

JUNIOR HANDLING RULES & REGULATIONS

(Conformation & Obedience)

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PURPOSE

The purpose of Junior Handling is to introduce and encourage youth to participate in the sport of purebred dogs, and to provide them with meaningful competition where they can learn, practice, and hone their skills and knowledge of the various breeds. Above all, it is an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of competing with those of a similar age.

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1 INTERPRETATIONS

1.1 Definitions

For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the following interpretations shall apply:

“Board” means the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club

“CKC” means The Canadian Kennel Club

“Club” means The Canadian Kennel Club

“club” means a club or association officially recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club

“dog” means a dog of either sex, whether or not purebred, unless the context implies a purebred dog

“exhibitor” means the owner or handler who enters in a Junior Handling Competition

“handler” means the person handling the dog in competition

“Head Office” means the office at which the business of The Canadian Kennel Club is carried out on a regular and ongoing basis

“representative” means an individual appointed by the Board member from the respective zone to act as a liaison between clubs and participants

These rules shall be read with all applicable changes in gender so that the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa, and the singular shall include the plural if applicable, and vice versa.

1.2 Junior Handling Events Defined & Classified

- 1.2.1 An approved Junior Handling competition is a formal event given by a CKC accredited club at which points are awarded to the first four (4) placements in each class.
- 1.2.2 A Sanctioned Junior Handling competition is an informal event given by a CKC accredited club in which placement points are not awarded.

2 GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR KENNEL CLUBS

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 Junior Kennel Club Representatives are to be appointed by the Board member in each zone to oversee and coordinate Junior Kennel Club activities such as conformation and obedience junior handling competitions in the province or zone. The representatives will also act as advisors to the CKC and the Junior Kennel Club Council at the National level.
- 2.1.2 Junior Handling Zones will coincide with the Zones of each Board Member except in the case of Zone 1 and Zone 4 (see Appendix D)
- 2.1.3 Junior Kennel Clubs exist to promote the participation and education of young Canadians in all activities involving dogs, specifically purebred dogs. Their primary goal should be to create and nurture, in their members, a lifelong affection and understanding of animals, whether these members have only a family pet or wish to develop their expertise in dogs to the highest level.

2.2 Eligibility

- 2.2.1 A Junior Kennel Club must be sponsored by an All Breed or Specialty Club accredited by the CKC. A Junior Kennel Club may apply for CKC recognition by meeting the same requirements as those of an all breed or specialty club, except that the following information must be included with the application:
 - (a) The name and address of the sponsoring club along with a letter from that club acknowledging its sponsorship.
 - (b) The names, addresses and signatures of its advisors or organizers (such individuals need not be members of the sponsoring club but at least one of them must be a member of the CKC).
- 2.2.2 Due to their ages, officers of a Junior Kennel Club are not required to be CKC members unless they so wish.
- 2.2.3 The CKC initial club accreditation fee will be waived with the exception of the annual renewal fee.

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- 2.2.4 Membership in a Junior Kennel Club will be limited to those individuals who are under 21 years of age.
 - 2.2.5 Members will conduct business according to the terms of their constitution, and elect their own officers. An adult advisor will be responsible for supervising the banking and disbursement of all monies belonging to the Junior Kennel Club.
 - 2.2.6 Junior Kennel Clubs may hold club competitions, social functions and official Junior Handling events. Accredited Junior Kennel Clubs, with the approval of the Board member who represents that zone, may hold sanction matches but shall not hold any CKC event at a championship level.

2.3 Participation

- 2.3.1 Members of a Junior Kennel Club shall be allowed to participate in CKC approved Junior Kennel Club events such as conformation and/or obedience handling.
- 2.3.2 Members of a Junior Kennel Club shall be allowed to attend meetings and compete in events for members, such as conditioning classes and fun events, with a non-purebred dog.

2.4 Guidelines

- 2.4.1 Regular classes may be scheduled to encourage learning and participation in one or more areas of interest to members such as:
 - (a) Classes in conformation, handling, obedience and field training of all kinds.
 - (b) Discussions or presentations on the selection, care, grooming, history, psychology and welfare of dogs, as well as other discussions or presentations on breeding theory and practice, breed standards, movement, anatomy and first aid.
 - (c) Guest speakers who can illustrate the work performed by various dogs, facilities and services available to junior handlers for the training and care of dogs. Guest speakers may include breeders, judges, trainers, CKC officials and veterinarians, etc.
 - (d) Instruction in stewarding and judging.

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- (e) Conduct day sessions or longer on working with dogs, films, field trips, camping, visiting kennels, training facilities and community areas.
 - (f) Assisting members of the sponsoring club in their activities.
 - (g) Involvement in community projects thus promoting the human/animal bond and educating the public about purebred dogs.
 - (h) Participating in activities and competitions with other young people interested in dogs, and other Junior Kennel Clubs from the local to the international level.
 - (i) Fundraising in support of club activities and/or charitable causes.
- 2.4.2 The CKC stresses the need to ensure that the fun element stays in all junior handling competitions and dog-related events.
- 2.4.3 Junior Kennel Clubs may hold club competitions, social functions and official independent Junior Handling events. Accredited Junior Kennel Clubs with the approval of the Board member who represents that zone, may hold sanctioned matches.
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3 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

3.1 Making Application

- 3.1.1 Any club that is accredited by The Canadian Kennel Club to hold a conformation show or obedience trial may apply to the CKC to hold Junior Handling competitions for conformation and/or obedience in conjunction with its shows and trials.
- 3.1.2 A club applying for a Junior Handling competition (conformation and/or obedience) must make application on forms provided by the CKC. The Event Date Application must be submitted and be received 180 days prior to the date of the proposed competition.
- 3.1.3 A competition held in conjunction with a conformation show or obedience trial must be applied for on the same Event Date Application form the conformation show or obedience trial is applied for.
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3.2 Premium List

- 3.2.1 Any club that offers Junior Handling competitions in conjunction with an event must provide the following information in its premium list:
- (a) Type of Junior Handling competition being offered (conformation and/or obedience).
 - (b) Dates of the Junior Handling competition.
 - (c) A list of the classes offered.
 - (d) Any prizes or trophies offered.
 - (e) The entry fee.
 - (f) A pre-registration entry form, if available.

3.3 Judging Schedule

- 3.3.1 The time and location for the judging of any Junior Handling competitions shall be indicated in the judging schedule.

3.4 Entries

- 3.4.1 Junior Handlers with the exception of PeeWees, must apply to CKC Head Office on the appropriate form for a Junior Handling Number within 30 days of competing in their first Junior Handling event. This Junior Handling Number will be used by the Junior Handler for the duration of their Junior Handling career. If a Junior Handling number is not obtained, Junior Handling points earned will not be tracked.
- 3.4.2 Junior handlers shall have the opportunity to enter a Junior Handling competition by completing the entry form at least one hour in advance of the scheduled judging day of the event. The entry form shall include the following information:
- (a) Name of the event-giving club and date of event.
 - (b) Name, address and telephone number of the junior handler.
 - (c) Date of birth and signature of the junior handler.
 - (d) Class entered.
 - (e) Breed and catalogue number of the dog to be handled.
 - (f) Junior Handler number, if available.
 - (g) The zone in which the Junior Handler resides.

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- 3.4.3 A nominal fee may be levied by the event giving club. Of the money collected, up to 50% may be retained by the event giving club to help defray costs of the ribbons etc., with the remaining funds given to the Junior Handling Zone Representative to fund Junior Handling expenses. (Accurate accounting must be maintained of these funds.)

3.5 Eligibility of Dog

- 3.5.1 A Junior Handler may compete with any dog duly entered in the event, provided he has obtained the consent of the owner or agent to do so.

- 3.5.2 Every dog entered in a regular show or trial, for
(46-12-25) Exhibition Only, or an unofficial competition on the day of a Junior Handling Conformation and/or Obedience competition, is eligible for entry in Junior Handling provided it meets one of the following:

(a) Conformation

- (i) Registered with the CKC,
- (ii) Have an Event Registration Number (ERN),
- (iii) Eligible for registration with the CKC, or
- (iv) If it belongs to a listed breed, it must have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN)

(b) Obedience

- (i) Registered with the CKC,
- (ii) Have an Event Registration Number (ERN),
- (iii) Have a Performance Event Number (PEN),
- (iv) Have a Canine Companion Number (CCN),
- (iv) Eligible for registration with the CKC, or
- (v) If it belongs to a listed breed, it must have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN)

- 3.5.3 Dogs may be spayed or neutered, provided that they are entered in the show or trials. The Junior Handler will wear the armband assigned to the dog for the regular event. Substitutions of dogs will be allowed during the course of the competition.

- 3.5.4 Dogs being used in these competitions must be of the appropriate size and temperament to enable the Junior Handler to compete to the best of their ability. The Junior Kennel Club representative, their designate (or a Show Official if the former are not available), has the authority to monitor and remove

a handler and dog from the ring if, in his opinion, it is necessary to prevent a situation which could potentially disrupt the competition.

3.5.5 A Junior Handler who uses a dog which is not entered in the show or trial will have his wins cancelled for that show or trial.

3.5.6 The use of bitches in season in any junior competition will not be permitted.

3.6 Persons with Disabilities

3.6.1 A handler with a disability may compete using a cane, crutch, wheelchair or electric wheelchair.

3.6.2 When gaiking the dogs a handler with disabilities may request the use of a runner.

3.6.3 Blind handlers may have a second person assist them in individual and group gaiking of the dogs. If the ring surface or terrain makes it difficult for the assisted handler to gait the dog at a normal speed, the judge may adjust where the dog is placed in line to give all handlers an equal opportunity to show their dogs. Blind handlers may have the second person assist in placing table dogs onto table and verify weight and measurements that may be required under the breed standards. The primary function of exhibiting the dog is the responsibility of the handler and not the second person in the ring.

3.7 End of Show/Trial

3.7.1 The Event Secretary shall, within 21 days of the completion of the event, forward to the CKC and the CKC Junior Handling Zone Representative the names of the Junior Handler that placed in each class marked on the appropriate form and score sheet. This information will include the zone where the Junior Handler resides. The entry forms and judges sheets will be forwarded to CKC Head Office with the results. An administrative fee as set by the Board will be charged for each day over the 21 day period."

3.8 Use of Ramps

3.8.1 At the judge's discretion, a ramp can be used instead of a table for all dogs that are normally judged on a table or ramp.

4 CONFORMATION

4.1 Conformation Class Structure

4.1.1 Classes in Junior Conformation Handling competition shall be divided by age as follows:

(a) Pee Wee Class

This class is for handlers four (4) years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 7th birthday. This class is optional and non-competitive. No placements are to be awarded; only participant ribbons, rosettes and token trophies may be presented.

(b) Junior Novice Class

This class is for handlers seven (7) years of age on the date of the competition up to the date their 11th birthday who have not won 6 first places in the same class with competition.

(c) Junior Open Class

This class is for handlers seven (7) years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 11th birthday who have won six (6) first places with competition.

