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Colorado 4-H Obedience Exercise Descriptions

In Colorado, 4-H Obedience classes are patterned after AKC classes with some exceptions to better serve youth participants. There are three classes that are unique to Colorado 4-H. Pre-Beginner Novice is the entry Obedience level for our youth members, and all exercises are performed on-leash. Pre-Graduate Novice Obedience is an intermediate level designed to introduce jumps, and some Graduate Novice exercises to youth without the requirement to manage a dumbbell.

There are two classes in each Obedience level. The A class is for members in their first year of training with no prior experience training in that particular level. The B class is for members who have not yet received a qualifying score in a particular training level OR for members with prior experience training at that level but who are starting a new dog. Once a member receives a qualifying score in competition, they should advance to the next level of progression.

The Obedience levels offered in Colorado 4-H dog training are:

- Pre-Beginner Novice A/B
- Beginner Novice A/B
- Novice A/B
- Pre-Graduate Novice A/B
- Graduate Novice A/B
- Open A/B
- Graduate Open A/B
- Utility A/B

Our 4-H youth range in age from 8-18 years old and are still learning personal skills in addition to training and handling their dogs. For that reason, it can at times be difficult to judge younger members by AKC standards. To provide a positive learning experience, there are no NQ scores in any 4-H Obedience classes and judges are encouraged to consider a youth exhibitors' knowledge and familiarity with the exercise when making point deductions. Exhibitors should also be allowed to participate in all the exercises in their class, including group sit and down exercises, regardless of their performance in other exercises in the class.

PRE-BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE		
Exercises	Max. Points	
Heel on Leash	40	
Figure Eight <i>(on leash)</i>	40	
Sit for Exam <i>(on leash)</i>	40	
Sit Stay <i>(on leash)</i>	40	
Recall <i>(on leash)</i>	40	
	TOTAL	200

In 4-H Pre-Beginner Novice Obedience, the A class denotes a handler and dog team with no experience in Pre-Beginner Novice Obedience training. The B class is for a handler and dog team who has not yet received a qualifying score in Pre-Beginner Novice Obedience training OR an experienced handler starting a new dog. The B level classes are judged with a slightly higher level of expectation. All exercises in the A and B classes are performed on leash. Since this is the entry level Obedience class for most youth members, the Judge should provide a brief orientation to the ring exercises and locations, allow the members to walk through the heeling pattern.

1. **Heel on Leash:** The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. Rally signs will be used for this exercise and will be placed to the right of the handler's path except for those indicating a change in direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the team to aid in that change. The signs may be placed either flat on the ground or on a stand. The "Start" sign, while not required, may be used to signify the starting point for the heel on leash exercise. Signs to be used are "Right turn", "Left turn", "About turn", "Slow", "Normal", "Fast", and "Halt/Sit". Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. Turn signs may be placed in any sequence and may be repeated. Two of each turn sign must be available for the judge's use. Both the "Fast" and "Slow" signs must be followed by a "Normal" sign. The "Halt/Sit" sign will be used once at the end of the exercise. The judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class. (A sample heeling pattern map is included at the end of this document.)

The leash must be six feet in length. It may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. Any tightening or jerking of the leash and use of any extra commands and/or signals will be penalized. The orders for this exercise will be "**Forward**" and "**Exercise Finished**". The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand at the start location with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask if the handler is ready before giving the order, "**Forward**". The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. "Fast" means that the handler **must run**, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. At the "Halt/Sit" sign, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order, "**Exercise finished**," at the completion of this exercise. A verbal command to heel at the beginning of the exercise is the only command allowed during the heeling exercise. A one-time single phrase of praise or encouragement, by the handler to the dog, will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, and atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.)

2. **Figure Eight:** The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The orders for this exercise are: "**Forward**", "**Halt**", and "**Exercise Finished**." Tall cones or pylons will be used for the posts. For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two cones that are 17 to 37 inches high and no more than 15 inches wide at the base, that will be placed **eight feet apart**. The Figure Eight will be performed on leash; the handler may go

around either cone first. After the judge asks, "**Are you ready?**" and gives the order, "**Forward**", the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two pylons twice. There will be no "about turn", "fast", or "slow", but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. **A one-time single phrase of praise or encouragement, by the handler to the dog, will be allowed without penalty.**

3. **Sit for Exam:** The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. Orders are: "**Sit your dog and leave when you are ready**", "**Back to your dog**", and "**Exercise finished**". This exercise is to be performed with the dog on a six-foot leash. On the judge's order, the handler will command the dog to sit. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about six feet to the end of the leash, turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog's head. On the order "**Back to your dog**", the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, "Exercise finished".
4. **Sit Stay on Leash - 45 seconds:** The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position for 45 seconds. Orders for this exercise are: "**Sit your dog**", "**Leave your dog**", "**Return to your dog**", and "**Exercise finished**". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position. Prior to starting the exercise, the judge will ask if the handler is ready. When the judge gives the order, "**Sit your dog**", the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit, if they are not already sitting. The judge will order, "**Leave your dog**", and the handler will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to the end of the leash and turn to face the dog. The dog will remain seated for 45 seconds. At the judge's command of "**Return to your dog**", the handler will approach the dog from the front and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "**Exercise finished**". The judge should not deduct points if the leash either touches or does not touch the ground.
5. **Recall on Leash:** The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly. This exercise is performed on leash. Orders are: "**Leave your dog**", "**Call your dog**", and "**Exercise finished**". On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward, to the end of the six-foot leash, and turn to face the dog. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop and sit in front near the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. **A one-time single phrase of praise or encouragement while the dog is coming to the handler will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.)**

