

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMING AND JUDGING THE EXERCISES

PROGRAM OBEDIENCE CLASS B

Exercise	Coefficient Points	
1. Ignoring another dog	2	20*
2. 1-minute down in sight	3	30
3. Heelwork Without(with) line	4	40
4. Recal	3	30*
5. Sending around a group cones/barrel and return	3	30
6. Sit, Stand or Down under march	2	20
7. Retrieve	4	40
8. Distance Control	3	40
9. Send away to a square with down	3	30
10. Jumping a hurdle	3	30
11. General impression	2	20
Total: 32	320	

To qualify, a minimum of 5 points must be achieved for exercises 1 and 4.

B.1. EXERCISE B.1 IGNORING OTHER DOGS

Coefficient: 2

Commands: "Come along"

Performance:

The pairs are positioned in a row with a gap of 2-3 meters between them, with the dogs sitting on a leash next to the participants. Starting with number 1, the pairs take turns walking around the row, both in front of and behind the dogs. The dog does not have to "heel," but should walk freely next to the participant with a loose leash. The distance between the passing dog and the sitting dog should be 1 to 1.5 meters. It is allowed to call the dog's name at the start.

Explanation

- The minimum number of dogs available for this exercise is 3, and the maximum is 6 (7 in exceptional cases).
- The dogs' behavior should be normally friendly or indifferent.
- The behavior should not be hostile or disruptive.
- Dogs that lunge at other dogs will be disqualified and excluded from further participation.
- The walk should be done without the dog pulling on the leash. This is not a heeling exercise.



Point deductions may follow if

- The leash becomes tight during this exercise.
- The sitting dogs show signs of restlessness.

No points will be awarded if

- The dog is dragged along by a tight leash.
- The dog lunges or shows any form of aggression. This will also result in disqualification.

If an insufficient score is achieved for this exercise, the participant will not be eligible for qualification and will be rejected.

B.2. EXERCISE B.2 1 MINUTE DOWN IN SIGHT

Coefficient: 3

Commands: "Down" - "Sit"

Execution

The teams are positioned in a straight line with a distance of approximately 2-3 meters between them, with the dogs sitting next to the participants. Upon the steward's signal, the participants loosen the leash. At the next signal from the steward, the participants take turns giving their dog the command to lie down. The dog must promptly follow the command and lie down directly next to the participant. Upon another signal from the steward, the participants give the dog a final command and leave the dog, taking the leash and without leaving any other items with the dog (the collar must remain on the dog), in the direction indicated by the steward. The participant then stands approximately 10 meters in front of the dog, within the dog's sight, for 1 minute. The timer starts when the last participant reaches the designated position. After 1 minute, upon the steward's signal, the participants return and, following the steward's instructions, stand next to the dog. Upon another signal from the steward, the participants give the dog the command to sit, in reverse order, and the dog is leashed. The steward will then indicate that the exercise is complete.

Explanation

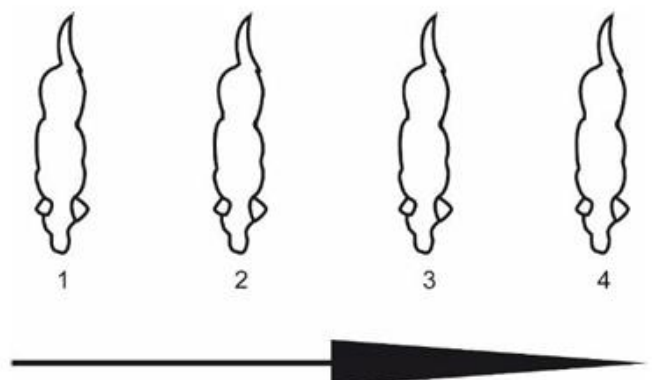
- No extra command can be given after the last "stay/wait" command.
- If a dog starts to move, it must be silently leashed and taken along.

Point deductions may follow if

- The dog lies down or sits on another participant's command.
- A command is given too loudly.