(d) Intermediate Novice Class

This class is for handlers 11 years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 15th birthday who have not won six (6) first places in the same class with competition.

(e) Intermediate Open Class

This class is for handlers 11 years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 15th birthday who have won six (6) first places with competition and for any handler who has progressed through the Junior Open level and feels that they have enough experience to compete at this level.

(f) Senior Novice Class

This class is for handlers 15 years of age on the competition up to the date of their 18th birthday who have not won six (6) first places with competition in this class. Handlers from the Intermediate levels progress to this class.

(g) **Senior Open Class**

This class is for handlers 15 years of age on the competition up to the date of their 18th birthday who have won six (6) first places with competition in the Senior Novice Class, and for any handler who has progressed through the Intermediate Open level and feels that they have enough experience to compete at this level.

4.1.2 **Method of moving between classes shall be as follows:**

- (a) Once a handler achieves six (6) first place wins with competition, they must move to the Open Class within their age group.
- (b) Points are to be carried forward from one level to the next.
- (c) Based on experience and age, for the Intermediate and Senior classes only, a Junior Handler may choose to start competing in the Open Class instead of the Novice class.
- (d) It is the Junior Handler's and/or Guardian's responsibility to ensure that the Junior Handler is entered in the correct class for their age group.

4.2 **Best Overall and Reserve Overall**

- 4.2.1 The awarding of the Best Overall and Reserve Overall is optional at the discretion of the host club. No further points will be awarded to the winners of these awards.

4.3 **Judges**

- 4.3.1 Judges for Conformation Junior Handling competitions shall be selected by the Junior Kennel Club representative and/or the show giving club. In selecting a judge the following criteria must be used:
- (a) The judge must be 19 years of age or older.
 - (b) In good standing with the CKC, and is familiar with the rules of Junior Handling and the Conformation Rules and Regulations.
 - (c) Has experience in handling dogs.
 - (d) Immediate family members of Junior Handlers who are currently competing are not eligible to judge any class in Junior Handling.
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- 4.3.2 Judges will fill out and sign judging sheets, as in other events marking absentees, class placements and Best Overall Handler (if this class is provided).

4.4 Tabulation of Points

- 4.4.1 It is recommended that for all junior handling competitions, the Junior Kennel Club Representative or tabulator record the allocated points.

Four placements will be made in each class:

| | | | |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| First | Second | Third | Fourth |
| 100 | 75 | 50 | 25 |

- 4.4.2 Points are to be tabulated from January 1 to December 31 of a calendar year.
- 4.4.3 Only points awarded at approved CKC events will be tabulated.
- 4.4.4 A copy of the results of the junior competitions shall be posted in a prominent location at the event.
- 4.4.5 If a Junior Handler competes in a zone other than that of his residence, all points awarded to that handler will be tabulated. A Junior Handler cannot qualify in more than one zone.

4.5 End of Show

- 4.5.1 The four (4) placements in each class, including the handler's name, address and breed of dog, must be forwarded to the CKC for recording within 21 days of the competition.

4.6 Ribbons and Rosettes

- 4.6.1 Ribbons or rosettes will be awarded in each class as follows:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| First | Light Blue |
| Second | Maroon |
| Third | Light Green |
| Fourth..... | Light Brown |
| Participant | Green |
| Best Overall (optional)..... | Light & Dark Blue |
| Reserve Overall (optional)..... | Maroon & Pink |

- 4.6.2 The following must be placed on the face of the ribbon or rosette:

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- (a) The Canadian Kennel Club logo.
 - (b) The words “Junior Handling Competition”.
 - (c) The placement.

- 4.6.3 The name of the class, the club name and/or the club’s logo may also be included on the ribbon. Further, optional prizes may be offered to all Junior Handlers participating at the discretion of the sponsoring club.

5 PROVINCIALS ZONE COMPETITION FINALS

- 5.1 Provincial/Zone Junior Handling competitions shall be held once a year to select a Best Junior Handler for each of the CKC designated zones.

- 5.2 Ribbons & Rosettes

- 5.2.1 Ribbons and rosettes will be awarded in each class as follows:

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| First | Blue |
| Runner-up..... | Maroon |
| Best Overall | Light and Dark Blue |
| Reserve Overall..... | Maroon and Pink |
| Participant..... | Green |

- 5.3 Invitations are to be mailed or emailed to each qualified junior competitor no later than 45 days prior to the competition. The invitation must include the information indicated in Section 3 for a premium list. The invitation must include:

- (a) date;
- (b) location;
- (c) closing date (not more than 21 days prior to the event);
- (d) place for signature of parent/guardian indicating they consent to their child’s exhibition in the event;
- (e) class(es) entrant is eligible in;
- (f) judge’s name if they are known; and

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- (g) any special deadlines for activities related to the competition at the show chairpersons discretion.

The entrant must return the invitation completed in full prior to the deadline in order

5.4 Qualifications to compete in provincial and/or zone finals are as follows:

- (a) Participation in a minimum of three (3) CKC Junior Handling Conformation events.
- (b) Four competitors in each age class, as defined by the rules, who have earned sufficient points within the calendar year to place them in the top 4 in their age class shall qualify. In the case of a tie for any of the top placements, all Juniors eligible for those placements will be invited to compete in the finals.

- (57-09-23) (c) In the event that a junior handler moves from one zone to another during the year, the junior handler should compete in the zone final in the zone in which they resided the longest in that competition year.

5.5 In the event that a Junior Handler progresses from the Novice to the Open class during the year, the Junior Handler will compete in the zone final in the class in which the greatest number of points was accumulated as of December 31st in that competition year.

5.6 All zone finals must be completed 60 days prior to the scheduled National competition in that year following the establishment of eligibility (e.g. junior handling wins for 1996 would establish which junior handlers would compete in the zone competition in 1997).

5.7 The zone Junior Kennel Club Representative will be responsible for selecting the date and location for the zone finals in a particular year.

- (a) Judges for the above competition are to be selected by the Junior Kennel Club Representative in conjunction with the event-giving club if necessary.
- (b) Judges for the zone finals will be approved by the Junior Kennel Club Representative and in all classes, if possible, the judges will be certified by the CKC and the Junior Kennel Club Council, and be in good standing with the CKC.

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- 5.8 The rules of the provincial/zone finals shall be the same as the rules for local competition with the following exceptions:
- (a) It shall be judged by a minimum of three (3) judges. One of the judges will be responsible for ring procedures while the others shall act as observers. Score sheets must be used to determine the placements.
 - (b) There will be six (6) classes with a maximum of four (4) competitors in each class (except in the cases of ties in any of the class placements).
 - (c) There will be two (2) placements in each class, which shall be a Winner and Reserve Winner in each of the following classes:
 - Junior – Novice and Open
 - Intermediate - Novice and Open
 - Senior – Novice and Open
- 5.9 The winner in each class at the zone finals will compete for top zone finalist.
- 5.10 The handler who places second in the class from which the best overall winner is chosen together with the winners of the other five (5) classes shall be eligible to compete for runner-up.
- 5.11 A rosette and trophy may be provided for the winner and runner up. Other prizes and ribbons may be offered to the winners or all handlers.
- 5.12 The “Best Overall” Junior Conformation Handler must notify the local Junior Representative for the zone in writing no later than 21 days after the zone finals that they will be competing in the National Junior Conformation Championship. If the local Junior Representative has not received notification within the 21-day time frame, the local Junior Representative shall offer the Reserve Overall Winner the opportunity to compete in the National Junior Conformation Championship.
- 5.13 A rosette and trophy may also be provided for the junior handler accumulating the most points in junior handling competitions at championship shows during the previous year. This award will be designated highest aggregate Provincial Junior Handling competition. The trophy offered may be a perpetual trophy, or any other type at the discretion of the zone representative.
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6 NATIONAL COMPETITION – CONFORMATION

- 6.1 The National Competition (conformation) is to be held before December 31st of the year following establishment of eligibility.
- 6.2 The club hosting the National competition for Junior Handling or the Junior Handling Council Representative shall apply to the CKC on the appropriate form to hold the National competition for conformation.
- 6.3 The winner of each provincial/zone competition will be invited to compete.
- 6.4 The winner of this competition will be declared the Top Canadian Junior Handler. A reserve winner will also be chosen.
- 6.5 First to fourth placements will be chosen. The first place winner of this competition will be declared Top Canadian Junior Handler, the second place winner will be declared the reserve winner.
- 6.6 Rosettes in the official colours will be presented to the top four (4) placings, all other competitors will receive a participants rosette.
- 6.7 At the national competition, classes will not be divided.
- 6.8 The rules of judging will be identical to those used in zone final competitions, with the following exception:
 - (a) The competition will be judged by five (5) judges, one of the five (5) will be responsible for ring procedures while the other four (4) will score the handlers.
 - (b) Depending on the size and manageability of the dogs involved, the judge may request the handlers competing at this level to exchange dogs in the ring in order to verify the extent of the handler's skill and knowledge.
- 6.9 The location of the National Junior Handling competition shall be determined by the CKC Junior Kennel Club Council, and whenever possible it shall rotate between east and west and throughout the zones.

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- 6.10 The club hosting the National competition for junior handling or the Junior Handling Council Representative shall within 21 days of the competition of the Junior Handling Conformation National competition forward to the CKC the name of the winners.
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7 OBEDIENCE

7.1 Purpose

- 7.1.1 The purpose of Junior Obedience competition is to introduce and encourage youth to participate in the sport of obedience. This sport provides juniors with meaningful competition where they learn and hone their skills in an environment of camaraderie and competing with those of similar ages.
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8 APPLICABLE RULES & REGULATIONS

- 8.1 Rules outlined in the current Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations will have effect with respect to the following:
- (a) the assessment of a dogs performance;
 - (b) handler with disabilities;
 - (c) re-judging;
 - (d) ties;
 - (e) score sheets;
 - (f) explanations and errors;
 - (g) commands and signals;
 - (h) praise, food, petting;
 - (i) leash and collar;
 - (j) heel position;
 - (k) rings and equipment;
 - (l) high and broad jumps;
 - (m) bitches in season.
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- 8.2 Except for exercises in Novice A performed on leash in Junior Obedience and duration of all group exercises, the Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations shall apply, insofar as they do not conflict with the rules of Junior Obedience. In areas where such a conflict occurs, the Junior Obedience rules shall take precedence.
- 8.3 Section 3-General Rules and Regulations apply to Junior Obedience competitions.
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9 OBEDIENCE CLASS STRUCTURE

- 9.1 Classes in Junior Obedience Competition shall be divided as follows:
- (a) Junior Obedience Pre-Novice
This class is for handlers seven (7) years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 11th birthday who have not achieved 500 score points in any Pre-Novice competition.
 - (b) Intermediate Obedience Pre-Novice
This class is for handlers 11 years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 15th birthday who have not achieved 500 score points in any Pre-Novice competition.
 - (c) Senior Obedience Pre-Novice
This class is for handlers 15 years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 18th birthday who have not achieved 500 score points in any Pre-Novice competition.
 - (d) Junior Obedience Novice
This class is for handlers seven (7) years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 11th birthday who have achieved 500 score points in any Pre-Novice competition or for any junior of relevant age who wishes to compete in this class.
 - (e) Intermediate Obedience Novice
This class is for handlers 11 years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 15th birthday who have achieved 500 score points in any Pre-Novice competition or for any junior of relevant age who wishes to compete in this class.
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(f) Senior Obedience Novice

This class is for handlers 15 years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 18th birthday who have achieved 500 score points in any Pre-Novice competition or for any junior of relevant age who wishes to compete in this class.