BEGINNER NOVICE A/B OBEDIENCE		
Exercises	Max. Points	
1. Heel on Leash	40	
2. Figure Eight (<i>on leash</i>)	40	
3. Sit for Exam (<i>on leash</i>)	40	
4. Sit Stay (<i>off leash – walk around the ring</i>)	40	
5. Recall (<i>off leash</i>)	40	
	TOTAL	200

The Beginner Novice Class in 4-H includes the same exercises as in the AKC Beginner Novice Class. The A class denotes a handler and dog team with no experience in Beginner Novice Obedience training. The B class denotes the same handler and dog team in their second year of training who did not receive a qualifying score in Beginner Novice Obedience training OR an experienced handler starting a new dog. The Judge may provide a brief orientation to the ring exercises and locations.

1. **Heel on Leash:** The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. Rally signs will be used for this exercise and will be placed to the right of the handler's path except for those indicating a change in direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the team to aid in that change. The signs may be placed either flat on the ground or on a stand. The "Start" sign, while not required, may be used to signify the starting point for the heel on leash exercise. Signs to be used are "Right turn", "Left turn", "About turn", "Slow", "Normal", "Fast" and "Halt/Sit". Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed. Turn signs may be placed in any sequence and may be repeated. Two of each turn sign must be available for the judge's use. Both the "Fast" and "Slow" signs must be followed by a "Normal" sign. The "Halt/Sit" sign will be used once at the end of the exercise. The judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class. (A sample heeling pattern map is attached.)

The leash must be six feet in length. It may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. Any tightening or jerking of the leash and use of any extra commands and/or signals will be penalized. The orders for this exercise will be "**Forward**" and "**Exercise Finished**". The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand at the start location with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask if the handler is ready before giving the order, "**Forward**". The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. "Fast" means that the handler **must run**, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. At the "Halt /Sit" sign, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal. The judge will order "**Exercise finished**" at the completion of this exercise. A verbal command to heel at the beginning of the exercise is the only command allowed during the heeling exercise. **A one-**

time single phrase of praise or encouragement, by the handler to the dog, will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, and atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.)

2. **Figure Eight:** The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The orders for this exercise are: "**Forward**", "**Halt**", and "**Exercise Finished**". Tall cones or pylons will be used for the posts. For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two cones that are 17 to 37 inches high and no more than 15 inches wide at the base, that will be placed **eight feet apart**. The Figure Eight will be performed on leash; the handler may go around either cone first. After the judge asks, "**Are you ready?**" and gives the order, "**Forward**," the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two pylons twice. There will be no "about turn", "fast", or "slow", but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. **A one-time single phrase of praise or encouragement, by the handler to the dog, will be allowed without penalty.**
3. **Sit for Exam:** The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. Orders are: "**Sit your dog and leave when you are ready**", "**Back to your dog**", and "**Exercise finished**". This exercise is to be performed with the dog on a six-foot leash. On the judge's order, the handler will command the dog to sit. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about six feet to the end of the leash, turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog's head. On the order "**Back to your dog**", the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, "Exercise finished".
4. **Sit Stay Off Leash - Handler Walks Around the Ring:**
The leash is removed for this exercise and kept by the handler. When the handler removes the leash, they may hold it in any manner using one or both hands or drape the leash around their neck. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. Orders for this exercise are: "**Sit your dog**", "**Leave your dog**", and "**Exercise finished**". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in approximately the center of the ring. Prior to starting the exercise, the judge will ask if the handler is ready. The leash remains attached to the dog's collar and will be dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and the handler before the exercise begins. When the judge gives the order "**Sit your dog**", the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit, if not already sitting. The judge will order "**Leave your dog**", and the handler will give a command and/or signal to stay and then walk straight out from in front of their dog. The handler will then turn either to the right or left as directed by the judge and walk the perimeter of the ring. Upon completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front and proceed to walk around and in back of the dog to the heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order "**Exercise finished**".

5. **Recall Off Leash:** The leash is removed for this exercise and kept by the handler. When the handler removes the leash, they may hold it in any manner using one or both hands or drape the leash around their neck. Orders are: "**Leave your dog**", "**Call your dog**", and "**Exercise finished**". After the judge's command to leave the dog, the handler will then walk forward, across the ring, and turn to face the dog. Caution should be taken to not fidget with the leash but to keep the hands calm and steady. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop and sit in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. There is no "Finish" for this recall. After the judge orders "**Exercise finished**," the leash is reattached to the dog's collar. A one-time single phrase of praise or encouragement while the dog is coming to the handler will be allowed without penalty. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.)

NOVICE A/B OBEDIENCE	
Exercises	Maximum Points
1. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight (<i>on leash</i>)	40
2. Stand for Exam off Leash	30
3. Heel Free off Leash	40
4. Recall off Leash	30
5. Sit Stay Get Your Leash	30
6. Group Exercise on Leash Sit Stay (1 minute)	15
7. Group Exercise on Leash Down Stay (1 minute)	15
TOTAL	200

1. **Heel on Leash and Figure Eight (*This exercise is performed on-leash*):** The Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight will be done as one exercise. The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. The judge will give verbal commands for the heeling pattern using the following orders: "**Forward**", "**Halt**", "**Right turn**", "**Left turn**", "**About turn**", "**Slow**", "**Normal**", and "**Fast**". The other orders may be given in any sequence, and turns and halts may be repeated. However, the judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class. "Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. All about turns will be right about turns. Orders for halts and turns will be given only when the handler is moving at a normal speed.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order. The handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At each order

to halt, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on the judge's order. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. The judge will say, "**Exercise finished**" after this portion of the exercise.