No points will be awarded if

- The dog changes its position (e.g., sits or stands).
- The dog crawls or walks more than once its body length.



B.3. EXERCISE B.3 Heelwork Without line (With Max 7 pnt line)

Coefficient: 4

Commands: "Heel"

Performance:

The dog must heel on the left, at a good pace, and attentively, directly beside the participant (shoulder to knee level), and in such a way that it does not hinder the participant's movements in any way.

The steward will give the following instructions:

- A. Forward
- B. Right
- C. Left
- D. About-turn to the right
- E. About-turn to the left
- F. Halt

For instructions B and C, the direction change must occur at a 90° angle. For D and E, the participant must walk back along the same path. The halt must be performed suddenly, and the dog should immediately sit of its own accord. After the halt and the steward's signal, the participant can give a command to move forward. If the participant performs a "German turn" instead of a left turn, the dog is allowed to pass closely on the right side.

The participant has the option to perform the exercise on-lead, in which case, a maximum of 7 points can be awarded.

Explanation:

- For off-lead heeling, the leash must be stored away.
- For on-lead heeling, the leash must hang loosely (not tight) in a loop and should be held with the left hand.
- The arms should move naturally during walking. The left arm can be slightly bent, but should not be held rigidly by or in front of the body.
- During the halt, the dog should sit directly next to the participant.
- Occasional encouraging remarks are allowed.
- Calling the dog's name at the start is allowed.

Point deductions may follow if

- For on-lead heeling (3p)
- The dog sits crookedly next to the participant.
- The dog follows behind or wide.
- The dog does not follow parallel.
- The arms are insufficiently moved.
- Extra commands are given.

No points will be awarded if

- The dog follows behind and/or wide throughout the entire exercise

Exercise B.4: Recal

Coëfficiënt: 3

Commands: "Down", ("stay"), "name+here", ("Close")

Performance:

- The dog is commanded to lie down at a designated spot by the steward.
- The handler moves approximately 15 meters away from the dog, in the indicated direction, and turns to face the dog.
- Upon the steward's signal, the handler must call the dog by name and give the "here" command. The name and the "here" command should be combined smoothly, without sounding like two separate commands.

Explanation:

- The dog should respond quickly to the commands and move at a good speed, maintaining a brisk pace (at least a trot, depending on the breed). The dog must follow the commands immediately.
- The speed of the dog is an important part of the evaluation.

Points may be deducted if:

- An extra "here" command is given. (3p)
- A second extra "here" command is given. (5p)
- The dog changes position or moves less than its body length. (2p)
- The dog sits crookedly in front of or next to the handler.
- The dog bumps into the handler.
- The dog comes slowly.

No Points Awarded if:

- A third extra "here" command is given.
- The dog moves more than its body length before the "here" command.

Important:

If a participant receives an insufficient score on this exercise, they will not be eligible for qualification.

Exercise B.5: "Send Around a Group of Cones and return

Coëfficiënt: 3

Commands: "Rond" ["left/right" and/or hand signal], "close"

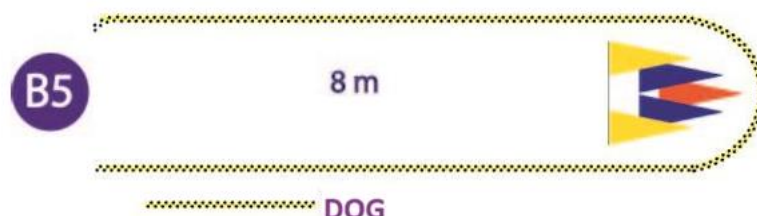
Description:

The handler starts approximately 8 meters away from a group of 3-6 cones (each about 40 cm high) or a barrel (about 40 cm high), with the dog in the starting position. The diameter of the cones or barrel should be around 70-80 cm, and the total area should not exceed 0.4-0.5 m². In Class 1, the space between the cones should be arranged so that the dog cannot run through the gaps between them. The dog is commanded to go around the cones or barrel in the specified direction ("Rond" and

optionally “left/right” or a hand gesture).