(g) Junior Novice Intermediate

(23-05&06-25)

This class is for handlers seven (7) years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 11th birthday who have achieved 500 score points in any Novice competition or for any junior of relevant age who wishes to compete in this class.

(h) Intermediate Obedience Novice Intermediate

(23-05&06-25)

This class is for handlers 11 years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 15th birthday who have achieved 500 score points in any Novice competition or for any junior of relevant age who wishes to compete in this class.

(i) Senior Obedience Novice Intermediate

(23-05&06-25)

This class is for handlers 15 years of age on the date of the competition up to the date of their 18th birthday who have achieved 500 score points in any Novice competition or for any junior of relevant age who wishes to compete in this class.

9.2 Any dog may be used at the Pre-Novice, or Novice
(24-05&06-25) level including those with any Obedience titles. A dog used at the Novice Intermediate level must have a CD title (either CKC and/or AKC).

9.3 Size, temperament and manageability of the dog must be appropriate for the handler.

9.4 Juniors must enter (at their appropriate age level)
(25-05&06-25) either Pre-Novice, Novice or Novice Intermediate.

9.5 Once a Junior competes in Novice or Novice Inter-
(30-05&06-25) mediate they may never enter Pre-Novice. Should such occur any points would be disallowed and any ribbons or prizes must be returned to the trial giving club.

9.6 Handlers may compete in Novice and/or Novice
(31-05&06-25) Intermediate for as long as they wish (within age restrictions).

9.7 Junior Obedience competitions shall be performed
(32-05&06-25) as summarized below:

- (a) Junior, Intermediate and Senior Pre-Novice Classes.
 - (i) All exercises are on leash.
- (b) Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice Classes:
 - (i) Same format as Novice in official trials.
- (c) Junior, Intermediate and Novice Intermediate Classes
 - (i) Same format as Open Novice Intermediate in official trials.

10 JUNIOR OBEDIENCE JUDGES

10.1 Judges

Judges for Junior obedience competitions shall be selected by the local Junior Kennel Club Council Representative or the show/trial giving club for regular competitions and the National competition and by the Junior Kennel Club Council Representative for the zone finals competition. Any person selected shall be eligible to judge provided they are in good standing with the CKC and is familiar with all aspects of the Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations and these junior obedience rules and regulations. No person shall judge beyond the level to which they have successfully titled a dog.

10.2 Judges Role

- (a) The judge's role in junior obedience competition is to assess the handler's ability in terms of errors they make and things they could do better. The latter can include actions that might enhance the dog's performance or avoidance of potential errors.
 - (b) The judge is encouraged to consider the following criteria and score accordingly:
 - (i) Naturalness, gentleness and smoothness of handling are to be rewarded;
 - (ii) Handler and dog should present a team: the handler offering praise and the dog responding by working happily and eagerly.
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- (c) A value of 80% is placed upon the handler's performance with the dog's performance at 20%.
(33-05&06-25)

10.3 Scoring

10.3.1 Scoring the Handler

- (a) Minor penalty range from .5 to 1.5 points deducted.
(b) Substantial penalty range 2.0 and higher.

10.3.2 Judges should place their scores within the appropriate box on each scoresheet.

10.3.3 At the bottom of each scoresheet is a category for "Penalty" in which the judge can deduct points they feel reflect a general or specific area of concern related to the handler.

10.3.4 At the bottom of each scoresheet is a category for "Bonus" in which the judge can add points for rewarding the handler, dog or team for an exemplary act, performance or behaviour.

10.3.5 The scoring (exclusionary of penalty and bonus points) for Junior Obedience Pre-Novice is as follows: (34-05&06-25)

| | Handler Points |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Heel on Leash | 34 |
| Figure 8 | 34 |
| Sit for Examination | 34 |
| Recall | 34 |
| Group sit or Down (Judges Option) | 34 |
| TOTAL | 170 |

10.3.6 The scoring (exclusionary of penalty and bonus points) for Junior Obedience Novice is as follows: (35-05&06-25)

| | Handler Points |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Heel on Leash & Figure 8 | 25 |
| Stand for Examination | 24 |
| Heel Free | 25 |
| Recall | 24 |
| Sit Stay – Get Your Leash | 24 |
| Group Sit | 24 |
| Group Down | 24 |
| TOTAL | 170 |

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- 10.3.7 The scoring (exclusionary of penalty and bonus
(36-05&06-25) points) for Junior Obedience Novice Intermediate is as follows:

| | Handler Points |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Heel on Leash & Figure 8 | 35 |
| Stand for Examination | 20 |
| Drop from Heel | 20 |
| Recall Holding Dumbbell | 35 |
| Recall over High Jump Holding Dumbbell | 35 |
| Recall over Broad Jump | 25 |
| TOTAL | 170 |

11 JUDGING EVALUATION CRITERIA

11.1 General

- 11.1.1 The judge shall not permit any handler to train any dog or practice any exercise in the ring either before, during or after being judged.
- 11.1.2 Any disciplining by handler in the ring, or any uncontrolled behaviour of the dog, even between exercises shall be severely penalized. The judge may excuse the team from further competition.
- 11.1.3 Physical guidance such as placing the dog in position with the hands or straightening the dog with the knees or feet is not permitted and shall be substantially penalized even if occurring before or between the exercises.
- 11.1.4 Unnecessary talking to the dog by the handler, snapping of fingers, slapping of sides, and stamping of feet should be penalized.
- 11.1.5 The dog should never anticipate the handler's orders, but should wait for the commands or signals.
- 11.1.6 A judge may excuse from competition any dog or handler that interferes willfully with another competitor or competitor's dog and any dog which the judge considers unfit to compete.

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- 11.1.7 In the case of a handler giving extra commands a penalty must be assessed.
 - 11.1.8 The overall impression of the team is important. Handlers should have acceptable obedience trial attire and be well groomed. Clothing and hairstyles that may interfere or distract the dog should be penalized. Footwear should be appropriate to the ring surface.

11.2 Judging Procedure: General

- 11.2.1 Prior to the commencement of judging, the judge will demonstrate the heeling pattern in order that the entrants have an equal opportunity to learn the pattern. The judge will attempt to standardize the heeling routine for the entire class.
- 11.2.2 Judges are not required to wait for dogs or handlers. At the judges discretion they may alter the order of judging. It is the responsibility of each handler to be ready with his dog at ringside when required, without waiting to be called.
- 11.2.3 In all classes, dogs must enter the ring on a leash and proceed to starting position of the first exercise. All dogs must leave the ring on leash. All dogs must be brought into and leave the ring on leash for all group exercises. All exercises must be started with the dog sitting in the heel position.
- 11.2.4 Before each or part of every exercise, a judge must ask the handler "Are you ready?" and the exercise shall not start until acknowledged by the handler. Judging occurs during the entire duration in the ring.
- 11.2.5 All orders or signals given to handlers shall be sufficiently clear and distinguishable for everyone to follow the judging and, at the end of each test, the judge shall say, "Exercise finished."
- 11.2.6 During the dog's heel work, the handler should always walk briskly with the dog on the left side on a loose leash (guiding the dog by the leash is to be penalized). During heel work, the judge must follow the team at a discreet distance.
- 11.2.7 In Novice class the dog may be guided gently by the collar between exercises and may be guided by the collar into proper position for the next exercise.
- 11.2.8 In Novice Intermediate the dumbbell shall be taken from the handler at the entrance and the leash taken by the ring steward at the designated start position and placed on a chair, small table or leash holder just

inside the ring entrance. The dog must leave the ring on leash. The dog shall not be guided or controlled by the collar at any time from the beginning of the first exercise to the completion of the last exercise

11.3 Judging Procedure/Consideration and Evaluation: Classes Pre-Novice

11.3.1 Pre-Novice Exercises (41-05&06-25)

- (a) Heel on Leash;
- (40-05&06-25) (b) Figure 8;
- (c) Sit for Examination;
- (d) Recall;
- (e) Group Sit or Down (judge's option)

Heel On Leash

- (a) The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the and the handler to work as a team.
- (b) The order for this exercise is: "Are you ready?," "Forward," "Halt," "Right Turn," "Left Turn," "About-turn," "Slow," "Normal," "Fast," and "Exercise finished." They may be given in any sequence and may be repeated more than once.
- (c) The handler shall enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand at the start position, with the dog sitting in heel position. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command or signal to heel, and start walking briskly with the dog on a loose leash. The dog shall walk close to the left side of the handler without forging, lagging or crowding, permitting the handler freedom of motion at all times. At each order to halt, the handler will stop and the dog should sit smartly at heel. The handler may give the dog a verbal command to sit. It is permissible after each halt, before moving again, for the handler to give the command or signal to heel.
- (d) Handlers are permitted to give a maximum of two (2) extra commands to heel.
- (e) Handlers are permitted to give moderate verbal encouragement while heeling.
- (f) When executing the about-turn, the handler will always do a right about-turn.

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- (g) No handler shall qualify if the handler constantly controls the dog's performance by tugging on the leash, constantly adapts pace to that of the dog, gives more than two (2) additional commands or signals to heel or gives excessive verbal encouragement.
 - (h) If the handler does not significantly change pace from Normal they should be penalized in proportion to the degree.
 - (i) When the judge indicates "Exercises Finished" and does their scoring the handler should be focusing their dog's attention for the next exercise.

Figure 8

- (a) The principal feature of this exercises is the ability of the dog and the handler to work as a team.
 - (b) The orders for this exercise are: "This is the Figure 8 exercise. You may go in either direction. Are you ready?", "Forward, " "Halt," and "Exercise Finished."
 - (c) In the Figure 8 exercise, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will stand about 3.7m (12ft) apart. The handler may go around either steward first. On the judge's order, the handler, with the dog on a loose leash, shall go twice completely around the Figure 8 with one halt at the end of the exercise. The handler may give the dog a verbal command to sit.
 - (d) Handlers are permitted to give a maximum of two (2) extra commands to heel.
 - (e) Handlers are permitted to give moderate verbal encouragement while heeling.
 - (f) No handler shall qualify if the handler constantly controls the dog's performance by tugging on the leash, constantly adapts pace to that of the dog, gives more than two (2) additional commands or signals to heel or gives excessive verbal encouragement.
 - (g) Before starting the exercise, the posts (stewards) shall take position in the ring. The team should be set in a position to optimize the exercise. The judge should check to see the handler has the dog in the original heel position. If the dog is not, the handler should be penalized.
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- (h) The judge asks “Are You Ready?”. The handler should check their dog and make adjustments if necessary. If the handler does not check and/or make adjustments the handler should be substantially penalized. Then the handler responds “Ready” the judge will issue the commands for the exercise.
 - (i) The judge should watch for the handler moving an unreasonable distance from the stewards (either too close or too far); adjusting to their dog’s speed, lack of smoothness and footwork. The handler should know where they are in relation to the stewards at all times.
 - (j) When the judge indicates “Exercises Finished” and does their scoring the handler should be focusing their dog’s attention for the next exercise.

