
Minor error	3-4
Good response	5

<b>Food refusal (15 points per refusal – total 30 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog licks or eats the food	0
Second signal, dog changes position or not brought close to the dish	1-7
Dog moves away	8-10
Good response	11-15

<b>Obstacle weaving</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog goes around the wrong side of an obstacle or receives more than two signals to heel.	0
Second signal to heel	1-2
Minor error	3-4
Good response	5

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<b>Retrieve over the high jump/through pathway (20 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to retrieve, jump, or negotiate the pathway	0
Dog anticipates or second signal	1-5
Dog drops article more than once,	6-9
Dog drops article once only; constantly chews article, does not readily give up article or slow response	10-15
Dog retrieves on signal and a good response	16-20

<b>Scent discrimination</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to bring back the correct article within a reasonable time	0
Dog anticipates or second signal	1-9
Dog that drops article more than once	10-14
Dog drops article once, chews, or does not readily give it up	15-24
Good response	25-30

<b>Seek back (20 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog that fails to retrieve	0
Dog anticipates or second signal	1-5
Dog drops article more than once	5-9
Dog drops article once only, chews, or does not readily give it up	10-15
Good response	16-20

<b>Stand for examination (15 points per exam – total 30 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog unable to be examined	0
Dog breaks substantially from position before or after examination	1-7
Minor movements	8-10
Good response	11-15

<b>Bark on signal (15 points per bark – total 30 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails to bark	0
Dog barks on second signal or breaks from position prior to signal	1-7
Dog breaks from position after barking	8-10
Good response	11-15

## OPEN CLASS – (cont)

## SCORING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUDGES

<b>Sit, stand and drop</b>	<b>score</b>
Failure to respond to second signal	0
Poor response to second signal	1
Good response to second signal	2
Poor response to first signal	3
Minor error to first signal	4
Good response to first signal	5

<b>Stop on recall (20 points)</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog fails stop on signal (within 4 body lengths) or fails to return to handler	0
Dog anticipates or second signal to come, stop, or come again	1-5
Slow response	6-9
Minor errors e.g. going straight to heel	10-15
Good response	16-20

<b>Visual signals (10 points per signal – total 30 points) If any audible signal is heard or if the dog is not at least 5 paces away at the start of the exercise, the handler will incur a zero score for all the signal exercises.</b>	<b>score</b>
Failure to respond to second signal or dog not 5 paces from handler	0
Dog anticipates, second signal or movement towards the handler	1-4
Minor error	5-7
Good response	8 -10

## SECTION B

## Total points score - 30

<b>General heeling</b>	<b>P/F</b>	<b>score</b>
Dog frequently lagging or surging, or handler frequently offering extra signals	F	0 - 8
Poor teamwork comprising of frequent encouragement/inattentiveness	F	9 - 14
Good teamwork comprising of occasional encouragement/inattentiveness	P	15 - 25
Enthusiastic and attentive response	P	26-30