On instruction, the handler sends the dog around the cones. The dog must run around the cones and independently return, taking the starting position next to the handler.

The dog must not see the placement of the cones/barrel; the placement should be done before the exercise starts.



Performance:

The evaluation must emphasize the dog's "willingness" to follow the command, the speed of the dog, and taking the shortest route back to the handler. The dog must maintain a reasonable distance from the cones/barrel while running around them. Ideally, the dog should not be too close. For small to medium-sized dogs, approximately 50 cm, and for larger dogs, about 100 cm is a reasonable distance. Symmetry and focus on returning to the handler through the center are also taken into account. The dog can be directed around the cones either clockwise or counterclockwise.

If the dog's direction needs correction, hand gestures may be combined with a directional command. The commands "Right/Left" and/or hand gestures are only permitted for guiding if the dog has not gone directly toward the cones/barrel. The “round” command from the starting position should be given without a hand gesture.

Point deductions may follow if:

- The dog reaches the cones but does not go around them. (5p)
- The dog runs between the cones. (2-3p)
- Extra "here" commands are given. (2p)
- The dog goes around the group of cones/barrel twice. (2p)
- The dog touches the cones/barrel (depending on the intensity). (1-3p)
- The dog knocks over the cones/barrel. (2-3p)

No points will be awarded if:

- The handler moves (in any direction).
- The dog turns before reaching the cones.
- A third extra command is given.
- A second "here" command is given.
- The dog is "directed" or touched at the starting point.

B.6. EXERCISE B.6 SIT, STAND, OR DOWN UNDER MARCH

Coefficient 2

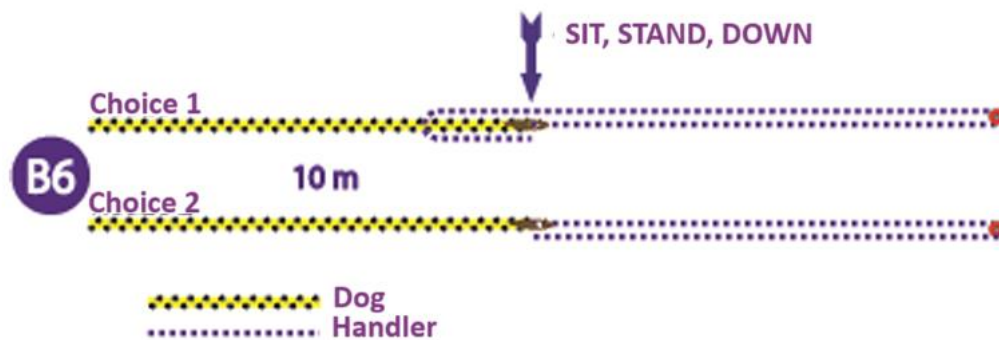
Commands: “Heel”, “Sit”, “Stand”, or “Down”

Performance:

the participant must inform the judge before the exercise which of the three positions (sit/stand/down) will be performed.

Execution Details

The participant and the dog start from a designated spot, walking in a straight line at a normal pace. After approximately 10 meters, the participant, without changing the pace, gives the command for the chosen position. The dog must immediately take the requested position, and the participant continues walking about 10 meters to a marker, then turns independently and faces the dog. Upon signal, the participant walks in a straight line back to position themselves beside the dog. All parts of the exercise, except for the turn at the marker, are performed upon the steward's signal.



Point Deductions may occur if:

- The dog stops immediately on command but takes the wrong position. (5p)
- The dog changes position after the participant has turned at the marker. (3p)
- The participant reduces speed, changes steps, or speeds up. (3p)
- The participant uses hand signals and/or body language when giving the command. Depending on the severity: (3-5p)
- The dog performs the exercise slowly and/or incorrectly. (1-4p)
- Insufficient heeling is shown. (1-2p)
- The dog does not move parallel to the participant (also in the stop position when the dog assumes the starting position). (2p)
- The participant passes the dog on the wrong side. (1p)

No points will be awarded if:

- The dog stops in the wrong position and changes position before the participant has turned.
- The dog assumes a position before a command is given.
- The dog takes more than one body length to assume the position.
- Extra commands are given.
- The participant stands still before or during the position command.