Sit for Examination

- (a) The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sit where left before and during the examination and show no shyness, resentment or aggression.
 - (b) The orders for this exercise are: “Are you ready?”, “Sit your dog for examination and leave when ready,” “Back to your dog” and “Exercise finished.”
 - (c) On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal his dog to sit and, without further order, command and/or signal the dog to stay, walk away in front of the dog to the end of a 1.8 m (6 ft) leash, turn and face the dog. The leash shall be held clear of the floor when the handler is in position.
 - (d) The judge will approach the dog from the front and touch its head only. On the judge’s order, the handler will return by walking around behind the dog to heel position.
 - (e) The dog shall remain in a sitting position until the judge says “Exercise finished.”
 - (f) The scoring of this exercise shall not start until the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay.
 - (g) No additional commands or encouragement are permitted during this exercise. Points shall be deducted if the dog stands, lies down or moves away from the place where left either
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before or during the examination or displays shyness, resentment or aggression at any time.

- (h) Before starting the exercise, the judge should check to see the handler has the dog in the original heel position. If the dog is not, the handler should be penalized.
- (i) The handler should return back to the dog by walking at an angle to the side of the dog and behind the dog to the original heel position. The judge should penalize any handler who walks straight back to the dog in such a manner that the dog would think he was to be trodden on. The handler should also take care that they do not step over the dog or step so close to the dog that it might interfere with the dog. The leash should also not potentially interfere with the dog by touching the dog in any way. The judge should also penalize a lack of smoothness on the handler's part or failing to return to original heel position.
- (j) The judge shall say "Exercise finished". While the judge is marking the scoresheet they should also be aware of the handler and dog interaction. The team should be moving appropriately to the location for Recall. The team should be in a positive manner and the handler should be maintaining the dog's attention and working attitude.

Recall

- (a) The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left, come promptly to the handler when called and allow the handler to clip the leash onto the collar.
- (b) The orders for this exercise are: "Are you ready?", "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Put your leash on" and "Exercise finished".
- (c) The handler may give the dog verbal encouragement once it has reached the halfway point in the recall.
- (d) This on leash exercise shall begin with similar command and evaluations as the beginning of the other exercises.
- (e) The judge will say "Leave your dog." The handler must then give a clear command, walk away in front of the dog to the end of the loose leash, turn and face the dog. When the handler

goes to the end of the leash the handler should not back away at any point. The leash should not be taut, swinging, tugged or touching the ground at any time.

- (f) The judge will give the order or signal to “Call your dog”. The handler will call or signal the dog in a clear manner.
- (g) Upon the dogs brisk return facing the handler the judge shall order or signal “Finish”. The handler should give a clear command for the dog to return to heel position. The leash should not interfere with the dog in any way.
- (h) The judge will say “Exercise Finished” and the team shall leave the ring in a positive manner with the dog under control.

Group Sit or Down Exercise

- (a) The judge will choose either a sit or down position for this exercise for all of the dogs in a class.
- (b) The principal feature of this exercise is for the dog to stay in the specified position until the handler returns to the heel position.
- (c) The orders for this exercise are: “Are you ready?”, “Sit your dogs” or “Down your dogs,” “Leave your dogs,” “Back to your dogs,” “Exercise finished. Maintain control of your dogs.”
- (d) All dogs in the class that are eligible to compete in the group exercise will do so together. If, however, there are more than five (5) dogs competing they will be split into groups of not more than five (5).
- (e) Handlers will enter the ring with their dogs on a 1.8m (6 ft) leash and line up in a straight line in catalogue order, at least 1.8 m (6 ft) apart, where the judge indicates. Armbands will remain on the handler’s left arm.
- (f) On the judge’s orders, the handlers shall sit or down their dogs, give the command and/or signal to stay, immediately leave their dogs, walk forward to the end of their leash, without jerking or tightening the leash, turn and face their dogs. The leash must remain slack throughout the entire exercise and must be held at waist level or below.

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- (g) The judging of this exercise will not start until the judge orders the handlers to “Leave your dogs.”
 - (h) The judge shall take a position in the ring where both the dogs and handlers can be observed. Thirty seconds after giving the order to “Leave your dogs,” the judge will order the handlers to return promptly to their dogs, each walking around behind his own dog to the heel position. The dogs should not move from the required sit or down position until the judge says “Exercise finished.”
 - (i) No additional commands or encouragement are permitted during this exercise.
 - (j) Points shall be deducted, if at any time during the exercise, the dog moves a substantial distance from the place it was left, moves toward another dog, barks or whines unreasonably or fails to remain in the required sit or down position until the handler has returned to heel position or whose handler jerks or tightens the leash in an attempt to keep the dog in position.
 - (k) The judge should also be watching to see whether the handler allows their dog to disturb other dogs between exercises.
 - (l) Should the dogs move or act in an errant manner the handler should be evaluated as to how they react to the situation (if at all).”

11.4 Novice

11.4.1 Novice Exercises (42-05&06-25)

- (a) Heel on Leash and Figure 8
- (b) Stand for Examination
- (c) Heel Free
- (d) Recall
- (e) Sit Stay- Get Your Leash
- (f) Group Sit
- (g) Group Down

11.4.2 Heel On Leash and Figure 8

- (a) The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and the handler to work as a team.

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- (b) The orders for this exercise are: “Forward,” “Halt,” “Right turn,” “Left turn,” “About turn,” “Slow,” “Normal,” “Fast,” “Exercise finished.” They may be given in any sequence and may be repeated more than once. The orders for the Figure 8 are “Forward” and “Halt.”
- (c) In the Novice classes, the handler shall enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand at the start position, with the dog sitting in heel position. On the judge’s order, the handler may give the command or signal to heel, and will start walking briskly with the dog on a loose leash. The dog shall walk close to the handler’s left side, without forging, lagging or crowding, permitting the handler freedom of motion at all times. At each order to halt, the handler will stop and the dog should sit smartly at heel without command or signal. It is permissible after each halt, before moving again, for the handler to give the command or signal to heel.
- (d) Any tightening or jerking of the leash or any act, signal or command, which in the opinion of the judge gives the dog unnecessary or unfair assistance, shall be penalized, even to the point of non-qualifying.
- (e) When executing the slow and fast paces, the handler and dog must significantly change pace from normal.
- (f) When executing the about-turn, the handler will always do a right about-turn.
- (g) After the completion of the heel portion of the exercise, the judge will order “Exercise finished” prior to the start of the Figure 8 exercise.
- (h) In the Figure 8 exercise, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two (2) stewards, who will stand about 2.5 m (8 ft) apart. The handler may go around either steward first. On the judge’s order, the handler with the dog on a loose leash shall go twice completely around the Figure 8 with at least one (1) halt during and another at the end of the exercise.
- (i) No handler shall qualify that constantly controls the dog’s performance by tugging on the leash, constantly adapts their pace to that of the dog or gives more than one additional command or signal to heel.
- (j) Substantial deductions shall be given for an
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additional command or signal to heel, failure of the dog or handler to significantly change pace for fast or slow, failure to sit at a halt or failure to complete at least 3/4 of the Figure 8.

Stand for Examination

- (a) The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand where left before and during the examination and show no shyness, resentment or aggression.
- (b) The orders for this exercise are: “Stand your dog and leave when ready,” “Back to your dog” and “Exercise finished.”
- (c) On completion of the Figure 8 exercise, the handler will remove the leash and give it to a steward, who will place it on chair, small table or leash holder just inside the ring entrance.
- (d) On the judge’s order, the handler will stand and/or pose his dog. The method by which the dog is made to stand or pose is optional. The handler may take any reasonable time in posing the dog, then without further order from the judge will give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 1.8 m (6 ft), turn and face the dog.
- (e) The judge will approach the dog from the front and touch the dog’s head, withers and hindquarters only. On the judge’s order, the handler will return by walking around behind the dog to heel position.
- (f) The dog should remain in a standing position until the judge says “Exercise finished.”
- (g) The scoring of this exercise will not start until the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay except for such things as rough treatment of the dog by its handler or active resistance by the dog to its handler’s attempts to make it stand.
- (h) Points shall be deducted if the dog sits, lies down or moves away from the place where left, either before or during the examination, or displays shyness, resentment or aggression at any time.
- (i) Substantial or minor deductions, depending on the circumstances, shall be given for any handler who backs away from his dog, is not approximately 1.8 m (6 ft) from the dog during the examination, and for any dog that actively resists the handler’s attempt to make

it stand, moves its feet or sits or lies down after the examination but before the judge says “Exercise Finished.”

Heel Free

- (a) The orders and scoring for this exercise shall be the same as for the Heel on Leash. This exercise shall be done in the same manner as the Heel on Leash except that there shall be no Figure 8 and the dog is off leash.

Recall

- (a) The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stay where it is left and come promptly to the handler when called.
- (b) The orders for this exercise are: “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” “Finish” and “Exercise finished.”
- (c) On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay in the sitting position. The handler will then walk about 12.2 m (40 ft) and turn to face the dog, standing with his arms and hands hanging naturally at his sides. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will call or signal the dog, which should come straight in at a brisk pace and sit straight in front of the handler, close enough so that he can readily touch the dog’s head without excessive bending or stretching or moving either foot. On the judge’s order, the handler will command or signal the dog to go to heel. The manner in which the dog finishes is optional.
- (d) Points shall be deducted if the dog fails to stay where it is left until called, receives an additional command or signal to stay after the handler leaves, fails to come on the first command or signal, or does not come close enough for the handler to touch the dog’s head without excessive bending, or stretching or moving either foot.
- (e) Deductions shall be given for a second command or signal to stay before the handler leaves, for a dog standing or lying down instead of waiting in the sit position, responding slowly to coming, failing to sit in front or finish, or for a handler giving an extra command or signal to sit or finish.
- (f) Deductions shall be given, depending on the

circumstances, for failing to come at a brisk pace, sitting out of easy reach, poor sit or finish, for interfering with the handler, or sitting between the handler's feet.

