

**KENNEL UNION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
REGULATIONS FOR OBEDIENCE CLASSES  
(1989)**

**SCHEDULE 5A**

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**1. LICENSING AND HOLDING OF OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

**1.1 Licensing and Show Rules**

The regulations relating to licensing and to all other matters to do with shows as set out in Schedule 3 (Championship Shows) and Schedule 4 (Non-Championship Shows) of the Constitution of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) shall apply to Obedience Shows so far as they can be relevant and so far as they do not conflict with the specific terms of this Schedule 5A save and except for Schedule 3, Regulation 20.7 where the time period is reduced to one (1) month in respect of Obedience judging appointments.

**1.2 Scope of license**

The license may include any one or more of the following Obedience Classes:

- 1.2.1 Beginner's Class
- 1.2.2 Novice Class
- 1.2.3 Class "A"
- 1.2.4 Class "B"
- 1.2.5 Class "C"

1.2.6 A club entitled to hold a Championship Show may hold a Championship Obedience Show not more than once in any calendar year under the same license as a Championship Breed Show or under the same license as a Championship Working Trial or under a separate license.

1.2.7 Before applying to hold a Qualifying Show, a new Club must have held two (2) Non-Championship Shows.

1.2.8 The provisions of Schedule 4A Regulations for Qualifying Shows shall apply to Qualifying Shows (Obedience), save and except that there shall be no minimum number of dogs present and exhibited *mutatis mutandi*.

**1.3 Obedience Certificates**

A KUSA Obedience Qualifying Certificate will be awarded at any Championship Show to any dog that does not lose more than ten (10) points out of a total of three hundred (300) points in Class "C".

**1.4 Champion status**

A dog awarded three Obedience Qualifying Certificates, each by a different Judge, will qualify as an Obedience Champion and a KUSA Certificate to this effect will be issued.

**1.4.1 Grand Champion**

A dog awarded 25 (twenty five) Obedience Qualifying Certificates will qualify as a Grand Obedience Champion and shall be issued with a KUSA certificate to that effect. This is providing that no more than 3 (three) of such Obedience Qualifying Certificates shall have been awarded by any one judge and not more than 20 (twenty) certificates were gained in any one province with the balance of 5 (five) certificates having been gained in at least 2 (two) other provinces. 12 (Twelve) Obedience Qualifying certificates awarded to a dog prior to the implementation date of the award shall count towards this award.

**Note:** *Subject to the restrictions contained in Reg. 1.4.1, twelve (12) qualifications gained prior to 1st January 2005 (the implementation date) plus all qualifications gained from 1st January 2005 may be counted towards Grand Champion status which is effective from 1 January 2006*

## 1.5 Registration and Eligibility of Dogs for Competition

- 1.5.1 Only dogs registered with KUSA in the Breed Register, Development Register or in the Obedience and Trial Dogs Record may be entered for or compete in any Obedience Class. There shall be no age restriction for a dog to compete. Dog's Qualifying Record Cards shall be issued or shall only be valid for any dog so registered. Any Alterations whatsoever to the Dogs Qualifying Record Card may only be made with the authority of the issuing officer or Secretary of the Provincial Council. Any alterations must be signed and the authority of the signatory stated.
- 1.5.2 No dog can be entered in any Obedience Class "Registration Applied For" (R.A.F.) or "Transfer Applied For" (T.A.F.) and the terms of Schedule 3, Regulation 7 apply where applicable.
- 1.5.3 No dog may compete in any Obedience Class, except Beginners Class, until it has obtained a qualifying mark as follows at a recognized show.
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| minimum 90% Beginners Class | compete in Novice Class |
| minimum 90% Novice Class    | compete in Class "A"    |
| minimum 90% Class "A"       | compete in Class "B"    |
| minimum 90% Class "B"       | compete in Class "C"    |
- 1.5.4 A dog having become eligible to compete in a class may continue to compete in that class until it becomes ineligible as stated in the Schedule of Exercises or until it is suspended or disqualified from competition.
- 1.5.5 At the conclusion of a class it is the responsibility of the judge of that class to enter in each dog's record card particulars of the show with details of marks scored, qualification earned and certificates awarded when such information is relevant to the dog's eligibility to compete in an Obedience Class or to the dog's achieving Champion status (see also 3.15).
- 1.5.6 It is permissible to enter a dog for competition in an Obedience Class in anticipation of the dog qualifying to compete in that class prior to the start of the class, provided that the entry is made in accordance with the rules of the club holding the Obedience Show and that the dog qualifies prior to the start of the class.
- 1.5.7 If a dog, after being entered for a show, qualifies out of the class in which it was entered and only if it is no longer eligible to compete in that class, it shall be allowed to compete at that show in the higher class in which it is now required to compete.
- 1.5.8 **N.F.C Entries (Not for Competition Entries)**  
Provincial Councils shall have the discretion to allow Not for Competition (N.F.C.) entries at Non Championship Shows. Each province shall formulate its own regulations or dispensations for NFC entries. No dispensation in respect of Regulation 3.7 Disciplining of dogs shall be permitted. Dispensations in respect of regulations 3.8 Practice and 3.9. Rewarding of Dogs are allowed. Dispensations allowing a competitor to compete in a lower class than eligible may be permitted but not to compete in a higher class than eligible. Such regulations or dispensations are to be approved at a Provincial Council meeting and shall be recorded in the minutes of that meeting. NFC entries shall be identified by the judge to the other competitors at the start of the class and shall not be marked or be eligible for prizes or be able to qualify.

## 1.6 Training of Judges – Kennel Union Membership

No Judging appointment may be accepted without a Learner Judge being a member, in good standing, of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa

### 1.6.1 Aspiring Judges

All persons wishing to become an Obedience Judge must be at least 18 years of age and should make application in writing to the Obedience sub-committee of the Provincial area in which they normally reside. If an Aspiring judge lives in an area where there is no Provincial Obedience Sub-committee the application shall be made to KUSA who shall arrange for the Aspiring judge to be attached to a conveniently situated province which shall be deemed to be the Aspiring judge's home province. If the Obedience Sub-committee in the province in which an aspiring/ learner judge resides either by the use of ringside observers or by approving a report is not fully functional, KUSA may arrange for the learner/aspiring judge to be attached another province/s on a short term or long term basis in order to make use of that province's facilities..

**Note:** The term "Provincial Council" shall refer to the Provincial Council in whose area the aspiring/learner Judge normally resides or to which he has been attached by KUSA and it shall include the Obedience sub-committee of the Provincial council.

### 1.6.1.1 Definition of Short Report and Full reports

As the terms Short and Full reports are used in the regulations regarding the training of judges they are as follows:-

#### 1.6.1.1.1 Short report

A Short report shall contain the following introductory information:-

1. Name of Learner Judge
2. KUSA Membership No.
3. Membership expiry date.
4. Class Judged.
5. Show Venue.
6. Type of show. Championship or Non Championship.
7. Date of show.
8. Show Holding Club
9. Advertised starting time:
10. Number of dogs judged

A Short report shall contain detailed comment on the performance of all dogs up to the dog placed ninth, in the class, if required (See Regulation 1.6.6.1.2), plus the marks deducted for each observed fault. In addition, all the relevant Judge's mark sheets or photo copies thereof must be attached.