For the Figure Eight, tall cones or pylons will be used for the posts. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two cones that are 17 to 37 inches high and no more than 15 inches wide at the base, that will be placed **eight feet apart**. The Figure Eight will be done on leash; the handler may go around either cone first. The judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order, "**Forward**". The handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two cones twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one "**Halt**" during this exercise and another "**Halt**" at the end. The judge will say "**Exercise Finished**" after the dog and handler complete the last "Halt".

2. **Stand for Examination:** This exercise is done off leash. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stands in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. The orders are: "**Stand your dog and leave when you are ready,**" "**Back to your dog,**" and "**Exercise finished**". Prior to the start of the exercises the handler will remove the leash and give it to a steward, who will place it on the judge's table or other designated place. The handler will take their dog to the place indicated by the judge. The judge will ask "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order. On the judge's order to "**Stand your Dog**", the handler will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler's choice, taking any reasonable time if they choose to pose the dog as in the show ring. The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about six feet, and then turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body, and hindquarters. On the order "**Back to your dog,**" the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said "**Exercise Finished**".
3. **Heel Free:** The purpose of this exercise is to show the ability of the handler and dog to work as a team without the control of a leash. This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash exercise and will follow the same verbal commands, but without either the leash or the Figure Eight. The handler's left hand may be held against the front of the body, centered at the waist, or hang and move naturally at the handler's left side. The right hand should hang naturally at the right side of the handler's body.
4. **Recall Off Leash:** The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stays where left until called by the handler, and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come. The orders are: "**Leave your dog**", "**Call your dog**", and "**Finish**". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog, and

stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. On the judge's order, the handler will give a command or signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, provided it is prompt, and the dog sits straight at heel. At the end, the judge will say "**Exercise Finished**".

5. **Sit Stay - Get Your Leash:** The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position. The orders are: "**Sit your dog**", "**Leave your dog to get your leash**", and "**Back to your dog**". The leash will be placed inside the ring near the gate entrance on a chair or similar leash holder. The handler and dog will be positioned at least 30 feet from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may command and/or signal the dog to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "**Leave your dog to get your leash**," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the place designated by the judge for the leash, pick up the leash, turn and face the dog, and wait for the judge's command. The judge will give the order "**Back to your dog**." The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said "**Exercise finished**." The judge will tell the handler, "**Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog**." The handler is required to exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling, or tugging on the leash.
5. **Group Exercise - Sit and Down Stay (1 minute each):** The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in a sitting or down position, whichever is required at the time. The orders are: "**Sit your dogs**", "**Down your dogs**", "**Leave your dogs**", and "**Back to your dogs**". A dog that does not remain sitting during the first part of this exercise must be released from participating in the second part. This exercise must be performed with the dog on a six-foot leash. The leash will remain clipped to the dog's collar and the handler will hold on to the leash throughout the entire exercise. The armband will remain on the handler's left arm. Prior to beginning, the judge will instruct the handlers to remove their dog if it starts to move out of position during the exercise. The judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order. On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order, "**Leave your dogs**," the handlers may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the end of the leash, without jerking or tightening the leash, turn, and face their dogs. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise. After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order, "**Back to your dogs**." The handlers must return directly, walking around and in back of their own dog to heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said, "**Exercise finished**." This order will not be given until all the handlers are back in heel position. The dogs must remain under control between this two-part exercise. Before starting the Down Stay portion of this exercise, the

judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dog to down without touching either the dog or the dog's collar. On further order to "**Leave your dogs,**" the handlers may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward immediately to the end of the leash, without jerking or tightening the leash, turn, and face their dogs. The leash must remain loose with slack throughout the entire exercise. After one minute from the time the judge ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order, "**Back to your dogs.**" The handlers must return directly, walking around and in back of their own dog to heel position. The dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said "**Exercise finished.**" This order will not be given until all the handlers are back in heel position. The judge will tell the exhibitors, "**Maintain control of your dogs.**" The handlers are required to exit the ring with their dogs under control and without jumping, pulling, or tugging on the leash.

PRE-GRADUATE NOVICE A/B OBEDIENCE	
Exercises	Maximum Points
1. Heel on Leash	40
2. Moving Stand and Exam	30
3. Heel Free & Figure Eight off Leash	40
4. Moving Drop and Recall	30
5. Recall Over the Broad Jump	30
6. Group Exercise Off Leash – Sit Stay 1 minute	15
7. Group Exercise Off Leash – Down Stay 3 minutes	15
TOTAL	200

This class is unique to Colorado 4-H, and there is no comparable class in AKC. The purpose of this class is to introduce the jumps and some of the Graduate Novice exercises without introducing the dumbbell.

1. **Heel on Leash:** This exercise will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash. The Figure Eight will be done as a separate exercise.
2. **Moving Stand for Exam:** The handler will be asked to remove their leash and hand it to a ring steward before beginning this exercise. The orders are "**Forward**", "**Stand your Dog**", and "**Return to your dog**". The handler will start by standing with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will give the command "**Forward**" at which time the handler will move forward with his/her dog. After the handler has proceeded forward about 10 feet, the judge will give the command, "**Stand Your Dog**". Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10-12 feet, turn, and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body, and hindquarters. When finished, the judge will command the handler to "**Return to Your Dog**". The handler will return to the dog by going around and behind the dog, returning to heel position. The judge will give the command, "**Exercise Finished**".