Sit Stay – Get Your Leash

- (a) The principal feature of this exercise is for the dog to stay in the sit position until the handler returns to the heel position.
- (b) The orders for this exercise are: "Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," "Back to your dog," "Exercise finished. Put your leash on."
- (c) Prior to the start of judging, the judge will indicate to the ring steward where to place the leash. The ring steward will place the leash in the designated spot after the Heel on Leash & Figure 8 exercise. The leash will be placed on a chair, small table or leash holder just inside the ring entrance.
- (d) The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 9.1 m (30 ft) from the ring entrance. The handler and dog will be positioned facing the direction of the ring entrance. On the judge's order to "Leave your dog to get your leash," the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay and walk directly to the place where their leash has been placed. The handler will pick up their leash, turn, stop and face the dog and wait for the judge's order, "Back to your dog." The handler will return to the dog, walking around and behind the dog to return to the heel position. The dog should remain sitting until the judge says, "Exercise finished."
- (e) Points shall be deducted, if at any time during the exercise, the dog moves a substantial distance from the place it was left, fails to remain in the sit position until the handler returns to the heel position, or barks or whines unreasonably.
- (f) A substantial deduction shall be given for a dog that stands or lies down after the handler has returned to heel position but before the judge has said "Exercise finished."

Group Sit or Down Exercise

- (a) The principal features of these exercises are for the dog to stay and to remain in the sit or down position, whichever is required by the particular exercise, until the handler has returned.
- (b) The orders for the Group Sit exercise are: “Sit your dogs,” “Leave your dogs,” “Back to your dogs,” “Exercise finished. Maintain control of your dogs.”
- (c) The orders for the Group Down exercise are: “Down your dogs,” “Leave your dogs,” “Back to your dogs,” “Exercise finished. Maintain control of your dogs.”
- (d) All dogs in a class that are eligible to compete in the group exercises will do so together. If, however, there are more than five (5) dogs competing, they will be split into groups of not more than five (5).
- (e) Handlers will enter the ring with their dogs on a 1.8 m (6 ft) leash and line up in catalogue order at least 1.8 m (6 ft) apart, where the judge indicates. Armbands will remain on the handler’s left arm.
- (f) On the judge’s orders, the handlers shall sit their dogs and then command and/or signal their dogs to stay, immediately walk forward to the end of their leash, without jerking or tightening the leash turn, and face their dogs. The leash must remain slack throughout the entire exercise and must be held at waist level or below.
- (g) The judge shall take a position in the ring where both the dogs and handlers can be observed. One (1) minute after giving the order to “Leave your dogs,” the judge will order the handlers to return promptly to their dogs, each walking around behind his own dog to the heel position. The dogs should not move from the sitting position until the judge says “Exercise finished.”
- (h) The Group Down is executed in the same manner as the Group Sit except that instead of sitting the dogs, the handlers, on orders from the judge, shall down their dogs using a command and/or signal. The time for this exercise shall be one (1) minute. The dog should stay in the down position until after the judge says “Exercise finished. Maintain control of your dogs.”

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- (i) The scoring of these exercises will not start until the judge orders the handlers to sit or down their dogs.
 - (j) Points shall be deducted, if at any time during the exercise, the dog moves a substantial distance from the place it was left, moves toward another dog, barks or whines unreasonably, or fails to remain in the sitting or down position (whichever is required by the particular exercise) until the handler has returned to the heel position or whose handler jerks or tightens the leash in an attempt to keep the dog in position.
 - (k) A substantial deduction shall be given for a handler who repositions his dog after the dog is in the sit or down position or for a dog that sits, stands or lies down after the handler has returned to the heel position but before the judge has said "Exercise finished."
 - (l) Substantial or minor deductions, depending on the circumstances, shall be given for a handler who touches the dog or its collar to get it into the sit or down position, inadvertently jerks or tightens the leash, or for a dog that occasionally barks or whines or for a minor move from position.
 - (m) The judge shall pay attention to each teams proximity to other dogs entering and leaving the ring; commands from the handler; setting the dog; the handlers body language (looking back at the dog); manner of return to the dog; proximity to the dog; return to heel position; and interference with other dogs."

11.5 Novice Intermediate (43-05&06-25)

11.5.1 Novice Intermediate Exercises

- (a) Heel Free and Figure 8
- (b) Stand for Examination
- (c) Drop from Heel
- (d) Recall Holding Dumbbell
- (e) Recall over High Jump Holding Dumbbell
- (f) Recall over Broad Jump

Heel Free and Figure 8

- (a) The principal features are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash exercise except that it is performed off leash.

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- (b) The orders and scoring for this exercise shall be the same as for the Heel on Leash and Figure 8 in Novice.
 - (c) All penalties listed under the Novice Heel on Leash shall apply.

Stand for Examination

- (a) The principal features are the same as in the Novice Stand for Examination exercise.
- (b) The orders and scoring for this exercise shall be the same as for the Stand for Examination in Novice except the judge will approach from the front to examine the dog as in conformation, but shall not open the dog's mouth or touch the dog's testicles or tail.
- (c) All penalties listed under the Novice Stand for Examination shall apply.

Drop from Heel

- (a) The principal features of this exercise are that the dog heel as described for the Heel Free exercise, immediately respond to the handler's command and/or signal to drop, remain down until called, and come promptly to the handler when called.
- (b) The orders for this exercise are: "Forward," "Drop your dog," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Finish" and "Exercise finished."
- (c) On the judge's order, the handler will command or signal the dog to heel forward at a normal pace. After the handler has proceeded about 6 m (20 ft), on the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to drop. On further order from the judge, the handler will give the dog the command and/or signal to stay in the down position. The handler will then walk to the end of the ring and turn to face the dog. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come and complete the exercise as in the Novice Recall.
- (d) Points shall be deducted for a dog that anticipates the drop, does not drop completely to the down position on a single command and/or signal, or for a dog that does not remain in the down position until called or signalled to come.

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- (e) Substantial or minor deductions, depending on the circumstances, shall be made for a slow response to the handler's command and/or signal to drop or for delay or slowness in response to the recall.
 - (f) All penalties listed under the Novice Recall and Heel Free Exercises shall also apply.

Recall Holding the Dumbbell

- (a) The principal features of this exercise are that the dog take the dumbbell, stay where left, and come promptly to the handler with the dumbbell when called.
- (b) The orders for this exercise are: "Give the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it," "Finish" and "Exercise finished."
- (c) The dumbbell shall have a single bar and be made of any rigid or hard material other than metal and must be approved by the judge. It may be painted or varnished but shall have no decorations or attachments. The size of the dumbbell shall be proportionate to the size of the dog.
- (d) On the judge's order, the handler, holding the dumbbell directly in front of the dog, will command the dog to take the dumbbell. On further order from the judge, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay. The handler will then walk about 12.2 m (40 ft) and turn to face the dog. On the judge's order, the handler will call or signal the dog to come at a brisk pace, holding the dumbbell without mouthing or playing. On the judge's order to take it, the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The finish will be executed as in the Novice Recall.
- (e) Points shall be deducted if the dog fails to take the dumbbell on the first command or fails to bring and give up the dumbbell.
- (f) Substantial or minor deductions, depending on the circumstances, shall be made for mouthing, playing with or dropping the dumbbell or for the handler having to stretch forward to take the dumbbell.
- (g) All penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall also apply.

Recall over High Jump Holding Dumbbell

- (a) The principal features of this exercise are that the dog take the dumbbell, stay where left, jump the high jump and come promptly to the handler with the dumbbell when called.
- (b) The orders for this exercise are: "Give the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it," "Finish" and "Exercise finished."
- (c) The Recall over High Jump Holding the Dumbbell is executed in the same manner as the Recall Holding the Dumbbell except that the dog must jump the high jump. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position a minimum of 2.5 m (8 ft) from the high jump. The high jump shall be as nearly as possible the height of the dog at the withers. (See list below for a list of breed and age exceptions, and for measurements.)
- (d) On the judge's order, the handler will command the dog to take the dumbbell. On further order from the judge, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay, walk around the jump to a position in the centre of and a distance of at least 2.5 m (8 ft) beyond the jump and turn to face the dog. On the judge's order, the handler will command or signal the dog to jump holding the dumbbell. The dog will clear the jump without touching it and return to the handler with the dumbbell. On the judge's order to take it, the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The finish will be executed as in the Novice Recall.
- (e) Points shall be deducted if a dog fails to go over the high jump on the first command or signal, climbs the jump or uses the top of the jump as an aid in going over.
- (f) Substantial or minor deductions shall be given, depending on the circumstances, for the dog touching the jump.
- (g) All penalties listed under the Novice Recall and Novice Intermediate Recall Holding the Dumbbell shall also apply.

Recall over Broad Jump

- (a) The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left and jump promptly on command or signal.

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- (b) The orders for this exercise are: “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” “Finish” and “Exercise finished.”
 - (c) The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at least 2.5 m (8 ft) from the jump. The jump shall be spaced so as to cover a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump, as set for the particular dog, with the low side of each hurdle and the lowest hurdle nearest the dog.
 - (d) On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay, walk around the jump to a position in the centre of and a distance of at least 2.5 m (8 ft) beyond the jump and turn to face the dog. On the judge’s order, the handler will command or signal the dog to jump. The dog will clear the entire width of the broad jump without touching it and return to the handler. The finish will be executed as in the Novice Recall.
 - (e) Points shall be deducted if a dog fails to stay until commanded or signaled to jump, is given a second command to stay after the handler leaves, refuses to jump on the first command or signal, walks over any part of the jump, or fails to clear the full distance.
 - (f) Substantial or minor deductions shall be given, depending on the circumstances, for touching the jump.
 - (g) All penalties listed under the Novice Recall shall also apply

Breeds Approved for $\frac{3}{4}$ Jump Heights

Small Breeds: Basset Hound, Bulldog, Cesky Terrier, Clumber Spaniel, Dachshunds (all six varieties), Dandie Dinmont Terrier, French Bulldog, Pekingese, Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, Scottish Terrier, Sealyham Terrier, Skye Terrier, Welsh Corgi (Cardigan & Pembroke)

Giant Breeds: Bernese Mountain Dog, Black Russian Terrier, Bloodhound, Bullmastiff, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Irish Wolfhound, Leonberger, Mastiff, Neopolitan Mastiff, Newfoundland, Saint Bernard

Veteran Dogs at least seven (7) years of age on the day of the competition.