1.6.1.1.2 **Full Report**

A full report shall contain the same introductory information as required in the short report, plus full details as to how the class was run and judged together with detailed comment on the performance of all competing dogs up to a total of 9 dogs, if required (See regulations 1.6.3.5 and 1.6.6.1.2). All the Judge's mark sheets or photo copies thereof for these dogs must be attached.

1.6.1.1.3 If a full report is on a Class C appointment then the KUSA Guide for Class C report writing shall be followed otherwise for a lower class report the relevant provincial guide shall be followed.

1.6.2 **Level 1 – Beginners and Novice Classes**

If the application by an aspiring judge is successful he shall be required to follow one of 2 training options which shall be at the Provincial Councils discretion.

**OPTION NUMBER ONE**

1.6.2.1 The aspiring judge shall pass a test set and marked by the obedience Sub-committee of the Provincial Council on:-

- 1) The Rules and regulations contained in schedule 5A pertaining to the judging of Beginners and Novice classes. The pass mark at present is 80%
- 2) The recommended marks to be deducted as given in the relevant Provincial Guide for Judges pertaining to Beginners and Novice classes. The pass mark at present is 80%
- 3) Schedule 3 sections 1 to 19 relating to how a Championship Show is run. The pass mark at present is 65%

1.6.2.2 The pass mark for the test shall be as determined from time to time by the National Obedience Sub-Committee

1.6.2.3 A learner judge shall follow the rules and regulations contained in Schedule 5A as well as the required deduction of marks as contained in the relevant guide for judges when judging any obedience class.

1.6.2.4 When the above test has been passed the Sub-committee shall arrange for the Aspiring Judge to accompany a suitable judge who is the appointed judge in a Beginners or Novice Class at an Obedience Show and independently and without consultation with the appointed Judge or any other person shall mark the competitors in the Obedience Class as if he were the appointed judge. An Aspiring Judge's marks will have no bearing on the results of the competition and they are not to be made known to the competitors. The officiating judge shall within fourteen days of the show, submit, to the provincial council, the aspiring judge's mark sheets together with his comments on the aspiring judge's performance.

The Kennel Union shall be advised whether the aspiring judge's performance in terms of Regulation 1.6.2.4 is approved by the Provincial Council, and they in turn shall advise the aspiring judge accordingly and copy to the Provincial council. All mark sheets must be sent to KUSA by the Provincial Council to be held in support of the Aspiring Judge's application

If approved the Provincial council shall then issue the learner judge with his judge's card endorsed for judging Beginners and Novice Class appointments.

**OPTION NUMBER TWO**

1.6.2.5 The provincial Council may require that an aspiring judge attend a course which shall cover those portions of Schedule 5A and the provincial guide for judges which cover judging of Beginners and Novice classes plus sections 1 to 19 of schedule 3. He shall then sit an examination on this course, the pass marks being as for Reg. 1.6.2.1 above. The provincial council shall then arrange for the aspirant to do a practical test on judging Beginners and Novice Classes.

When the aspiring judge's performance in 1.6.2.5 is approved by the Provincial Council, the Kennel Union shall be so informed by the Provincial Council. All reports and mark sheets must be sent to KUSA by the Provincial Council to be held in support of the Aspiring Judge's application.

KUSA shall in turn inform the learner judge of the successful outcome, and copy to provincial council, The Provincial council shall then issue the learner judge with his judge's card endorsed for judging Beginners and Novice Class appointments.

- 1.6.3 A Learner Judge may now accept appointments for Beginners and Novice class tests
- 1.6.3.1 After having judged 3 such appointments and having accepted his 4<sup>th</sup> appointment he may elect to write a full Report on his fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) appointment which shall be submitted within 3 months for scrutiny by the Provincial Council or he may timeously request that his judging at his 4<sup>th</sup> appointment be assessed by a ringside observer appointed by the Provincial Council.
- 1.6.3.2 The judge's mark sheets or photo copies thereof of all dogs judged in each of the first 3 appointment, if so required, shall be sent to the Provincial Council for their information.
- 1.6.3.3 The provincial council shall not reasonably refuse a request for an observer but if it agrees it may either station an observer/s, who shall be an appointed judge, to watch the learner's judging at this fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) appointment or it shall subsequently arrange a special test session run by licensed judges in order to decide whether the learner judge is ready to be promoted to judge in Class A and B.
- 1.6.3.4 If the Provincial Council is unable to provide observers and it cannot be arranged for the Learner judge to be observed by another province then the judge shall have the option of writing a full Report which shall be submitted within 3 months for scrutiny by the Provincial Council.
- 1.6.3.5 If in terms of regulations 1.6.3.1. or Regulation 1.6.3.4 the learner judge should write a Full report the provincial council shall stipulate how many and which dogs shall be reported on in detail.
- 1.6.3.6 When the provincial Council has satisfied itself that the Learner Judge is competent to judge Classes A and B KUSA shall be so advised and sent all supporting documents together with a Photostat of the learner judge's record card showing that the three (3) required qualifying appointments in the Beginners and Novice Classes have been fulfilled. KUSA shall so inform the learner judge and copy to the Provincial Council.

**Note 1**

*It is the responsibility of the learner judge providing that at least three (3) dogs competed in the class being judged to so advise the Show Secretaries of the show holding clubs or a person/s designated by the Provincial Council who shall make the appropriate entry in the Judge's record card of the first three Beginners or Novice Class appointments fulfilled*

**Note 2**

*If the judge applies for an observer, the judge's card or a photocopy thereof must accompany the application.*

**Note 3**

*The 4 classes judged shall include at least one (1) Beginners and one (1) Novice class appointment.*

- 1.6.4 When the Provincial Council by whatever means it uses is satisfied that the learner judge is competent to judge Classes A and B, The Learner judge shall be required to pass:-  
A test set and marked by the obedience Sub-committee of the Provincial Council on:-
- 1) The Rules and regulations contained in schedule 5A pertaining to the judging of classes A and B. The pass mark shall be 80%
  - 2) The recommended marks to be deducted as given in the relevant Provincial Guide for Judges pertaining to classes A and B. The pass mark shall be 80%
- When the test is passed, KUSA shall be so informed by the Provincial council. KUSA shall in turn inform the learner judge and copy to the Provincial council.
- 1.6.5 **Level 2 Classes "A" and "B"**
- The Provincial council shall now endorse the judge's card as being eligible to accept appointments to judge Class A and Class B tests and the identical procedure as laid down for Beginners and Novice Classes in Level One above, starting at Reg. 1.6.2, shall be followed for Classes A and B in level 2
- 1.6.5.1 When the Provincial Council by whatever means it uses is satisfied that the learner judge is competent to judge Class C, the Learner judge shall be required to pass:-
- 1) A test on the Rules and regulations contained in schedule 5A pertaining to the judging of Class C.
  - 2) test on the recommended marks to be deducted as given in the KUSA Guide for Judges Class C.