3. **Heel Free and Figure Eight:** This exercise will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight with the exception that both patterns will be performed off leash. The judge will give the same verbal commands for the heeling pattern as used for the on-leash heeling exercise.
4. **Moving Drop on Recall:** The orders for this exercise are "**Forward**", "**Down Your Dog**", "**Call Your Dog**", and "**Finish**". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at a point designated by the judge, who will then ask, "**Are You Ready?**" and order "**Forward**". The handler may command or signal the dog to heel and will walk briskly and naturally. After the handler has gone forward about 15 feet, the judge will order "**Down Your Dog**". Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to down. The handler will continue forward to the end of the ring, turn around and stand in a natural manner facing the dog. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come and immediately sit in front of the handler until the command to "**Finish**" is given by the judge. The dog must be close enough to its handler so the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, provided it is prompt and the dog sits straight at heel. The dog must remain sitting in heel position until the judge says, "**Exercise finished**".
5. **Recall Over Broad Jump:** The purpose of this exercise is for the dog to stay where left until directed to jump, clear the jump on a single command or signal, and that the dog immediately return to sit in front of its handler after it has jumped. Each dog will jump twice the height of the dog's withers. The judge's orders are: "**Leave your dog**", "**Call your dog**", and "**Finish**". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight feet from the jump facing the lowest hurdle. The judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order. When the judge orders, "**Leave your dog**," the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, go around the hurdles to at least eight feet beyond the last hurdle, then turn and face the dog. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and perform a "**Finish**" as in the Novice Recall.
6. **Group Exercise - Sit Stay and Down Stay:** This exercise will be done in the same manner as the Novice Group Exercise - Sit Stay and Down Stay with the exception that the exercise will be done off leash and the sit-stay will have a duration of one minute, the down-stay will have a duration of three minutes.

GRADUATE NOVICE A/B OBEDIENCE	
Exercises	Maximum Points
1. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight Off Leash	40
2. Drop on Recall	40
3. Dumbbell Recall	30
4. Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	30
5. Recall Over Broad Jump	30
6. Stand Stay Get Your Leash	30
TOTAL	200

1. **Heel on Leash and Figure Eight Off Leash:** This exercise will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash for the figure eight portion. Orders are the same as in Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.
2. **Drop on Recall:** The purpose of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, is to show the dog's prompt response to the handler's command and/or signal to drop, and the dog is remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command or signal. The judge will order, "**Leave your dog**", "**Call your dog**", then give a clear signal to "**Drop the dog**", followed by "**Call your dog**" and "**Finish**". On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, facing their dog, and stand naturally, with both hands at the sides of the body. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge's arm or hand signal, the handler shall give the command and/or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. The dog must remain down until the judge gives the order or signal for the handler to signal or command the dog to come. The judge will command the dog to "**Finish**" as in the Novice Recall.
3. **Dumbbell Recall:** The purpose of this exercise is to show that the dog can perform a recall off leash while holding a dumbbell. This exercise will be performed like the Novice Recall but with the dog holding the dumbbell. In addition to the Novice Recall, the dog will promptly take, hold, and deliver the dumbbell when commanded. The judge's orders are "**Give your dog the dumbbell**", "**Leave your dog**", "**Call your dog**", "**Take it**", and "**Finish**." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. When the judge orders, "**Give your dog the dumbbell**," the handler will present the dumbbell with one command. The dog must accept it readily and hold it. When the judge orders, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward to the other end of the ring and turn to face the dog. On the judge's order or signal to "**Call your dog**", the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. When the dog is sitting in front of the handler, the judge will order, "**Take it**," and the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The dog must willingly give the dumbbell on command to the handler. The judge will give the command to "**Finish**", and the finish will be done as in the Novice Recall.

4. **Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump:** The purpose of the exercise, in addition to those listed under the Dumbbell Recall, is that the dog return with the dumbbell over the jump. The judge's orders are: "**Give your dog the dumbbell**", "**Leave your dog**", "**Call your dog**", "**Take it**", and "**Finish**". The exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Dumbbell Recall except that the dog must clear the high jump. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight feet (or any reasonable distance beyond eight feet) from the jump. The judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order. When the judge orders, "**Give your dog the dumbbell**," the handler will present the dumbbell with one command. The dog must accept it readily and hold it. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, go around the jump to at least eight feet beyond the other side of the high jump, and turn and face the dog naturally. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the high jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler. When the dog is sitting in front of the handler, the judge will order, "**Take it**," and the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The dog must willingly give the dumbbell on command to the handler. The judge will give the command to "**Finish**," and the dog must return to heel position.

5. **Recall Over Broad Jump:** The purpose of this exercise is for the dog to stay where left until directed to jump, clear the jump on a single command or signal, and that the dog immediately return to sit in front of its handler after it has jumped. Each dog will jump twice the height it did for the high jump. The judge's orders are "**Leave your dog**", "**Call your dog**", and "**Finish**". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight feet from the jump, facing the lowest hurdle. The judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order. When the judge orders, "**Leave your dog**," the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, go around the hurdles to at least eight feet beyond the last hurdle, then turn and face the dog. On the judge's order to "**Call your dog**", the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and "**Finish**" as in the Novice Recall. The broad jump will consist of four white telescoping hurdles, all about eight inches wide. The largest hurdle will measure about five feet long and about six inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog. Four hurdles will be used for a jump of 48 to 72 inches, three for 28 to 44 inches and two for a jump of 16 to 24 inches. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first.