Jump Heights

Breeds jumping $\frac{3}{4}$ of their height at the shoulders jump the following heights for High and Bar Jumps, and twice that distance for the Broad Jump. Veteran dogs, at the option of the handler, may jump $\frac{3}{4}$ of the height required for their breeds.

| Measured height of dog at withers | Height to be jumped |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 15 cm (6 in) | 10 cm (4 in) |
| 17.5 cm (7 in) | 12.5 cm (5 in) |
| 20 cm (8 in) | 15 cm (6 in) |
| 22.5 cm (9 in) | 17.5 cm (7 in) |
| 25 cm (10 in) | 17.5 cm (7 in) |
| 27.5 cm (11 in) | 20 cm (8 in) |
| 30 cm (12 in) | 22.5 cm (9 in) |
| 32.5 cm (13 in) | 25 cm (10 in) |
| 35 cm (14 in) | 27.5 cm (11 in) |
| 37.5 cm (15 in) | 27.5 cm (11 in) |
| 40 cm (16 in) | 30 cm (12 in) |
| 42.5 cm (17 in) | 32.5 cm (13 in) |
| 45 cm (18 in) | 35 cm (14 in) |
| 47.5 cm (19 in) | 37 cm (14 in) |
| 50 cm (20 in) | 37.5 cm (15 in) |
| 52.5 cm (21 in) | 40 cm (16 in) |
| 55 cm (22 in) | 42.5 cm (17 in) |
| 57.5 cm (23 in) | 42.5 cm (17 in) |
| 60 cm (24 in) | 45 cm (18 in) |
| 62.5 cm (25 in) | 47.5 cm (19 in) |
| 65 cm (26 in) | 50 cm (20 in) |
| 67.5 cm (27 in) | 50 cm (20 in) |
| 70 cm (28 in) | 52.5 cm (21 in) |
| 72.5 cm (29 in) | 55 cm (22 in) |
| 75 cm (30 in) | 57.5 cm (23 in) |
| 77.5 cm (31 in) | 57.5 cm (23 in) |
| 80 cm (32 in) | 60 cm (24 in) |
| 82.5 cm (33 in) | 62.5 cm (25 in) |
| 85 cm (34 in) | 65 cm (26 in) |
| 87.5 cm (35 in) | 65 cm (26 in) |
| 90 cm (36 in) | 67.5 cm (27 in)'' |

12 CLASS PLACEMENTS & TABULATION OF POINTS

12.1 Class Placements

- 12.1.1 In order of the score received by the judge (highest to lowest) the judge shall make placements 1st-4th in each class. In the event of ties there shall be a run-off competition as per the O.T.R.A.R.

12.2 Tabulation of Points

- 12.2.1 Points are awarded according to the score received (44-05&06-25) in competition. They are 100 points for a score of 190-200; 75 points for a score of 189-182; 50 points for a score of 181-175; and 25 points for a score of 174-170. For a score of less than 160 there are no points earned.
- 12.2.2 Once a Pre-Novice handler has earned 500 points over any time frame, they must move to Novice competition.
- 12.2.3 Points are used to calculate the qualifying juniors for the zone final as well as highest aggregate awards. These points are only cumulative within the calendar year.
- 12.2.4 The judge will award the handler with Highest Score (44-05&06-25) of the Novice and Novice Intermediate Classes with the award of "Best Overall in Junior Obedience."
- 12.2.5 Juniors may enter in both Novice and Novice (44-05&06-25) Intermediate in junior obedience at a regular event provided the dog is eligible.
- 12.2.6 Only points awarded at approved CKC events will be tabulated.
- 12.2.7 It is recommended that for all junior obedience competitions, the Junior Kennel Club Representative or tabulator record the allocated points.
- 12.2.8 A copy of the junior obedience results shall be posted in a prominent location at the event.
- 12.2.9 If a junior handler competes in a zone other than that of his residence all points awarded to that handler will be tabulated. For the zone finals a handler may not qualify in more than one zone.

13 RIBBONS & ROSETTES

- 13.1 Ribbons or rosettes for all regular Junior Obedience events will be awarded in each class as follows:
- First Light Blue
 - Second Maroon
 - Third Light Green
 - Fourth Light Brown
 - Participant (optional) Green
 - Best Overall Light and Dark Blue
 - Reserve Overall (optional) Maroon and Pink
- 13.2 Rosettes for all Zone Finals Junior Obedience events will be awarded in each class as follows:
- First In Class Light Blue
 - Runner Up In Class Maroon
 - Participant Green
 - Best Overall Light and Dark Blue
 - Reserve Overall Maroon and Pink
 - Highest Aggregate awards (optional)
.....Green and Light Green
- 13.3 The name of the class must be listed for the zone competition: Pre-Novice, Novice or Open.
- 13.4 Rosettes for the National Junior Obedience competition will be awarded as follows:
- Best Overall Light and Dark Blue
 - Reserve Overall Maroon and Pink
 - Third Light Green and Dark Green
 - Fourth Light Brown and Dark Brown
 - Participant Green
- 13.5 The following must be placed on the face of the ribbon or rosette:
- (a) The Canadian Kennel Club logo.
 - (b) The placement
 - (c) The words “Junior Obedience” or “Junior Event”
- 13.6 The following must be placed on the face of the rosette for:
- (a) Zone finals the words “Zone finals” and/or the name of the zone and/or zone number.
 - (b) National competition the words “Canadian Junior Obedience Championship” and the year
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- 13.7 The name of the class, the club name and/or the club's logo may also be included on the ribbon as well as the sponsors name or logo. This shall be at the discretion of the trial giving club.
- 13.8 Optional prizes may be offered to all junior exhibitors participating at the discretion of the trial giving club.
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14 PROVINCIAL/ZONE FINALS COMPETITION

- 14.1 Provincial/Zone junior obedience competitions shall be held once a year in order to select a Best Junior Obedience Handler for each of the CKC designated zones provided there is a qualifier in that zone.
- 14.2 A Junior Council Representative for each zone, or their designate, is responsible for selecting the date, location and judges for the zone finals in a particular year. It is preferable, but not necessary, that this event be held in conjunction with a show or trial.
- 14.3 The zone final must be completed 60 days prior to the scheduled national competition in that year following the establishment of eligibility.
- 14.4 Qualification
- (a) From Pre-Novice competition within the calendar year, by addition of all points within each age class, the top four in each age class are invited to compete.
 - (b) From Novice competition within the calendar year, by addition of all points within each age class, the top four in each age class are invited to compete.
 - (c) From Novice Intermediate competition within the calendar year, by addition of all points within each age class, the top four in each age class are invited to compete.
- 14.5 In case of a tie for any of the top four (4) placements within each age class, all juniors eligible for those placements will be invited to compete in the zone finals. This is not cumulative (eg: if two tied for first and two tied for second these would be the only four juniors invited).
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14.6 Qualifying Novice Intermediate competitors may
(45-05&06-25)also elect to compete in both the Novice class and the Novice Intermediate class. The scoring is independent. For the junior to compete in Novice class they must have received score points in Novice within the calendar year. They would compete within the appropriate age class. This entrant is in addition to the other Novice invited juniors.

14.7 To qualify for a zone final invitation the competitor must have received a minimum of 160 points in accordance with Section 12.2.0, at least three (3) times within the calendar year.

14.8 Invitations

Invitations are to be mailed to each qualified junior competitor no later than 45 days prior to the competition. The invitation must include the information indicated in Section 3 for a premium list. The event shall have a closing date and time but not more than 21 days prior to the event. The invitation must set the terms and conditions of response by the qualified junior.

14.9 Classes

- (a) Judging will be divided into the classes the juniors received their invitation based on
- (b) Should ties occur within the two (2) highest scores of each class or overall a run-off competition must be held.
- (c) All exhibitors will be given their scoresheets following the competition.

14.10 Pre-Novice

- (a) Pre-Novice competitors will compete for the award of “Best in Class in Pre-Novice” and “Reserve in Class in Pre-Novice”.
- (b) From the two highest scores in Pre-Novice the winners of “Best Overall in Pre-Novice in Junior Obedience” and “Reserve Overall in Pre-Novice in Junior Obedience” are awarded.
- (c) All other exhibitors will receive a participant rosette.
- (d) The judge will use the Pre-Novice scoresheet and score according to the criteria in the regular competitions

14.11 Novice

- (46-05&06-25)(a) From the two highest scores in Novice the winners of “Best Overall in Novice in Junior Obedience” and “Reserve Overall in Novice in Junior Obedience” are awarded.
- (b) All other exhibitors will receive a participant rosette.
- (c) The judge will use the Novice scoresheet and score according to the criteria in the regular competitions.

14.12 Novice Intermediate

- (47-05&06-25)(a) From the two highest scores in Novice Intermediate the winners of “Best Overall in Novice Intermediate in Junior Obedience” and “Reserve Overall in Novice Intermediate in Junior Obedience” are awarded.
- (b) All other exhibitors will receive a participant rosette.
- (47-05&06-25)(c) The judge will use the Novice Intermediate scoresheet and score according to the criteria in the regular competitions.
- (47-05&06-25)(d) Some juniors may be eligible to compete in Novice and Novice Intermediate. The score and awards are only relevant within each class and are not transferable.

- (48-05&06-25)14.13 The junior that is awarded Best Overall in Novice and the junior that is awarded Best Overall in Novice Intermediate shall compete for Best Overall Junior Obedience Handler in zone, using the Novice Heel Free exercise. Scoring is independent from previous competition.

- 14.14 Should the “Best Overall” recipient not be willing or able to compete in the National Junior Obedience Championship they must notify the Junior Representative for the zone in writing no later than 21 days after the zone finals. Should this occur the Junior Representative must offer the Reserve Overall Winner the opportunity to compete in the National Junior Obedience Championship.

15 NATIONAL COMPETITION

- 15.1 The National Junior Obedience Competition is to be held prior to December 31st of the year following establishment of eligibility
- 15.2 The club hosting the National competition for Junior Handling or the Junior Handling Council Council Representative shall apply to the CKC on the appropriate form to hold the National competition for obedience.
- 15.3 This competition may be held in conjunction with the National Junior Handling Competition.
- 15.4 The location of the National Junior Obedience Competition shall be determined by the CKC Junior Council, and whenever possible it shall rotate between east and west and throughout the zones.
- 15.5 The judge will be selected by a host zone junior representative or their designate.
- 15.6 The winner of each zone competition will be invited to compete.
- 15.7 The competitors will all be judged in the same class: Novice.
- 15.8 The criteria and scoring in Novice regular competition will be the same for the Zone Competition.
- 15.9 The club hosting the National competition for Junior Handling or the Junior Handling Council Representative shall within 21 days of the competition of the Junior Handling Obedience National competition forward to the CKC the name of the winners.

16 AMENDMENTS

- 16.1 These rules are subject to amendment by the Board.
 - 16.2 Amendments to these rules may also be proposed by any person, association, club, representative group or body by presenting such proposal to the Board for its consideration. In such circumstances, the Board will forward the proposal to the Council for its con-
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sideration and input, prior to the Board making its final decision.

- 16.3 Any amendment to these rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- 16.4 The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by the Board.
- 16.5 The Board, at its sole discretion, may choose to perform a non-binding poll of the membership to attain general input prior to making a final decision on any proposed amendment to these rules.
- 16.6 Upon the Board making its final decision with respect to any amendment to these rules, the membership shall be advised by placing a notice in the Official Section as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

APPENDIX A

JUDGING GUIDELINES - CONFORMATION

- 1.1 The overall impression is most important. The judge shall look for a Junior Handler appropriately dressed who presents his dog in a manner which will display its particular breed characteristics to its advantage. Conformation of the dog is not to be considered in the assessment of the handler's ability. Therefore, the judge should be aware of the way particular breeds are handled.
 - (a) The handler must use the proper breed stance; e.g. German Shepherd with a leg stretch, various sporting breeds with head up and tail out, Collies free baited with little stacking, Bloodhounds with lots of wrinkle piled up, etc. All breeds should be shown in a suitable manner appropriate for the time and reflecting current fashions.
 - (b) All exhibitors should appear to be neat and clean.
 - (c) Conformation of the dog is not important but handlers should try to minimize faults and display virtues without excessive or distracting movements. Dogs with obvious faults such as crooked

fronts or cowhocks should have those faults recognized and corrected by the handler as much as possible with handling techniques.