The pass mark for each test shall be 80% and shall be set and marked by the Provincial Council. If successful the Kennel Union shall be so informed by the Provincial council. KUSA shall in turn inform the learner judge and copy to the Provincial Council.

**1.6.6 Level 3 Class "C"**

The Provincial Council shall now endorse the judge's card as being eligible to accept appointments to judge Class C at Non-championship Shows

1.6.6.1 In order to obtain a judge's license the learner judge shall first be required to judge two "initial qualifying" Class C non-championship show appointments at each of which at least three dogs are judged

1.6.6.1.1 The learner judge shall ensure that a record of these two fulfilled appointments is entered in the judge's record card by the respective Show Secretary or person designated by the Provincial Council

1.6.6.1.2 Having fulfilled the above two appointments, the learner judge shall now be required to submit reports on subsequent Class C non-championship show appointments until a total of at least nine dogs has been judged and reported on at these shows,

1.6.6.2 When accepting such subsequent Class C non-championship show appointments the learner judge may elect:-

1.6.6.2.1 **Either** to judge the class and write full reports as described in Regulation 1.6.1.1.2 without a ringside observer being present until a total of at least nine dogs has been judged and reported upon.

1.6.6.2.2 **Or** with the Provincial Council's prior agreement, to judge the class with a ringside observer present and write Short reports as described in Regulation 1.6.1.1.1 until a total of at least nine dogs has been judged and reported on.

1.6.6.3 If the provincial Council, when requested, is for any reason, unable to station an observer at a judging appointment then the learner judge is required to write a full report on the appointment..

1.6.6.4 If an observer should be present he shall report on whether the judging of the class was in accordance with the procedures laid down in Schedule 5A. This report to accompany the Judge's short report when sent to KUSA.

1.6.7 All report on such appointments shall be submitted within three calendar months of the date of the show to the Provincial council who shall forward them, to KUSA who in turn shall send them to three (3) members of the KUSA Panel of scrutinisers for scrutiny. Where possible no more than one scrutiniser of a report should be from the same province.

**Note 1**

*When a report is submitted it shall be passed or failed in its entirety*

1.6.8 When the first of such reports is forwarded to KUSA a Photostat copy of the learner judge's record card showing that the two (2) required qualifying appointments in class C have been fulfilled.

**1.6.9 Issue of a Judge's licence**

No Judge shall be issued with a Judge's license unless he has judged a total of nine dogs in Class "C" appointments at Non-Championship Shows and had the reports on these nine dogs as described in section 1.6.6 and approved in terms of Section 1.7.1.

**Note 1**

*When a Class C report is submitted it shall be passed or failed in its entirety*

**Note 2**

*In order to attain the required nine detailed reports on the performance of dogs judged a combination of Full and Short reports may be used.*

**1.7 KUSA PANEL OF SCRUTINISERS**

The KUSA Panel of Scrutinisers shall consist of licensed Judges, nominated by the Provincial Councils. When vacancies occur in the Panel, the KUSA Judge's department shall request through the National Obedience Sub-committee that replacements be made.

**1.7.1 Approval of reports**

1.7.1.1 A simple majority of scrutinizer approval is required for a submission of reports to be approved while a unanimous decision is required for a report to be failed.

1.7.1.2 If a report is not failed unanimously it shall sent to an arbitrator for scrutiny and his decision shall be final.

1.7.1.3 KUSA shall advise the judge in writing of the result of the scrutiny together with the comments of the scrutinizers but if arbitrated, then only the comments of the arbitrator shall be given, and copied to the Provincial Council. When a Judge's report is approved the Judge's Record Card must be endorsed accordingly by the Secretary of the Provincial Council or by the Chairman of the Obedience Sub-Committee of that Council.

1.7.1.4 All reports become effective when KUSA advises the Judge of the result of the scrutiny.

1.7.1.5 A KUSA scrutinizer shall follow the KUSA guide for judges when scrutinizing a report.

**1.7.2 Licensed Judges**

Only a licensed Judge may judge Class "C" at a Championship Show.

**1.7.3 Inactive Judge**

A judge, whether learner or licensed, who has not carried out a judging appointment for a period of three (3) years or more and wishes to resume judging must pass a written examination on Schedule 5A Regulations. This examination shall be set and the papers marked by the Provincial Council. The judge may not accept an obedience judging appointment until he has passed this examination to the satisfaction of the Provincial Council. The pass mark shall be as determined from time to time by the National Obedience Sub-Committee. KUSA shall be so informed and they in turn shall inform the judge in writing (copied to the Provincial Council) that he has passed the test and may now accept judging appointments up to the highest level that he was previously entitled to judge.

1.7.4 No unlicensed Judge shall accept an appointment to judge any class for which his Record Card has not been endorsed.

**1.7.5 KUSA Membership**

All judges shall, if permanently domiciled in the KUSA area of jurisdiction, be members of the Kennel Union in good standing both at the time of accepting an invitation and undertaking an appointment.

**1.7.6 Foreign Judges**

Appointments of Judges normally resident outside the area of jurisdiction of the KUSA will be considered by the Executive Committee in the light of the Judge's qualifications recognized by the appropriate Canine Authority in the Judge's country of permanent residence, and in terms of Article 25.4 of the Constitution.

1.7.7 It is the responsibility of the Show holding Club to ensure that any Judge whose permanent domicile is outside the Kennel Union area of jurisdiction is provided timeously with a copy of these regulations.

1.7.8 In the event of a Judge, having accepted an appointment, not fulfilling such engagement to judge, he shall give his reason in writing to the Executive Committee and if such reason is considered unsatisfactory, the Executive Committee may impose any penalty provided in Rule 8 of the Disciplinary Rules, (Schedule 1), and his name shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal.

**Note**

*Learner Judges converting to the new scheme.*

**Level 1 and Level 2**

1) The provincial Council shall issue all learner judges in Level 1 and level 2 with a new judge's card filled in as appropriate to the judge's progress under the old judge's scheme on information obtained from KUSA

1a) Should a learner judge have judged his fourth level one or level two appointment prior to the implementation date of these new regulations he shall be required to write a full report on that appointment if he wishes that appointment to count.

**Level 3**

2) Learner judges who are eligible to judge in Class C and who have not judged a Class C appointment prior to the implementation date of these new regulations shall fall under the new regulations.

2a) Learner judges who, prior to the implementation date, have judged Class C appointment/s may elect to continue on the old scheme or adopt the new scheme.

2.b) If the judge elects to remain on the old scheme then three reports must be approved and each report must contain detailed comments on the performance of at least three (3) competing dogs i.e. the dogs scoring the highest and the next highest marks, as well as the dog scoring the lowest marks. In addition, there must be general comments on the performance of all other dogs in the Class.

2c) If however the judge elects to come onto the new scheme then any C Class appointments judged prior to implementation date shall count as "Initial qualifying" appointments (See Reg. 1.6.6.1)

3) A learner judge who has previously passed the test on Schedule 5A and Schedule 3 shall not be required to write any further tests.

**1.8 Obedience Record Cards** (refer also 3.22).

1.8.1 All dogs should be registered or recorded with KUSA before a card is issued. Proof of registration or recording to be given to the person issuing the card.