3. **Stand Stay - Get Your Leash:** The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stands and stays in position until the handler has returned to heel position. The orders are: "**Stand your dog**", "**Leave your dog to get your leash**", and "**Back to your dog**". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" before giving the first order. On the judge's order to "**Stand your dog**", the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog's collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position. On further order to "**Leave your dog to get your leash**," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to a place outside the ring gate

designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge's order "**Back to your dog.**" The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said, "**Exercise finished.**" The judge will tell the handler, "**Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog.**" The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling, or tugging on the leash.

OPEN A/B OBEDIENCE	
Exercises	Maximum Points
1. Heel Free and Figure Eight Off Leash	40
2. Command Discrimination	30
3. Drop on Recall	30
4. Retrieve on Flat	20
5. Retrieve over High Jump	30
6. Broad Jump	20
7. Stand Stay Get Your Leash	30
TOTAL	200

1. **Heel Free and Figure Eight Off Leash:** This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise except that the dog will be off leash. Orders and scoring are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.
2. **Command Discrimination - Stand, Down, Sit:** The principal features of this exercise are the dog's correct response to the handler's first commands and/or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position. The verbal orders are: "**Leave your dog**", "**Stand Your Dog**", and "**Back to your dog.**" The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: "**Stand your dog**". The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, "**Are you ready?**" before giving the order to "**Stand your dog**". The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. On further order to "**Leave your dog**", the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately walk forward 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal to down the dog for the second position. The judge will then order, "**Leave your dog.**" The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to sit for the third position. The judge will then order "**Back to your dog.**" **The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay**, and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the handler has returned to heel position. The handler's hands and arms must hang naturally at the handler's side. The judge will command "**Exercise finished**".
3. **Drop on Recall:** The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, are the dog's prompt response to the handler's command or signal to drop and the dog's remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will

be judged on the promptness of its response to the command or signal. The orders are: “**Leave your dog**”, “**Call your dog**”, then the judge will give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by “**Call your dog**” and “**Finish.**” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, “**Are you ready?**” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order to “**Leave your dog**”, the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, face the dog, and stand naturally. On the judge’s order or signal to “**Call your dog**”, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge’s arm or hand signal, the handler shall give the command or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. The dog must remain down until the handler gives the command or signal to come when ordered by the judge to “**Call your dog**”. The dog completes the exercise with a “**Finish**” as in the Novice Recall.

4. **Retrieve on Flat:** The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog retrieve promptly. The orders are: “**Throw it**”, “**Send your dog**”, “**Take it**”, and “**Finish.**” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, “**Are you ready?**” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, “**Throw it,**” the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay. If the handler does use a signal, that signal may not be given with the hand that is holding the dumbbell. After the dumbbell is thrown at least 20 feet, the judge will order the handler to “**Send your dog.**” The retrieve should be performed at a brisk trot or gallop. The dog will go directly to the dumbbell and retrieve it, returning directly to the handler as in the Novice Recall without unnecessary mouthing or playing. On the judge’s order to “**Take it,**” the handler will give a command or signal and take the dumbbell. The “**Finish**” will be performed as in the Novice Recall. The judge will require the dumbbell to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 20 feet, too far to one side or too close to the ring’s edge.

The dumbbell, which must be approved by the judge, will be made of one or more solid pieces of wood or non-wooden material similar in size, shape, and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted. Dumbbells will not be hollowed out. They may be unfinished, coated with a clear finish or may be any color. They may not have attachments but may display the person’s name, the dog’s call name, and/or the dog’s picture (or insignia). Titles may not be displayed. The size of the dumbbell will be proportionate to the size of the dog.

5. **Retrieve over High Jump:** The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go out over the jump, pick up the dumbbell, and promptly return with it over the jump. The orders are: “**Throw it**”, “**Send your dog**”, “**Take it,**” and “**Finish.**” This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Retrieve on Flat, except that the dog will clear the high jump both going and coming. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at least eight feet (or any reasonable distance beyond eight feet) from the jump and will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise. On the judge’s order the handler will throw the dumbbell at least eight feet beyond the jump. (These eight-foot distances must be clearly marked.)
6. **Broad Jump:** The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until

directed to jump, that the dog clear the jump on a single command or signal, and that the dog return to its handler after it has jumped. The orders are: “**Leave your dog**”, “**Send your dog**”, and “**Finish.**” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This eight-foot distance must be clearly marked.) The judge will ask, “**Are you ready?**” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order to “**Leave your dog**”, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and go to a position facing the right side of the jump. Handlers may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes about two feet from the jump. On the judge’s order to “**Send your dog**”, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler will make a 90-degree pivot, but will remain in the same spot. The dog will clear the entire distance of the hurdles without touching them and, without further command or signal, immediately return to a sitting position in front of the handler. The judge will command the dog to “**Finish**” as in the Novice Recall.

7. **Stand Stay Get Your Leash:** The principal features of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position. The orders are: “**Stand your dog**”, “**Leave your dog to get your leash**”, and “**Back to your dog**”. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask, “**Are you ready?**” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order to “**Stand your dog**,” the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog’s collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position. On further order to “**Leave your dog to get your leash**,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the ring gate designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge’s order, “**Back to your dog.**” The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said, “**Exercise finished.**” The judge will tell the handler, “**Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog.**” The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling, or tugging on the leash.