B.7. EXERCISE B.7 FLAT RETRIEVE

Coefficient 4

Commands: "Retrieve", "Release"

Performance:

The participant positions themselves with the dog sitting in the starting position. Upon the steward's signal, the participant places their own retrieve block or dummy in a direction indicated by the

steward. It is allowed to give a command when leaving the dog. After placing the retrieve item, the participant turns around to face the dog at approximately 10 meters away. The dog is then commanded to retrieve the item and must return quickly and eagerly via the shortest route to the participant, sitting directly in front of or next to them. The dog must hold the retrieve item until the participant, upon the steward's indication, takes it and commands the dog to release it. If the dog sits in front, the participant gives a command for the dog to sit next to them.

The maximum distance between the dog and the participant is approximately 10 meters. The participant is free to decide at which position within these 10 meters the retrieve block or dummy is placed.

Explanation:

- The retrieve block or dummy is at the participant's choice and must be brought by the participant.
- No requirements are set for the weight of the object.
- During the retrieve, the dog must not chew on the object.
- A dog that moves from its position before the command and picks up the object without a command may redo the exercise once. (This does not apply during competitions).
- It is allowed for the dog to pick up the retrieve item once and then take it again to improve its grip. No points will be deducted for this.

Point deductions may occur if:

- The dog anticipates (acts on its own) and the exercise must be redone. (3p)
- The dog drops the object once. (2p)
- The participant takes or grabs the object from the dog before the judge signals. (2p)
- The dog drops the object twice. (5)
- The dog sits crookedly in front of or next to the participant.
- The dog chews on the object and/or grabs it multiple times.
- The dog bumps into the participant.
- Extra commands are given.

No points will be awarded if:

- The dog drops the object more than twice.

B.8. EXERCISE B.8 . Distance Control

Coefficient 3

Commands: "Down" "Sit", "Down" Sit and/or hand gestures

Performance

The dog changes positions twice (sit/down) on command from the participant and remains in its original spot. The location where the dog performs the exercise is marked. The participant commands the dog to lie down at the designated spot as indicated by the steward. The participant then moves approximately 3 meters away from the dog in the direction given by the steward. The steward shows the participant a sign with "text or symbol" for 3 seconds, indicating the order (sit/down) the dog must change positions in. The steward may not see the dog while showing the instructions and must remain at least 3–5 meters away from the dog. The last position is "down."

Using (short) hand/arm signals and/or voice (simultaneously), the participant instructs the dog which position to assume. After the last "down" command, the participant returns to the dog upon instruction from the steward and commands the dog to return to the start position.

Explanation:

The evaluation must focus on the speed with which the dog changes positions, the execution of each position, and how well the dog holds the position. To achieve a score, the dog must not move more than one body length from the starting point (in all directions). All movements are added together.

Point deductions may follow if:

- The dog moves up to one body length from the starting point (5p)
- The dog misses one position or requires a third command to take a position (3p)
- The dog sits before the participant has returned (2p)
- The first extra command is given (2p)
- Second and subsequent extra commands (1p)
- There is excessive use of the voice
- Excessive or continuous hand/arm signals are used

No points are awarded if:

- The dog moves more than 1 body length, regardless of the direction in which this occurs

B.9. EXERCISE B.9 Send away to a square with down

Coefficient 3

Commands: "Forward", ["right/left" and/or hand gesture], ("Stand"), "Down", "Sit"

Before the exercise, the participant must inform the judge whether the dog will first remain standing in the mark before lying down or if the dog will immediately lie down in the mark.