1.8.2 All competitors from Beginners Class to Class "C" must have Record Cards.

- 1.8.3 The cards are to be issued by the Provincial councils to Affiliated Clubs. Each card must bear a Provincial Council alpha indicator and be numbered and recorded in order to identify the issuing Club.
- 1.8.4 Affiliated clubs are restricted to issuing cards to their own members.
- 1.8.5 Persons who are not members of an Affiliated Club should obtain their record cards from the Provincial Council of the Province in which they normally reside or when there is no Provincial Council direct from KUSA.
- 1.8.6 All Provincial sub-committees are to keep records of cards issued to clubs and to non-club persons.
- 1.8.7 All affiliated Clubs to keep records of cards issued to members.
- 1.8.8 Record Cards will not be required for "Elementary Beginners Class", which does not form part of this Schedule.

## 2. MANAGEMENT OF OBEDIENCE CLASSES

### 2.1 Obedience Show Manager

The management of an Obedience Show shall be the responsibility of the Obedience Show Manager who shall be appointed by the committee of the club holding the show.

### 2.2 Disputes or Complaints

While the Judge of a class has control of all matters connected with the dogs during competition, the Obedience Show Manager, if required, may be called on for assistance should there be a dispute or complaint. However, any dispute/complaint lodged according to Schedule 1 of the KUSA Rules and Regulations and which cannot be resolved at the show must then be forwarded to KUSA as prescribed

2.3 No dog shall be allowed to be off a lead unless so required by the Judge.

### 2.4 Sound amplifiers and Gun shots

The use of sound amplifiers or radios is forbidden at a Show, save and except at the discretion of the Show Committee.

2.4.1 The unauthorised use of fire-arms or the making of any noise at a Show which may be injurious, alarming or distracting to dogs is forbidden and must be reported to the Show Manager

2.4.2 At any Show where a gunshot test is held and such test interfere with Obedience Class/es it must be reported to the Show Manager.

### 2.5 Misbehavior of dogs at a show

Physical disciplining of a dog or serious uncontrollable behavior of a dog at an Obedience Show may be penalized at the discretion of the Obedience Show Manager by excluding the dog and/or handler of the dog to forfeit any Obedience Awards, positions or qualification gained at the show (see also paragraph 3.7).

### 2.6 Number of dogs to be judged

No judge shall be required to test more than a total of forty (40) dogs in one (1) day except when he is judging Class "C", when the maximum shall be thirty-five (35). When the number of entries in classes to be judged by one (1) person exceeds these limits the committee of the club holding the show shall then and only then appoint an extra Judge(s) who shall be approved by KUSA, and shall allocate competitors as equally as possible among the Judge by draw. It is the responsibility of the show holding club committee to allocate formally the competitors at least one (1) week prior to the show. Following the allocation, the competitors must be notified by the show-holding club:

- a) That the judging is being split and
- b) The name(s) of the judge(s) who will officiate.

This should be done as soon as possible, giving the competitors time to confirm their acceptance before the show.

If a dog which has already been awarded an Obedience Qualifying Certificate is competing in a Championship Class "C", the handler shall have the right to claim exemption from the draw if one of the additional appointed Judges is the Judge under whom the dog qualified for the award of the said Certificate.

#### 2.6.1 Replacement of a Judge.

Should a judge, be unable to complete a judging appointment and is replaced, only those exercises which have not been judged or completed shall be judged or re-judged as the case may be, by the replacement judge. The mark sheets of the original judge must be made available to the replacement judge.

### 2.7 Handler of dog

Either the owner or deputy may handle the dog, but it must be one or the other. Once the dogs have commenced work, an owner must not interfere with his dog if he has deputized another person to handle it.

No handler shall allow the dog he is working to be deliberately and improperly attracted or influenced from outside the ring whilst such dog is competing in the ring.

## 2.8 Dogs unfit to compete

- 2.8.1 No bitch in season shall be allowed to compete in any Obedience Class. Spayed bitches and castrated dogs may compete. If in the judge's opinion a dog has a contagious/infectious disease he should report it immediately to the Show Manager. Similarly a dog that, in the judge's opinion, is physically unfit to compete should be reported to the Show Manager.
- 2.8.2 If any dog is exhibited which has been knowingly exposed to the risk of any contagious or infectious disease during a period of six (6) weeks prior to exhibition; or if any dog at a Show should be found to be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease, including any reaction to immunization, or is found to be unfit for exhibition from any other cause, the exhibitor thereof shall be liable to be dealt with under Rule 2, Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 1).

## 2.9 Conditions

It is the responsibility of the Obedience Show Manager and of the Judge(s) to ensure that all dogs competing in a class compete under the same conditions as far as this is practical.

## 2.10 Interruption, Postponement or Cancellation of a Show

It shall be at the discretion of the judge/s whether on not competition in any class should be interrupted for any good reason. However the Obedience Show Manager, after consulting with the judge/s shall have the overriding power to require that judging in a class/s be interrupted until later on the same day, or be postponed to a later date, subject to KUSA approval, or to cancel an Obedience Show or any part thereof.

*Note: After the Show Manager has ordered an interruption of judging, competition may only be resumed when so authorized by the Show Manager. It shall then be at the discretion of the judge/s as to when competition in his class shall be resumed.*

## 2.11 Starting time

All competitors shall be informed of the starting time for their class and shall be present at the venue at least thirty (30) minutes before the advertised starting time. However, where one Judge is officiating in two classes, notice must be given to the competitors prior to the show as to which class is to be judged first. Competitors in the second class must then arrive at the show no later than thirty (30) minutes after the start of the show. The Judge(s) shall have discretion to postpone the start of the class for a reasonable period if the competitors are delayed through competition elsewhere in the show. Such postponement shall be made known to all competitors who are present. Any competitor who is not present at the end of such postponement shall be regarded as withdrawn from the show and shall not be allowed to compete.

Judges and stewards who shall have been notified by the show holding club of the starting time of their class shall report to the Show Secretary at least 30 minutes before the advertised starting time.

## 2.12 Order of competition

The order of competition shall be determined by draw order among the competitors in each class immediately before the first exercise of the class is due to begin. However the judge at his sole discretion, may modify the drawn order of competition in order to facilitate the judging in his class when a competitor is competing in another Discipline or class or is required to be absent from the class for good and proper reason.

Providing that the judge is in possession of the handler's obedience record card a handler, who, for good reason is not present at the draw, shall be placed at the end of the draw. If this applies to more than one handler then they shall be put in the order of their Ring or catalogue number.

- 2.12.1 No dog shall be allowed into the judging ring after having been called three (3) times by the Ring Steward and marked absent.

## 2.13 Provision of Articles

2.13.1 The Judge(s) is responsible for the provision of all markers, articles, scent cloths and similar objects that may be required in any class which he is judging. He is responsible for ensuring that all articles so supplied comply with these regulations. Visiting judges from overseas may seek the aid of the show holding club (which shall ensure that, all articles provided meet the requirements of all Rules and Regulation).