GRADUATE OPEN A/B OBEDIENCE	
Exercises	Maximum Points
1. Signal Exercises	40
2. Scent Discrimination	40
3. Moving Stand and Exam	40
4. Go Out	40
6. Directed Jumping	40
TOTAL	200

1. **Signal Exercise:** The principal features of this exercise are the ability of dog and handler to work as a team while heeling and the dog’s correct response to the signals to stand, stay, down, sit and come. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. Orders are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash, except for the judge’s order to “**Stand your dog.**” This order will only be given when the dog and handler

are walking at a normal pace and will be followed by the order to “**Leave your dog.**” The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish. Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free, except that handlers may use signals only and must not speak to their dogs at any time during this exercise. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to “**Stand your dog.**” On further order to “**Leave your dog,**” the handler will signal the dog to stay, go to the other end of the ring, then turn and face the dog. On the judge’s signal, the handler will give the signals to down, sit, come and finish as in the Novice Recall.

- 2. Scent Discrimination Leather or Metal (only one article is retrieved):** The principal feature of this exercise is the selection of the handler’s article from among the other articles by scent alone and the prompt delivery of the correct article to the handler. The dog must select and retrieve an article that has been handled by its handler. The dog must make this selection based on scent alone. The orders are: “**Take an article,**” the taking of the article from the handler, “**Send your dog,**” “**Take it,**” and “**Finish.**” The articles will be provided by the handler and will consist of metal or leather. It is the handler’s discretion as to which type of article is retrieved. The set of articles will be comprised of five identical objects, which may be items of everyday use. The size of the articles will be proportionate to the size of the dog. The metal set must be made entirely of rigid metal. The leather set must be made of leather. The articles may be unfinished, stained or dyed and must be designed so that only a minimum amount of fastening material is visible. The articles may display the person’s name, the dog’s call name, and/or the dog’s picture (or insignia). The articles in each set will be legibly numbered with a different number and must be approved by the judge. The handler will present five articles to the judge, who will make a written note of the number of the article they have selected. These articles will be placed on a table or chair within the ring until the handler picks each up separately when ordered by the judge. The judge or steward will handle each of the remaining four articles while randomly arranging them on the floor or ground about six inches apart. The closest article should be about 20 feet from the handler and dog. The judge must make sure that the articles are visible to both dog and handler and that they are far enough apart so that there will be no confusion of scent among articles. Handlers may choose to watch the articles being placed or face away. After the articles have been placed, the handler will face away from the articles with the dog sitting in heel position. The judge will ask, “**Are you ready?**” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, “**Take an article,**” the scoring of the exercise will begin. The handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position, then take an article and return to heel position. The handler must hand it to the judge immediately when ordered. The judge will make certain handlers scent each article with their hands only.

Once the handler has returned to heel position with the article, the handler may talk to but not pet their dog. As the handler is scenting the article the judge will ask, “**What method will you be using to send your dog?**” The handler should respond with either “After a sit” or “Send directly.” Only one article will be retrieved in this Graduate Open exercise. The judge’s taking of the article will be considered to be the second order. On the judge’s order, the handler will place the article on the judge’s book or worksheet. Without touching that article, the judge or steward will place it among the others. Once the judge takes the article from the handler, the handler is not permitted to talk to the dog. On order from the judge to “**Send your dog,**” the handler has the option as to how the dog is sent. The handler may give the command

or signal to heel and will turn in place, either right or left, to face the articles. The handler will come to a halt with the dog sitting in the heel position. The handler will then give the command or signal to retrieve. Or the handler may do a right about-turn, simultaneously giving the command or signal to retrieve. In this case, the dog should not assume a sitting position but must go directly to the articles. Handlers may give their scent by extending the palm of one hand in front of the dog's nose or gently touching the dog's nose, but the arm and hand must be returned to a natural position before they turn and face the articles. The dog should go directly to the articles at a brisk trot or gallop. It may take any reasonable time to select the correct article but must work continuously. After picking up the correct article, the dog will complete the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat. If a dog retrieves the wrong first article, that article and the correct one must be removed. They will be placed on the table or chair, and the next exercise will be done with one less article.

3. **Moving Stand for Examination:** The principal features of the exercise are that the dog heel, stand and stay as the handler moves away, accept the examination without shyness or resentment, and return to the handler on command. The orders are: “**Forward,**” “**Stand your dog,**” and “**Call your dog to heel.**” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler may command or signal the dog to heel. After the handler has proceeded about 10 feet, the judge will order “Stand your dog.” Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10 to 12 feet. The handler will then turn either to the right or left to face the dog, which must stand and stay in position. The judge will approach the dog from the front to examine it. The exam will consist of the judge gently using both hands in a single smooth motion beginning at the sides of the dog's neck, proceeding along the body and ending at the dog's croup. The exam will not include the head, teeth, legs, testicles, or tail. On the judge's order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the heel position. The dog should return to heel position in a brisk manner. Judging Procedures: This exercise may be judged from the side while the dog and handler are heeling and until the dog is to be examined.
4. **Go Out:** The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring and stop as directed. The orders are: “Send your dog” and “Back to your dog.” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position facing the unobstructed end of the ring in the approximate center at any distance from about 20 feet beyond the jumps up to midway between the jumps. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge's order the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely. On the judge's order the handler will return to the heel position by walking around and in back of their dog.
4. **Directed Jumping:** The principal features of this exercise are that the dog goes away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring, stop, jump as directed, and return as in the Novice Recall. The orders are: “**Send your dog,**” “**Bar,**” “**High,**” and “**Finish.**” The jumps will be placed midway in the ring at right angles to the longest sides of the ring 18 to 20 feet apart.