- 1.2 The judge should give credit to Junior Handlers who display good sportsmanship.
- (a) The handlers should give the impression of polite compliance to a judge's request in both facial features and body language without exaggeration.
 - (b) The handlers demonstrate their courteousness towards each other by not crowding in the standing or gaing situation. In large classes judges can split the class to provide adequate ring space.
 - (c) The lead handler inquires of the next in line if the handler is ready and should wait for the others to organize their dogs before leading the group in a go around. If asked to move to a different place in line they must give the other exhibitors a chance to make room.
- 1.3 The handler and the dog should function as part of a team, unobtrusive but efficient. The handler should encourage his dog and under no circumstances should the handler forcibly discipline his dog in the ring. Should this occur, the handler will receive a substantial deduction of points.
- 1.4 The judge should look for that elusive "extra" in the handler's showmanship, the ability to display that feeling of pride in the dog and to exhibit his dog with flair and rapport.
- (a) The handler should be aware of the dog's quality and let the judge know that they are working to display these strengths. A dog that comes into a perfect free stance for instance should be occasion for the handler to give the judge an indication by a look or body language that they are pleased. The handler is not just a technician, but is an artist creating a picture with the dog's virtues. There should be recognition by the handler when that picture is close to what we consider to be beautiful. Excessive attention to the judge is a detriment and not a positive; e.g. too much smiling, inattention to the dog while gaing by focusing on the judge.
- 1.5 The judge should give credit to the handler who has to deal with a difficult dog and handles the problem in a competent manner. Sometimes a handler who

is exhibiting a highly trained dog appears to be very proficient when in reality the dog is handling itself.

- (a) Handlers who have worked hard to train a dog might give the impression of having an easy dog. Most dogs have a bad day from time to time and the handler's ability to deal with it is a measure of competency.

1.6 Outwardly shy or aggressive dogs should not be shown by junior handlers. See Section 3.5.4.

- (a) Dogs being used in these competitions must be of the appropriate size and temperament to enable the Junior Handler to compete to the best of his ability. The Junior Kennel Club Representative or his designate has the authority to monitor and remove a handler and his dog from the ring if, in his opinion, it is necessary to prevent a situation which could potentially disrupt the competition.
- (b) The safety of the dogs and handlers must be of primary importance.
- (c) In the opinion of the judge, if a dog appears to be too difficult for the handler to control and the safety of the handler, the other handlers or dogs is in question, the judge should do what is necessary to isolate the dog in the ring to insure safety or in extreme cases to excuse the team. Chemistry between dogs and the size must be taken into account. Dogs for Pee Wee handlers should be .5 m (18 in) or less at the withers unless it is a breed renowned for its excessively mild temperament. If in doubt, err on the side of caution and delay the start of that class until a suitable replacement dog can be found.

1.7 Junior competitions are to promote quality handling and sportsmanship and the judge should never lose sight of this.

1.8 Junior Handlers are reminded that they are not to engage in unnecessary conversation with other handlers or the judge.

1.9 A handler and his dog are not to interfere with another handler and his dog.

APPENDIX B

RING PROCEDURE - CONFORMATION

- 1.1 The judge may use any examination pattern normally used in the conformation ring. The same pattern must be followed for each junior when the dogs are moved individually.

Common Patterns

The handlers come in as called by the ring steward and will be judged from the moment that they enter the ring. They stack dogs where the judge gets a first view. The judge may re-arrange the dogs and they should be moved together. Each team gets an individual examination. They demonstrate an individual movement pattern and the free stack. In the more advanced classes the judge may add group stacks towards the front and rear, side by side down and backs used infrequently and exchanging of dogs at the Senior Open level. When exchanging of dogs is used, the ring steward and an assistant or the judge shall hold the dogs to facilitate an uneventful transfer. The handler should inquire as to the dog's name and any special instructions.

A grooming tool is permissible based on the breed shown, excessive tools and their use should be penalized.

- 1.2 The judge should inspect each dog individually, as this will indicate to the judge if the handler knows how to show the dog at close quarters. For example: each junior should have to show the bite and expression of the dog to the judge's satisfaction; feet can be placed incorrectly to see if the handler corrects this etc.

Watch for the following actions by the handler. The junior poses the dog to present the side picture. The handler shows expression of the dog as the judge moves to the front of the dog. The judge approaches and the junior shows the bite in the manner normally used in the breed e.g. full dentition for Dobermans, tongue colour in Chows. As the judge goes over the front, the handler glances to check rear position has not shifted. The judge examines rear and the handler checks the front for movement. Junior checks for any movement as the judge moves to the side to get final picture, junior settles dog and poses it for the final look. Tabled breeds follow the above pattern and must be presented on a table if required at the breed level with the exception of the

Pee Wee class, which is never examined on the table for the safety of the dog.

- 1.3 The dog should be moved with smoothness, grace and at the correct speed for the breed.
- 1.4 The dog must be between the handler and the judge at all times, thus giving the judge ample opportunity to observe how the handler presents the dog.
- 1.5 The lead should be in the hand nearest the dog at all times. The lead must be folded up without any end trailing and not wrapped around the fingers while gaiting. Some handlers showing larger dogs have the lead looped around one finger for control purposes. In some breeds such as German Shepherds, it is customary to use longer leads held in folds. Any difference in style should reflect the custom in various breed rings and should be honored in junior rings just as different posing styles are. The dog should always be under control and the overall look should be pleasing.
- 1.6 As a handler comes out to move his dog individually he should present the dog to the judge allowing the dog to pose naturally. A courtesy turn is highly desirable. After gaiting, the handler should again allow the dog to pose naturally while baiting the dog before the judge.
- 1.7 When the handlers are moved individually, a pattern which requires a lead change from hand to hand such as a “crossover” is desired.

The dog should be moved with smoothness, grace and at the correct speed for the breed. Judges should take into account that at certain stages of physical development the handler may appear awkward and should not be penalized. When handlers are gaited in the side by side down and back (only at Senior Open level and infrequently) the faster dog should be adjusted to the speed of the smaller dog and the handlers should insure verbally and visually that they are both ready before proceeding.

Common patterns that may be used are as follows:

- Up and Back
- Triangle
- “L”
- Reverse Triangle
- Reverse “L”
- “T”

The handler must switch smoothly whenever the judge moves around the dog to insure that the judge's view of the dog is not blocked in the free stack at the end of the pattern. Excessive movement around or over the dog is not required to assess the handler's ability. Most handlers perform a courtesy turn to present the dog to the judge before individually gaiting. All instructions as to what the desired pattern is should be given the whole line and given as many times as needed to make it possible for all handlers to hear them from the judge. Handlers can ask for instructions to be repeated in a polite manner.

A Junior Handler should be given appropriate time to get a free stack from the dog at the end of the individual gaiting.

- 1.8 It is highly desirable that the judge asks questions of the handlers, relating to commonly known information regarding the breed shown, anatomy or common show terms. For consistency and to fairly assess the handler's ability, each handler is to be asked identical questions. These questions should not be used to break a tie.

When asking questions, the judge should keep in mind the age level and apparent skill level of the competitors. Competitors should not see or hear the answers of the others.

- 1.9 At local competitions the exchange of dogs is not permitted except at the Senior Open level and then only at the discretion of the judge.
- 1.10 At zone finals, the exchange of dogs may be permitted at the discretion of the judge.
- 1.11 Judges and Junior Handlers should be mindful at all times that while excellence of accomplishment is to be sought, the enjoyment and experience of participation is more important than winning.

Special attention should be given to the obvious rapport of the handler with the dog. Good sportsmanship should always be encouraged and you should observe and encourage the handlers in congratulating the winners. Winners should also be encouraged to accept their placements with grace and humility. Judges make themselves available to exhibitors for pictures as soon after competition as feasible.

Judges should also encourage improvement in the juniors by offering constructive criticism. Judges must be sensitive to the feelings of the youngsters and realize that although some handlers will be

especially successful in the Junior Handling competitions and the other may not be, this success is not indicative of a handler's future potential in the fancy. Some who have gone on to be very valuable in the dog fancy for a lifetime were spectacularly unsuccessful as Junior Handlers. Others that have shown in the junior handling ring dropped out as they grew older because they were more interested in the junior level and when it ended for them, they moved onto other interests. There is nothing wrong with that but judges should bear in mind that each contact with Junior Handler could foster or destroy interest. If time permits an oral critique of all the class benefits the handlers.

APPENDIX C

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR JUNIOR HANDLERS – CONFORMATION

The answers given at this level will demonstrate the knowledge of the handlers. Note that the following questions are suggestions only. At the discretion of the judge, other questions may be asked that are appropriate for the level of competition. In order to avoid any misunderstanding, all questions must be phrased clearly and completely.

General Questions

- What is the breed of your dog?
- What do you call the colour of your dog?
- What group does your dog belong to?
- What is the purpose of a dog show?
- What was your dog's breed used for?

When asking anatomy questions, they should be such that it is not necessary to point to a specific part of the dog thus providing a clue of the answer to the other handlers.

Where/what is the:

- Bite
 - Wither
 - Elbow
 - Muzzle
 - Stifle
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- Occiput
- Metacarpus
- Croup
- Loin
- Feathering

Senior Questions

- What is the breed's purpose?
- What are the breed's disqualifying faults?
- Name the quality of your dog you want the judge to see.

When asking anatomy questions, it is not necessary to point to a specific part of the dog thus providing a clue to the answer.

Where/what is the:

- Pastern
- Loin
- Sternum
- Flew
- Flank
- Ischium
- Upper Arm
- Forechest
- Brisket
- Stifle
- Croup
- Stop

APPENDIX D

ZONE DIVISIONS

1. ZONE 1

- 1.1 Zone 1(a) Newfoundland, which includes all postal codes starting with A and Zone 1(b) Nova Scotia which includes all postal codes starting with B.

2. ZONE 4

- 2.1 The division for Zone 4A will consist of the juniors residing in areas covered by the following postal codes:

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| K0M | P5E |
| K9V | P5N |
| L9Y | L0C through and including L0N |
| M0A | L3P through and including L4S |
| N0C | L6A through and including L6G |
| N0H | L7B through and including L7E |
| P1H | L9L through and including L9S |
| P1L | N4K through and including N4N |
| P1P | P0A through and including P0R |
| P2N | P1A through and including P1C |
| P3N | P2A through and including P2B |
| P3P | P4P through and including P4R |
| P5A | P6A through and including P6C |

- 2.2 This division for zone 4 B would include all postal codes north and west of Hwy 631 to the Manitoba border.