The participant receives the instruction to send the dog, in a straight line via the shortest path, to a 3x3 meter mark located about 10 meters from the starting point to the center of the mark. The mark should be placed at least 3 meters from the outer edge of the ring. The corners of the mark are marked by cones. Visible lines (made with tape 2-3 cm wide, tape, or chalk lines) connect the cones on the outside. The color of the cones and tape is free but must be contrasting to the background.

Once the dog reaches the mark, the participant may give the "stand" command. This is not counted as an extra command. If the dog remains standing first, the stand position must be stable and convincing. Afterward, the participant must, on their own, command the dog to lie down. The dog must follow the command immediately, preferably with its front facing the participant. Upon instruction, the participant returns to the dog and, on command, makes the dog sit.

Explanation:

The "will to please", the pace, and the shortest path will be judged. To achieve 10 points, no more than 4 commands are allowed. The fourth command is the possible "Stand" command in the mark. The dog must follow all given commands, including a possible "Stand" command in the mark. The dog can, if desired, be commanded to go directly into the "down" position in the mark. In this case, only 3 commands are allowed.

To earn points, the dog must lie completely in the mark, excluding the tail. If the dog sits or lies outside the mark, it may not be sent again.

If the dog's direction must be corrected, hand gestures may be combined with a directing command.



Point deductions may follow if:

- The dog changes position before the participant has positioned themselves next to the dog (4p)
- The dog works slowly (3p)
- The dog assumes the wrong position in the mark (3p)
- The dog crawls in the mark (3p)
- The "stand" position is not executed convincingly and stably (2p)
- Body language is used (2p)
- The dog anticipates and sits before the command (e.g., when the dog stops or lies down before the command) (2p)
- Extra commands "Stand" or "Down" are given (2p)
- Extra directing commands are given, depending on the strength and trainability of the dog (1-2p)

No points will be awarded if:

- The participant moves (steps in any direction)
- The dog leaves the mark before the end of the exercise
- A third command is given for "stand" or "down"
- The dog is "directed" to the mark before or during the exercise
- The dog lies outside the boundary of the mark after the "down" command (excluding the tail)

B.10. EXERCISE B.10 JUMP OVER THE HURDLE Coefficient 3

Commands: "Stay", "High" and/or "Foot"

Performance:

The participant and dog line up about 2-4 meters from the high jump (choice of the participant) with the dog in the start position. The start of the exercise is announced, and upon instruction, the participant positions themselves on the other side of the high jump, about 2-4 meters away. The command to jump over the high jump is given. The dog must jump over the high jump and sit next to the participant (start position). The exercise ends once the dog sits next to the participant and the steward announces "end of exercise."

The "will to please," speed, and taking the shortest path to the participant must be taken into account during the evaluation.

The height of the high jump must be approximately equal to the dog's withers height, rounded to the nearest 10 cm, with a maximum of 30 cm.

Point deductions may follow if:

- The dog taps the high jump (2p)
- Extra commands are given

No points will be awarded if:

- The participant moves (steps in any direction)
 - The dog uses the high jump to push off
 - The dog knocks over the high jump
 - The dog refuses to jump
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B.11. EXERCISE B.11 GENERAL IMPRESSION Coefficient 2

Explanation:

The essential factors in evaluating the general impression are the "will to please" and how well the dog follows the given commands. Accuracy and correctness in the work are important, as well as the natural movement of both the participant and the dog.

To achieve a high score, the participant and dog must work as a team, expressing mutual enjoyment in working together and displaying sportsmanship.

The activities during and between exercises affect the general impression score.

If the dog uncontrollably leaves the participant during or between exercises (even just once), but stays within the ring, a maximum of 5 points can be awarded.

Point deductions may follow if:

- The dog breaks free and leaves the participant, but stays in the ring during or between exercises (even just once) (5p)
- The dog leaves the ring and returns to the participant with 2 commands (5p)

No points will be awarded if:

- The dog leaves the ring
- The dog soils the ring

Where the regulations do not provide, the judge decides.