The judge must see that the jumps are set at the required height for each dog, as described in the Retrieve over High Jump. The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring with the dog sitting in heel position, about 20 feet from the jumps and midway between them. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the unobstructed end of the ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely. The judge will order either “Bar” or “High” for the first jump, and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the handler over the designated jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as it returns. The dog will sit in front of the handler and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. After the dog has returned to heel position, the judge will say, “Exercise finished.” When the dog is set up for the second half of this exercise, the judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the order for the second part of the exercise. The same procedure will be followed for the second jump. It is optional which jump the judge first indicates, but both jumps must be included. The judge must not designate the jump until the dog has reached the far end of the ring.

UTILITY A/B OBEDIENCE	
Exercises	Maximum Points
1. Signal Exercises	40
2. Scent Discrimination - Leather	30
3. Scent Discrimination - Metal	30
4. Directed Retrieve - Glove	30
5. Moving Stand and Exam	30
6. Directed Jumping	40
TOTAL	200

1. **Signal Exercise:** The principal features of this exercise are the ability of dog and handler to work as a team while heeling and the dog’s correct response to the signals to stand, stay, down, sit and come. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. Orders are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash, except for the judge’s order to “**Stand your dog.**” This order will only be given when the dog and handler are walking at a normal pace and will be followed by the order to “**Leave your dog.**” The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish. Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free, except that handlers may use signals only and must not speak to their dogs at any time during this exercise. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to “**Stand your dog.**” On further order to “**Leave your dog,**” the handler will signal the dog to stay, go to the other end of the ring, then turn and face the dog. On the judge’s signal, the handler will give the signals to down, sit, come and finish as in the Novice Recall.
- 2-3 . **Scent Discrimination Leather and Metal:** The principal features of these exercises are the selection of the handler’s article from among the other articles by scent alone and the prompt delivery of the correct article to the handler. In each of these two exercises, the dog must select and retrieve an article that has been handled by its handler. The dog must make this

selection based on scent alone. The orders are: **“Take an article,”** The taking of the article from the handler, **“Send your dog,”** **“Take it,”** and **“Finish.”** The articles will be provided by the handler and will consist of both metal and leather. Each set of articles will be comprised of five identical objects, which may be items of everyday use. The size of the articles will be proportionate to the size of the dog. The metal set must be made entirely of rigid metal. The leather set must be made of leather. The articles may be unfinished, stained or dyed and must be designed so that only a minimum amount of fastening material is visible. The articles may display the person’s name, the dog’s call name, and/or the dog’s picture (or insignia). The articles in each set will be legibly numbered with a different number and must be approved by the judge. The handler will present all ten articles to the judge, who will make a written note of the numbers of the two articles they have selected. These articles will be placed on a table or chair within the ring until the handler picks each up separately when ordered by the judge. The judge or steward will handle each of the remaining eight articles while randomly arranging them on the floor or ground about six inches apart. The closest article should be about 20 feet from the handler and dog. The judge must make sure that the articles are visible to both dog and handler and that they are far enough apart so that there will be no confusion of scent among articles. Handlers may choose to watch the articles being placed or face away. After the articles have been placed the handler will face away from the articles with the dog sitting in heel position. The judge will ask, **“Are you ready?”** before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, **“Take an article,”** the scoring of the exercise will begin. The handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position, then take an article and return to heel position. The handler may use either article first but must hand it to the judge immediately when ordered. The judge will make certain handlers scent each article with their hands only.

Once the handler has returned to heel position with the article, the handler may talk to but not pet their dog. As the handler is scenting the article the judge will ask, **“What method will you be using to send your dog?”** The handler should respond with either **“After a sit”** or **“Send directly.”** At this time, the handler may inform the judge the procedure will be the same for both articles. If not informed, the judge will ask the question again for the next article. The judge’s taking of the article will be considered to be the second order. On the judge’s order, the handler will place the article on the judge’s book or worksheet. Without touching that article, the judge or steward will place it among the others. Once the judge takes the article from the handler, the handler is not permitted to talk to the dog. On order from the judge to **“Send your dog,”** the handler has the option as to how the dog is sent. The handler may give the command or signal to heel and will turn in place; either right or left, to face the articles. The handler will come to a halt with the dog sitting in the heel position. The handler will then give the command or signal to retrieve. Or the handler may do a right about-turn, simultaneously giving the command or signal to retrieve. In this case, the dog should not assume a sitting position but must go directly to the articles. Handlers may give their scent by extending the palm of one hand in front of the dog’s nose or gently touching the dog’s nose, but the arm and hand must be returned to a natural position before they turn and face the articles. The dog should go directly to the articles at a brisk trot or gallop. It may take any reasonable time to select the correct article but must work continuously. After picking up the correct article, the dog will complete the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat. This procedure will be followed for both articles. If a dog retrieves the wrong first article, that article and the correct one must be removed. They will be placed on the table or chair, and the next exercise will be done with one less article.