2.13.2 The Obedience Show Manager is responsible for the demarcation of the areas to be used for Obedience Classes and is responsible for ensuring that the areas comply with these Regulations.

## 2.14 Competition by officials at shows

- 2.14.1 A Judge at a show may not enter or handle a dog in the same Discipline (Breed, Obedience, Working Trials, IPO, Dog Jumping, Agility, Carting, etc), as that in which he is officiating. A Judge at a Show may not handle a dog in any Discipline on the day/s that he is officiating. This restriction does not apply in respect of another show held on the same day and held under a different license.

2.14.2 A KUSA Representative may not enter, exhibit or handle a dog registered in his name at any KUSA Licensed event held at the same venue on the day that he is officiating, nor in the same Discipline held under the same license on any day.

**2.15 Catalogue/Ring numbers**

Every handler shall wear a distinctive number, the digits of which shall be not less than 2.5 cm in height, to identify each dog being judged. The dog's number shall be allocated and issued by the Show Holding Club

**2.16 Obedience Show Rings**

All dogs shall be judged in suitable rings which must be thoroughly cleaned before judging starts. All judging shall take place in public.

2.16.1 If any classes take place indoors, the ring must be at least 15m X 10m and. The floor shall have a suitable surface in order that the classes can be judged without possible injury to handler and dog.

2.16.2 If the classes take place out of doors, the ring shall be at least 20m x 20m.

2.16.3 Save and except for the necessary entry by any official of the Show, and persons assisting disabled or wheelchair bound handlers, the only persons permitted in the ring during judging shall be the Judge, his Ring/decoy Stewards, his Ring Clerk and the handlers of the exhibits being judged.

**Note.**

*In the event of there being extremely hot weather conditions a show holding club may provide a demarcated shade area where the stays may be judge*

**3. JUDGING AT OBEDIENCE CLASSES.**

**3.1 Knowledge of rules**

All handlers are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the Regulations covering the class entered. If requested by the judge to perform any task which does not conform with the regulations, the competitor has the right to consult the Show Manager.

**3.2 Dogs tested separately**

The judge must test each competing dog separately, except for the "stay" exercises where groups of dogs are in the ring together.

**3.3 Collars**

The judge(s) will ensure that during the exercises each dog under his jurisdiction wears only a plain slip or buckle type training collar made of chain, leather or material and worn only around the neck. Nothing may be attached to collars during the exercises except an identity disc with a diameter of not more than 30mm or leads when required.

**3.4 Features of judging**

3.4.1 The purpose of Obedience exercises is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as the companion of man.

3.4.2 The responsibility of making the class interesting to the spectators and worthwhile to the handlers is left to the Judge.

3.4.3 Dogs must be judged on their ability to perform the laid down exercises, and not upon their breed qualities.

3.4.4 Standardized judging is of paramount importance. Judges may not introduce their own variations into the exercises, but must see that each handler and dog executes the various exercises exactly as described. A handler who is familiar with the standard should be able to enter the ring without having to enquire how the judge's wishes to have the exercise performed. Judges must adhere strictly to the regulations and standards. In the event of any club appointing an Obedience Judge normally resident outside the area of jurisdiction of KUSA, it shall be the responsibility of the Obedience Show Manager to ensure that he is made familiar with and applies the terms, regulations and standards of this Schedule.

**3.5 Interference with competitors**

The judge of an Obedience Class must remove from competition any bitch in season and any dog which behaves in an uncontrollable manner. Any handler, who interferes willfully with another competitor or his dog, may be expelled from competition as well as any dog which the judge considers unfit to compete. Any bitch which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element must also be removed from the competition. In the case of doubt an official veterinarian shall be called to give his opinion.

**3.6 Withdrawal from competition**

The owner or his deputy entering a dog in an Obedience Class does so at his own risk and must compete in all the exercises of each class in which it is entered, unless expelled by the Judge or excused by the Judge and Obedience Show Manager. For either or both of the following reasons:-

3.6.1. Illness/injury of the dog or the handler

3.6.2 Handler has an urgent personal reason for leaving the show

### 3.7 **Disciplining of dogs**

From the time a Judge takes control of assembled competitors to begin judging a class until the Judge dismisses the competitors after the results of a class have been announced, no handler in that class shall physically discipline a dog either inside or outside the ring. In the event of such physical disciplining occurring, or in the event of serious uncontrollable behavior of a dog in the ring, the Judge will severely penalize the dog concerned by deducting points from the total score of the dog. In addition, the Judge may, at his discretion, exclude the dog from further competition in the class (see also Regulation 2.5).

### 3.8 **Practice**

Handlers will be allowed to practice with their dogs at a show subject to the provision of Regulation 3.7, however no practice or training may take place:

3.8.1 In any ring either before competition commences or while any class is in progress or remains uncompleted.

3.8.2 In such a way as to interfere with or distract competing dogs or handlers.

### 3.9 **Rewarding dogs**

The offering of food and or baiting a dog in the ring is forbidden. The carrying of food or training aids by the handler during the exercise is also forbidden. However, words of praise are permitted between exercises after the Judge or Steward has said "End of Exercise".

### 3.10 **Handler's Commands**

In all classes the handler may use the dog's name once before each command or signal without penalty. Where a signal is permitted and given, it must be a single gesture with the arm and/or hand only and the arm/hand must be promptly returned to its normal position. In the recall to heel the turning of the head simultaneously with the verbal command is allowed. Whistling or the use of a whistle is prohibited.

### 3.11 **Commencement of exercise**

No exercise shall commence until the handler has confirmed that he is ready to start. All exercises will finish only upon Judge's/Steward's order "End of Exercise".

### 3.12 **Working requirements**

The Judge is required to observe and score according to the following:

3.12.1 Enjoyment and willingness should be taken into consideration over a better working dog which shows fear and dislike of his work;

3.12.2 Gentleness and smoothness of handling is to be desired;

3.12.3 Talking to the dog by the handler, snapping of fingers, slapping of sides and stamping of feet must be penalized (except in Beginners and Novice Classes);

3.12.4 Commands and/or signals during "Stay" exercises are not allowed;

3.12.5 In all exercises the left side of the handler will be regarded as the "Working side". If the handler or the dog suffers from a physical disability he may work the dog on the right hand side provided he notifies the Judge before the commencement of the judging of the class;

3.12.6 In the "Finish" the dog may proceed to the "Working Side" direct or around the handler;

3.12.7 Dogs must not anticipate commands.

### 3.13 **Graduated marking**

In all exercises the points awarded must be graduated.

### 3.14 **Marking of competitors**

As each dog completes an exercise his score for the exercise must be entered by the Judge on his score sheet and that score must be made known to the handler and to spectators before the handler leaves the ring. If more than one exercise is completed by the competitor while in the ring, the judge may announce the scores on completion of the last exercise before the handler leaves the ring. Scores may not subsequently be changed except to correct arithmetical errors.