POT

Armstrong
Atikokan
Beardmore
Dorion
Eabamet Lake
Geraldton
Gull Bay
Ignace
Jellicoe
Kakabeka Falls
Kaministiquia

POV

Angling Lake
Balmertown
Bearskin Lake
Big Trout Lake
Cat Lake
Cochenour
Collins
Deer Lake
Dinorwic
Eagle River
Sandy Lake

POT

Kashabowie
Lansdowne House
Longlac
MacDiarmid
Manitouwadge
Marathon
Murillo
Nakina
Nipigon
Nolalu
Ogoki
Pass Lake
Raith
Red
Schreiber
Shebandowan
South Gillies
Terrace Bay
Upsala
Vickers Heights
Webeque
Summer Beaver

POW

Barwick
Devlin
Emo
Mine Centre
Pinewood
Rainy River
Sleeman
Stratton

POV

Fort Severn
Hudson
Kasabonika
Kingfisher Lake
Lac Seul
McKensie Island
Masden
Minnitaki
North Spirit Lake
Osnaburgh House
Oxdrift
Perrault Falls
Pikanikum
Red Lake
Sachigo Lake
Savant Lake
Vermilion Bay
Wabigoon
Waldhof
Weagamow Lake
Wunnummin Lake
Pickle Lake
Muskrat Dam
Poplar Hill
Keewaywin
Migisi Sahgaigan

POX

Grassy Narrows
Keewatin
Kejick
Longbow Lake
Minaki
Nestor Falls
Pawitik
Redditt
Sioux Narrows
Whitedog
Clearwater Bay

Thunder Bay-P7A, P7B, P7C, P7E, P7G, P7J, P7K
Dryden-P8N
Sioux Lookout-P8T
Fort Francis-P9A
Kenora-P9N

APPENDIX E

OBEDIENCE SCORE SHEETS

JUNIOR OBEDIENCE SCORE SHEET- Pre-Novice

(37-05&06-25)



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Junior Obedience Scoresheet – Pre-Novice

Breed: _____ Age Class: _____
Club: _____ Amband No: _____
Handler: _____ Date: _____

| EXERCISE | DOG ERRORS Non-Qualifying - 0 pts | SCORE | HANDLER ERRORS | | SCORE | TOTAL |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| HEEL ON LEASH | Poor attention Interferes with handler Lags/Forges/Wide No/Poor Sit No change in pace Extra Command | 6 | Does not check to see if dog is ready Unclear commands or signals Excessive hand movements Poor footwork-Steps into dog on halt Adapts to Dogs: pace, turns, halts | Command & Signal Unnecessary extra command Handler fails to work a straight line Poor leash work No change of pace Handler watches dog while healing | 34 | 40 |
| FIGURE 8 | Poor attention Interferes with handler Lags/Forges/Wide | 6 | Poor timing on take off and halts Does not centre dog between posts Does not check to see if dog is ready | Starts too close/far from posts Handler watches dog while healing | 34 | 40 |
| SIT FOR EXAMINATION | Dog not in heel position Moves feet Shyness /Aggressive Sits/Lays Down Extra Command | 6 | Does not leave from heel position Unreasonable time in posing dog Rough treatment in posing dog Handler backs away-Handler not at end of leash Crowds dog on return | Handler does not check dog Unclear command to dog Handler waits for leave order Extra commands/signal Poor leashwork Does not return to heel position | 34 | 40 |
| RECALL | Dog changes position Fails to stay or come Poor/No Front Poor/No Finish Extra Command | 6 | No attempt to start at heel position Improper body position Command and signals Excessive body movement Other: | Leaves before judges order Extra/unclear commands or signals Backs away from dog Poor leashwork | 34 | 40 |
| GROUP SIT OR DOWN (Judge's option) | Fails to remain in down Excessive movement Excessive noise Breaks after handler returns Extra Command | 6 | Improper distance from other teams Not in heel position to leave Does not check to see if dog is ready Unclear/Extra command to dog Rough treatment Handler backs away from dog Poor leashwork/Handler not at end of leash Excessive movement by handler Crowds dog/Handler rubruns straight to dog Dogs not return to heel position Other: | Leaving the ring or positioning | 34 | 40 |
| PENALTY | Out of Control Solling the ring Excessive Noise Not Working | Subtract | Unable to read armband Corrections/Training in ring-Harsh commands Directs/Corrects dog between exercises Presentation of self/dog Poor Sportsmanship Other | Incorrect leash/collar Lacking praise Poor communication Does not listen to judge | Subtract | Subtract |
| BONUS | Well motivated Attentive Wants to work with handler | Add | Happy working team Good communication with dog Good ring skills-Efficient team Other | Strong attention to detail Well presented Good Sportsmanship | Add | Add |
| PLACEMENT | | Dog Total | COMMENTS | | Handler Total | TEAM TOTAL |

Judge's Name (Print)

Judge's Signature

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JUNIOR OBEDIENCE SCORE SHEET- Novice

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Junior Obedience Scoresheet – Novice

Breed: _____ Age Class: _____

Club: _____ Armband No: _____

Handler: _____ Date: _____

| EXERCISE | DOG ERRORS Non-Qualifying - 0 pts | SCORE | HANDLER ERRORS | SCORE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| HEEL ON LEASH & FIGURE 8 | Poor attention Interferes with handler Lags/Forces/Wide No/Poor Sit No change in pace Extra Command | 5 | Does not check to see if dog is ready Unclear commands or signals Excessive hand movements Poor footwork-Steps into dog on halt Adapts to Dogs: pace, turns, halts Poor timing on take off and halts Does not centre dog between posts Does not check to see if dog is ready Other | Unnecessary extra command Handler fails to work a straight line Poor leash work Handler watches dog while heeling Starts too close/far from posts | 2530 |
| STAND FOR EXAMINATION | Dog not in heel position Resist standing Moves feet Shyness /Aggressive Sits/Lays Down Extra Command | 4 | Dog not in heel position Unreasonable time in posing dog Rough treatment in posing dog Does not leave dog from heel position Handler backs away-Handler not at end of leash Crowds dog on return Other | Unclear command to dog Handler waits for leave order Poor leashwork Does not return to heel position | 2428 |
| HEEL FREE | Poor attention Interferes with handler Lags/Forces/Wide No/Poor Sit No change in pace Extra command | 5 | Does not check to see if dog is ready Unclear commands or signals Excessive hand movements Poor footwork Adapts to Dogs: pace, turns, halts Poor timing on take off and halts Other | Handler fails to work a straight line Steps into dog on halt No change of pace Handler watches dog while heeling | 2530 |
| RECALL | Dog changes position Falls to stay or come Slow Poor/No Front Poor/No Finish Extra Command | 4 | No attempt to start at heel position Improper body position Command and signals Excessive body movement Other: | Leaves before judges order Extra/unclear commands or signals Backs away from dog | 2428 |
| SIT STAY – GET YOUR LEASH | Fails to remain in sit Excessive movement Excessive noise Breaks after handler returns Extra Command | 4 | Not in heel position to leave Does not check to see if dog is ready Rough treatment Backs away/Excessive movement Handler returns straight to dog Crowds dog/Does not return to heel position Release dog early/Does not leash on compl. | Unclear/ Extra Command to dog | 2428 |
| GROUP SIT | Fails to remain in sit/down Excessive movement Excessive noise Breaks after handler returns Extra Command | 4 | | | 2428 |
| GROUP DOWN | Fails to remain in sit/down Excessive movement Excessive noise Breaks after handler returns Extra Command | 4 | Not in heel position to leave Does not check to see if dog is ready Rough treatment Backs away/Excessive movement Handler returns straight to dog Crowds dog/Does not return to heel position | Unclear/Extra Command to Dog | 2428 |
| PENALTY | Out of Control Soliciting the ring Excessive Noise Not Working | Subtract | Unable to read armband Corrections/Training in ring-Harsh commands Directs/Corrects dog between exercises Presentation of self/dog | Incorrect leash/collar Lacking praise Poor communication Does not listen to judge | SubtractSubtract |
| BONUS | Well motivated Attentive Wants to work with handler | Add | Happy working team Good communication with dog Good ring skills-Efficient team Other | Strong attention to detail Well presented Good Sportsmanship | AddAdd |
| PLACEMENT | | Dog Total | COMMENTS | Handler Total | TEAM TOTAL |

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JUNIOR OBEDIENCE SCORE SHEET- Novice Intermediate

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Junior Obedience Scoresheet – Novice Intermediate

Breed: _____ Age Class: _____

Club: _____ Armband No: _____

Handler: _____ Date: _____

| EXERCISE | DOG ERRORS Non-Qualifying - 0 pts | SCORE | HANDLER ERRORS | SCORE | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| HEEL FREE & FIGURE 8 | Poor attention Interferes with handler Lags/Forces/Wide No/Poor Sit No change in pace Extra Command | 5 | Does not check to see if dog is ready Unclear commands or signals Excessive hand movements Poor footwork Adapts to Dogs: pace, turns, halts Poor timing on take off and halts Does not centre dog between posts Other | Unnecessary extra command Handler fails to work a straight line No change of pace Handler watches dog while heeling Starts too close/far from posts | 35 40 |
| STAND FOR EXAM | Dog not in heel position Fails to stay/come/down Poor/No finish Extra Command | 5 | Does not check to see if dog is ready Extra/Unclear commands or signals Excessive drop command Does not leave from heel position Other | Leaves before judges order Holds signal | 20 25 |
| DROP FROM HEEL | Anticipates No/Poor Down Dog not in heel position Slow response Extra command | 5 | Does not check to see if dog is ready Extras/Unclear commands/signals Excessive drop command Does not leave from heel position Other | Dog not in heel position Late/early send command Holds signal Extra body language | 20 25 |
| RECALL HOLDING DUMBBELL | Refuses/touches jump Drops dumbbell Poor/No front/finish Extra command | 5 | Does not check to see if dog is ready Poor throw Extras commands/signals Touches dog Handler drops dumbbell Other | Dog not in heel position Late/early send command Holds signal Extra body language Handler does not centre self in front of jump | 35 40 |
| RECALL OVER HIGH JUMP HOLDING DUMBBELL | Refuses/touches jump Anticipates Poor/No front/finish Extra command | 5 | Does not check to see if dog is ready Extra/Unclear commands or signals Others: | Dog not in heel position Handler not in proper position to jump Command & Signal | 35 40 |
| RECALL OVER BROAD JUMP | Refuses/touches jump Anticipates Poor/No front/finish Extra Command | 5 | Not in heel position to leave Does not check to see if dog is ready Unclear/Extra command to dog Extra commands/signal-Touches dog Other: | Leaving the ring or positioning | 25 30 |
| PENALTY | Out of Control Soiling the ring Excessive Noise Not Working | Subtract | Corrections/Training in ring-Harsh commands Directs/Corrects dog between exercises Presentation of self/dog Poor Sportsmanship Other | Incorrect leash/collar Lacking praise Poor communication Does not listen to judge | Subtract Subtract |
| BONUS | Well motivated Attentive Wants to work with handler | Add | Happy working team Good communication with dog Good ring skills-Efficient team Other | Strong attention to detail Well presented Good Sportsmanship | Add Add |
| PLACEMENT | | Dog Total | COMMENTS | Handler Total | TEAM TOTAL |

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