### 3.15 **Equal Scores**

3.15.1 In the case of a tie, when two (2) or more dogs have equal scores, those dogs shall be tested again immediately by having them perform SEPARATELY one (1) or more of the exercises of the Judge's choice in that Class, and without any change to the existing scores, the following criteria are to be observed:

3.15.1.1 In the case of an equal score for first placed dogs a run-off will be undertaken in accordance with this Regulation. On completion of the run-off the Record Card will be completed as follows:

3.15.1.1.1 The dog which wins the run-off will be the winner and the Record Card will be endorsed as such.

3.15.1.1.2 The dog that came second in the run-off will have the qualifying mark entered on card in the non-shaded line (but shall not share first place).

3.15.2 All competitors who achieve qualifying marks will likewise have their Record Cards endorsed in accordance with these Regulations.

### 3.16 **Announcement of results**

After scores are totaled and winners decided, before announcing the placings, the Judge will inform the public as to the total number of points required for a perfect score. He shall then announce the competitors that have qualified in the class, including any qualifications for an award of an Obedience Qualifying Certificate, and their scores as well as the scores of the other competitors placed.

**3.17 Abnormal circumstances**

If, in the Judge's opinion, the dog's performance in any exercise was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual circumstances, the Judge may rejudge the dog on the entire exercise.

**3.18 Additional Commands**

The Judge shall position himself in the ring so as to be aware of additional signals and/or commands which might be given at any time or in any manner.

**3.19 Adhering to regulations**

No Judge shall require any dog or handler to neither do anything nor penalize a dog or handler for failing to do anything, which is not required by these regulations or in the Schedule and Description of Exercises.

**3.20 Judge's orders**

Judge's/Steward orders must be clear to enable everyone to follow the judging.

**3.21 Events outside the regulations**

In the event of circumstances arising not covered by KUSA Rules and Regulations, the Judge of the class will have discretionary powers to make a ruling subject to confirmation by KUSA. In such instances the Judge must submit a report setting out all details to KUSA within fourteen (14) days of the show.

**3.22 Dogs Qualifying Record Cards**

No Judge shall permit a dog to compete in any class which he is judging unless the handler produces before the start of the class his Dog's Qualifying Record Card showing that the dog is eligible to compete in that class. All the competitor's cards will be retained by the Judge until the results of the competition have been announced and only then will he return the cards to the competitors.

**4. SCHEDULE OF EXERCISES FOR OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

**4.1 Beginners class**

Eligibility

Dogs which have won this class twice at Championship Shows, scoring at least 90% on each occasion, are not eligible to compete in any Beginners Class again. Dogs which have qualified in Novice Class or any higher class are not eligible to compete in any Beginners Class.

Exercise	Max Marks
4.1.1 Heel on lead	30
4.1.2 Recall	10
4.1.3 Retrieve handler's article	30
4.1.4 Sit-Stay-one (1) minute-handler in sight facing dog	10
4.1.5 Down-Stay-two (2) minute-handler in sight facing dog	20
	100

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Handlers will not be penalized for extra commands/signals or for encouraging their dogs except when dogs are left in the "Stay" exercise i.e. 4.1.4 and 4.1.5. Handlers will be penalized for touching their dogs and for moving their feet once they have assumed a position require in an exercise.

**4.2 Novice Class**

Eligibility

Dogs which have obtained a qualifying mark in Novice Class at any recognized Show and which have also twice won this Class, with a qualifying mark at a Championship Show are not eligible to compete in any Novice Class or lower class again.

Exercise	Max. Marks
4.2.1 Heel on lead	15
4.2.2 Heel free	20
4.2.3 Recall	10
4.2.4 Retrieve handler's dumbbell	25
4.2.5 Sit Stay-one (1) minute-handler in sight	10
4.2.6 Down Stay-three (3) minutes-handler in sight	20
	100

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Handlers will not be penalized for extra commands/signals or for encouraging their dogs except when dogs are left in the "Stay" exercise i.e., 4.2.5 and 4.2.6. Handlers will be penalized for touching their dogs and for moving their feet once they have assumed a position required in an exercise.

At the direction of the Judge, handlers will face will face away from or towards their dogs during exercises 4.2.5 and 4.2.6.

#### 4.3 Class "A"

##### Eligibility

Dogs which have obtained a qualifying mark in Class "A" at any recognized Show and which have also twice won this class, with a qualifying mark at a Championship Show are not eligible to compete in any Class "A" or lower class again.

Exercise	Max Marks
4.3.1 Heel Free	30
4.3.2 Recall	20
4.3.3 Retrieve handler's dumbbell	30
4.3.4 Sit Stay-one (1) minute-handler in sight	10
4.3.5 Down Stay-five (5) minutes-handler out of sight	30
4.3.6 Scent discrimination	30
	150
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Wherever a command is permitted it may be either verbal and/or a signal and if both are used they must be simultaneous. In the heel free exercise 4.3.1 one command and/or signal is permitted on recommencing movement after a halt. Extra commands / signals and other communications from handler to dog, handlers touching their dogs or handlers moving their feet once they have assumed a position in an exercise will be penalized.

#### 4.4 Class "B"

##### Eligibility

Dogs which have obtained a qualifying mark in Class "B" at any recognized show and which have also three (3) times won this class with a qualifying mark, at a Championship Show, are not eligible to compete in any Class "B" or lower class again.

Exercise	Max. Marks
4.4.1 Heel free	30
4.4.2 Send away-drop and recall	30
4.4.3 Retrieve Judge's article	30
4.4.4 Stand stay-one (1) minute-handler in sight	5
4.4.5 Sit stay-two (2) minutes-handler out of sight	20
4.4.6 Down Stay-ten (10) minutes-handler out of sight	50
4.4.7 Scent discrimination	35
	200
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A single command or signal is permitted. In exercise 4.4.2 a simultaneous signal may be given with the command to send the dog away but the arm must be returned promptly to the handler's side..

#### 4.5 Class "C"

Dogs which have obtained an Obedience Qualifying Certificate at a Championship Show are not eligible to compete in any Class "B" or lower class again

Exercise	Max. Mark
4.5.1 Heel free including Advance Stand, Sit and Down	60
4.5.2 Send away-drop and recall	40
4.5.3 Retrieve Judge's article	30
4.5.4 Distance control	50
4.5.5 Sit Stay-two (2) minutes-handler out of sight	20
4.5.6 Down Stay-ten (10) minutes-handler out of sight	50
4.5.7 Scent discrimination	50
	300
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A single command or signal is permitted. In exercise 4.5.2 a simultaneous signal may be given with the command to send the dog away but the arm must be returned promptly to the handler's side.

### 5. DESCRIPTION OF EXERCISES FOR OBEDIENCE CLASSES

**Note (A)** In these descriptions the word "command", when used in relation to communication between handler and dog means the dog's name followed by a spoken order or the dog's name followed by a visual signal. In those instances where simultaneous spoken and visual command is permitted, the dog's name may only be used once.

**Note (B)** *Each exercise commences upon handler's affirmation in reply to the judge's/Steward's question "Are you ready?" and ends when the Judge/Steward says "End of exercise".*

**Note (C)** *The handler shall be standing upright with the dog in the "heel" position when commencing any exercise and also when sending the dog in the "Retrieve", "Scent" and "Sendaway" exercises.*

## 5.1 Heelwork

5.1.1 Heel on lead. Each handler will, on being called, enter the ring with his dog on a loose lead and will stand with the dog sitting at heel at the handler's working side (i.e. in the "Heel position") until the Judge/Steward asks if the handler is ready.

Upon affirmation the Judge/Steward will state the pace (normal, fast, slow) followed by the order 'Forward'. The handler then gives the command to his dog to "Heel" and at the same time moves forward at the pace indicated. At the command to Heel the dog will accompany his handler close to the working side but without crowding, permitting the handler freedom of movement at all times.

Upon Judge's/Steward's order to halt, the handler will stop immediately and his dog will sit smartly and straight at Heel without command (command permitted in Beginners and Novice Classes) and will not move again until required to do so. Except in Classes "B" and "C", it is permissible before moving again after each Halt for the handler to give the command to Heel.

Any tightening or jerking of the lead is to be penalized. In executing turns at the Halt or on the move, the dog is not to be penalized for turning in a contrary direction to the handler.

5.1.2 Heel Free. This exercise is to be executed in the same manner as 'Heel on Lead' except that the dog is off the lead. In this exercise the lead will be left on the Judge's table.

### 5.1.3

5.1.3.1 In Beginners' Class Heelwork is to be done on the lead only. It is to include not more than three (3) right, left and about turns and up to four (4) Halts all at normal pace.

5.1.3.2 In Novice Class, Heelwork includes moving at normal, fast and slow pace at Judge's/Steward's order with Halts and left, right and about turns, both at the Halt and on the move. Halts and turns on the move to be done at normal pace only.

5.1.3.3 In Class "A", Heelwork will be similar to Novice Class except that Halts and turns on the move may be done at any pace, at Judge's discretion.

5.1.4 In Classes "B" and "C" the handler and dog will be required at some point in the exercise to negotiate a figure of eight movement at normal pace.

5.1.5 In Class "C" at some time in the exercise, at the Judge's discretion, the handler will be required, while walking at normal pace, to leave his dog in the Stand, Sit and Down positions (the order to be the same for each dog) as directed by the judge/Steward. The handler will continue forward alone without hesitation and continue as directed by the Judge/Steward until ordered to pick up his dog when both on handler's command shall continue together. The principal features of this part of the Heel exercise are for the dog to work smartly and to respond promptly to the handler's commands.

5.1.6 Orders to be used by Judge/Steward in this exercise are:

"Normal" ("fast" or "slow") pace forward"

"Left turn" "Right turn" "About turn"

"Halt"

"At the Halt, left turn" "At the Halt, right turn"

"At the Halt, about turn"

"Into the figure of eight (8) from the handler's left/right side"

"Stand your dog" "Sit your dog" "Down your dog"

(each to be followed, as required by the Judge, by directional orders to the handler once the handler has taken at least four (4) paces after having given the command to his dog) and then 'Pick up your dog'.

The orders to the handler in Heelwork will be in any sequence as required by the Judge's Heel course, which must be the same for each dog in the class.

5.1.7 On receiving an order to turn the handler must make a sharp right angle turn to left or to right as ordered or a sharp turn through 180 degrees for an about turn, with the dog keeping as close to the handler as their respective movements permit. If the turn is to be made at the Halt, the handler will remain as nearly as possible at the same place with minimum movement in any direction.

## 5.2 Recall

5.2.1 The handler will stand at a place indicated by the Judge/Steward with his dog in the Heel position. Upon confirmation that the handler is ready the Judge/Steward will order him to leave his dog. The handler will then command the dog to stay in a "Sit" or "Down" position at the handler's choice and will move from the dog as directed by the Judge/Steward. When the handler has reached the place required by the Judge he will, on the order of the Judge/Steward, command the dog to come to him.

In the Beginners and Novice Classes, the order to the handler to recall his dog will only be given when the handler is stationary and facing the dog.

When the dog has reached and sat in front of the handler upon order from the Judge/Steward the handler will command the dog to "Heel". In Class "A" the order to the handler to recall his dog to Heel may be given at any time after the handler has left the dog and while the handler is moving in any direction except towards the dog. The handler will continue moving until ordered to halt by the Judge/Steward.

The principal features of this exercise are the steadiness of the dog when left until called by the handler and the prompt response to the handler's command at recall.

5.2.2 Orders to be used by Judge/Steward in this exercise are:

"Leave your dog, normal pace forward"

In Beginners and Novice Classes-"Halt" "About turn".

"Call your dog", "Finish".

In Class "A", after leaving the dog the handler will be given directional orders as required by the Judge in addition to "Call your dog" and "Halt".

**5.3 Retrieve**

5.3.1 The handler will stand at a place indicated by the Judge/Steward with his dog in the Heel position. Upon order from the Judge/Steward to throw the article the handler may command his dog to stay and then throw the retrieve article to the required distance as indicated by the Judge/Steward. If the article falls short or leaves the ring, the Judge will direct the Steward to return the article to the handler once only.

When the article is thrown to the Judge's satisfaction the handler will, upon order from the Judge/Steward, command the dog to retrieve the article. When the dog has delivered the article, the handler, upon order from the Judge/Steward, may command the dog to release the article and take it from the dog and, upon further order from the Judge/Steward, command the dog to "Heel". The size and mass of the dumbbell may vary with the size of the dog, and may be made of any solid material/s (other than food). In form it shall consist of two (2) end pieces roughly cubic, ball or disc shaped with a thinner connecting shaft.

The Judge's article may be of any substance except glass, food or anything injurious to the dog, must be clearly visible to the dog and must be capable of being picked up easily by any breed of dog. A separate similar article to be used for each dog.

The principal feature of the exercise is to retrieve promptly.

5.3.2 Orders to be used by the Judge/Steward in this exercise are:

"Throw the article" "Send your dog"

"Take the article" "Finish"

**5.4 Distance control**

5.4.1 In this exercise the handler will stand with his dog in the "Heel" position at a marked place indicated by the Judge and on order from the Judge/Steward leave his dog in the "Sit", "Down" or "Stand" position and proceed to a distance of at least ten (10) paces and halt, then turn around and face his dog. On the order from the Judge/Steward, the handler will give the following six (6) instructions to his dog in any sequence the judge may desire:

"Stand", "Sit", "Down", "Stand", "Sit", "Down".

After these six (6) instructions, the handler, on order from the Judge/Steward, will return to the dog.

5.4.1.1 Each handler must be given the six (6) instructions by the Judge/Steward in exactly the same order;

5.4.1.2 The handler may command his dog to follow the different instructions either by spoken command or by signal and with or without the use of the dog's name, at his discretion;

5.4.1.3 If, after the execution of the six (6) commands or up to the time that the exercise is terminated, the dog's back paws have not moved forward of the starting position of its front paws there may be no penalty for forward movement.

5.4.2 Orders to be used by the Judge/Steward in this exercise are:

"Down" ("Sit" or "Stand") your dog" "Leave your dog"

"About turn" "Halt" followed by the six (6) instructions for the handler to repeat to the dog.

These instructions are to be given to the handler so as to be inaudible to the dog. Then-"Return to your dog".

**5.5 Send away with drop and recall**

5.5.1 Class "B". The handler will stand with his dog in the Heel position at a place indicated by the Judge/Steward When the handler has indicated that he is ready the Judge/Steward will command the handler in his own time to set up his dog and send the dog forward about 20m to a black and / or white marker and command his dog into the "Down" position." The marker shall be a vertical surface of at least 10cm x 10cm positioned face on to the dog. It shall be clearly visible to both the handler and the dog. When the dog is down the handler will be ordered by the Judge/Steward to recall his dog or move as the Judge may direct and recall

his dog while moving and continue until ordered to halt. The dog must remain in the "Down" position until recalled and then return smartly and directly to the handler, either sitting in front or continuing to move at Heel, as appropriate. When the dog sits in front, the handler will command it to "Heel" upon order of the Judge/Steward.

5.5.2 Once the handler has set up the dog for this exercise the orders to be used by the Judge/Steward are: "Are you ready?"

After receipt of an affirmative reply the next command by the Judge/Steward is:

"In your own time send your dog" followed by either "Call your dog",

"Finish" or "Normal pace forward" "Left turn", "Right Turn" as required, "Call your dog", "Halt".

5.5.3 Class "C". The exercise will be performed in the same manner as for Class "B". The dog will be sent to a spot discreetly marked so that it is readily visible to the handler but not easily identifiable by the dog.

5.5.4 Judges/Steward's orders are as for Class "B".

## 5.6 Stay exercise

All competing dogs in a class perform this exercise together, unless there are too many dogs to arrange conveniently in the ring, when the competing dogs will be divided into the necessary number of sections. Each section will be required to perform the exercise under the same conditions, as nearly as possible. The dogs in the ring will be arranged in running order. If the exercise requires handlers to be out of sight of their dogs, handlers will move as directed by the Judge/Steward, after leaving their dogs, to a pre-arranged place out of sight of the dogs. The handlers should not be instructed to return to their dogs until the full time period has elapsed. The timing begins when the handlers leave their dogs. After the stipulated time has elapsed the Judge/Steward will order the handlers to return to their dogs. Handlers will return as directed by the Judge/Steward until they are in the place from which they left their dogs. Handler's will not command or signal to their dogs or touch them or move again once they have returned to their place, until the exercise is ended.

### 5.6.1 Sit stay

5.6.1.1 Each handler will stand with his dog in the Heel position at the place indicated by the Judge/Steward. Upon order from the Judge/Steward each handler will command his dog to "Sit" and upon further order from the Judge/Steward will leave his dog without further command and proceed as ordered by the Judge/Steward.

5.6.1.2 Orders to be used by the Judge/Steward in this exercise are:

"Sit your dogs"

"Last command" "Leave your dogs".

If the handlers remain in sight: "Halt"

If handlers are to face their dogs: "About turn"

"Return to your dogs"

### 5.6.2 Down stay

5.6.2.1 The exercise is performed as in the "Sit Stay" except that at the beginning of the exercise after handlers and dogs are in position, the handlers will, on the order of the Judge/Steward, put their dogs in the "Down position".

5.6.2.2 Orders to be used by the Judge/Steward in this exercise are:

"Down your dogs"

"Last command" "Leave your dogs"

"Return to your dogs"

### 5.6.3 Stand stay

5.6.3.1 The exercise is performed as in the "Sit stay" except that at the beginning of the exercise after the handlers and dogs are in position the handlers will, on the order of the Judge/Steward, put their dogs in the "Stand" position.

5.6.3.2 Orders to be used by the Judge/Steward in this exercise are:

"Stand your dogs".

"Last command".

"Leave your dogs".

"Halt". (If handlers are to face away from their dogs)

"About turn". (If handlers are to face their dogs)

"Either "Return to your dogs" or "About turn. Return to your dogs".

## 5.7 Scent discrimination

### 5.7.1 All Classes

5.7.1.1 For each dog a Steward will place the handler's or Judge's scented cloth amongst, up to a maximum of nine (9) (excepting for Class "A" see regulation 5.7.2.) other cloths which should be handled for a short time by the Steward before placing them in position. Cloths may be placed in any pattern (excepting for Class "A" see regulation 5.7.2.) but must be approximately 50cm apart with the Judge's or handler's cloth positioned according to the

- Judge's instruction. The nearest cloth must be within an area approximately five (5) meters from the handler and dog's starting point.
- 5.7.1.2 Handler and dog must be faced away when the Judges/decoy Steward's/handler's cloths are being placed. At no time may the cloth be given or shown to the dog prior to the start of the exercise.
- 5.7.1.3 Any cloth, which is mouthed or physically fouled during the exercise and each decoy Steward's cloth, must be replaced for the next competitor. Cloths must be clearly and carefully marked to avoid any possible confusion. All cloths to be approximately 15cm X 15cm, identical in colour and texture and visible to the dog.
- 5.7.1.4 The dog will remain in the "Heel" position while scent is being taken. On order from the Judge/steward the handler will proceed with the exercise in his own time. On command from the handler, the dog must proceed to the cloths and select the correct cloth. Without further command from the handler, the dog must return promptly and sit straight in front of the handler. On further order from the Judge/Steward the handler will take the cloth. On further order from the Judge/Steward, the handler will command the dog to heel.
- 5.7.1.5 If any command or signal is given to the dog while it is close to or examining the cloths the penalty must be severe. If any command or signal is given while the dog is at the correct cloth no marks can be awarded for the exercise. Dogs will not be penalized for lightly taking a cloth in the mouth and quickly putting it down again at the same place. (Should a dog move a cloth more than 50cm it should be penalized.)
- 5.7.1.6 The time allowed for the exercise is at the Judge's discretion but reasonable time is to be allowed while the dog is obviously working.
- 5.7.1.7 Every care must be taken by all concerned both before and during the exercise, to ensure that no cross scenting takes place with any of the cloths. The neutral and decoy cloths provided by the Judge should on no account be touched by the judge.
- 5.7.2 **Class A**  
The handler's own cloth (size approximately 15cm x 15cm) and scented by the handler, will be placed with 5 cloths supplied by the judge. There shall be no decoy cloths. The six cloths must be set out in a straight line in any direction with due regard to wind direction.
- 5.7.3 **Class B**  
On entering the ring each handler will be given one or two (at his choice) similar cloths for scenting. The second cloth (if requested) will be used to give scent to the dog. A decoy steward will scent a single decoy cloth and place it in position.  
Handlers and decoy stewards will scent their cloths for 30 seconds.
- 5.7.4 **Class C**  
The Judge shall provide for each dog two cloths, one to be placed by the steward for selection by the dog and the other given to the handler by the judge for the purpose of giving scent to the dog. At least two decoy cloths must be used, placed by separate decoy stewards and changed for each dog. The judge's two cloths used for the dog and the decoy steward's cloths will be scented by the judge and decoy stewards respectively for one minute before being used.
- 5.7.5 Orders to be used by the judge/Steward in this exercise are:  
"In your own time send your dog"  
"Take the cloth"  
"Finish"  
After taking the recovered cloth from the handler, the steward will show it to the judge and the judge will announce publicly whether or not it is the correct cloth.

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