4. **Directed Retrieve – Glove:** The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay until directed to retrieve and that it complete the retrieve of the designated glove. The orders are: “**One,**” “**Two,**” or “**Three,**” “**Take it,**” and “**Finish.**” In this exercise the handler will provide three gloves that are predominately white. They may not have attachments but may display the person’s name, the dog’s call name, and/or the dog’s picture (or insignia). Titles may not be displayed. They must be open and must be approved by the judge. Handlers will stand with their backs to the unobstructed end of the ring midway between and in line with the jumps. The dog will be sitting in heel position. The judge or steward will drop the gloves across the end of the ring while the handler and dog are facing the opposite direction. One glove is dropped about three (3) feet in from each corner, and the remaining glove is dropped in the center, about three (3) feet from the end of the ring. The gloves will be designated “One,” “Two,” or “Three,” reading from left to right when the handler is facing the gloves. The judge will ask, “**Are you ready?**” before giving the first order. When the judge designates the glove by number, the handler will turn in place to face the glove, halting with the dog sitting in heel position. The handler may not touch the dog or reposition it. The handler will give the dog the direction to the designated glove with a single motion of the left hand and arm along the right side of the dog. Either simultaneously with or immediately following giving the direction, the handler must give a verbal retrieve command. The dog must then go directly to the glove, completing the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat. Handlers may bend their bodies and knees as far as necessary to give the direction to the dogs but must then stand up in a natural position with their arms and hands hanging naturally at their sides.

Judging Procedures: The judge should be certain the gloves are visible to the smallest and largest dogs. The judge may point to the designated glove at the same time they give the order. The direction the handler turns is at the option of the handler, no matter which glove is designated, but the dog should maintain heel position throughout the turn and sit at heel when the turn is completed. Giving the direction to the dog must be done with a single motion. When the motion stops, the direction is completed.

5. **Moving Stand for Examination:** The principal features of the exercise are that the dog heel, stand, and stay as the handler moves away, accept the examination without shyness or resentment, and return to the handler on command. The orders are: “**Forward,**” “**Stand your dog,**” and “**Call your dog to heel.**” The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler may command or signal the dog to heel. After the handler has proceeded about 10 feet, the judge will order “Stand your dog.” Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10 to 12 feet. The handler will then turn either to the right or left to face the dog, which must stand and stay in position. The judge will approach the dog from the front to examine it. The exam will consist of the judge gently using both hands in a single smooth motion beginning at the sides of the dog’s neck, proceeding along the body and ending at the dog’s croup. The exam will not include the head, teeth, legs, testicles, or tail. On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the heel position. The dog should return to heel position in a brisk manner. Judging Procedures: This exercise may be judged from the side while the dog and handler are heeling and until the dog is to be examined.

6. **Directed Jumping:** The principal features of this exercise are that the dog goes away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring, stop, jump as directed, and return as in the Novice Recall. The orders are: “**Send your dog,**” “**Bar,**” “**High,**” and “**Finish.**” The jumps will be placed midway in the ring at right angles to the longest sides of the ring 18 to 20 feet apart. The judge must see that the jumps are set at the required height for each dog, as described in the Retrieve over High Jump. The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring with the dog sitting in heel position, about 20 feet from the jumps and midway between them. The judge will ask “**Are you ready?**” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the unobstructed end of the ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely. The judge will order either “**Bar**” or “**High**” for the first jump, and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the handler over the designated jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as it returns. The dog will sit in front of the handler and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. After the dog has returned to heel position, the judge will say, “**Exercise finished.**” When the dog is set up for the second half of this exercise, the judge will ask, “**Are you ready?**” before giving the order for the second part of the exercise. The same procedure will be followed for the second jump. It is optional which jump the judge first indicates, but both jumps must be included. The judge must not designate the jump until the dog has reached the far end of the ring.

OBEDIENCE JUMPS

The **BROAD JUMP** will consist of four white telescoping hurdles, all about eight inches wide. The largest hurdle will measure about five feet long and about six inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size and should be evenly spaced. The Broad Jump will cover a distance equal to **twice the standard height of the High or Bar Jump setting for each dog**. Veteran dogs will jump 1/2 the required width for their class and must use the correct number of boards for the width being jumped:

- ***Four boards are used for 48-72 inches**
- ***Three boards are used for 28-44 inches**
- ***Two boards are used for 16-24 inches**
- ***One board is used for 8 inches.**

When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first. It is the judge’s responsibility to see that the distance jumped by each dog is in accordance with these regulations.

For the **HIGH JUMP**, jump heights shall be set in multiples of two inches with **no dog jumping less than four inches or more than 36 inches**. A jump height is determined by the height of the dog at the withers (see table for standard jump heights). The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of two inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the four-inch jump height. Dogs eligible for the four-inch jump height must be less than 7 1/2 inches at the withers. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. The minimum jump height for breeds listed below shall be set to three-quarters the dog’s actual height at the withers.

Standard Jump Height Table	
Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 7½"	4"
7½" to 9"	8"
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10"
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12"
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14"
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16"
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18"
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20"
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22"
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24"
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26"
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28"
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30"
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32"
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34"
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36"
Greater than 37"	36"

List of breeds approved for the three-quarter jump height

AKITA	DOGO ARGENTINO	NEWFOUNDLAND
BASSET HOUND	DOGUE DE BORDEAUX	NORWICH TERRIER
BERGAMASCO	ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOG	OTTERHOUND
BERNESE MTN DOG	FRENCH BULLDOG	PEKINGESE
BLACK RUSSIAN TERRIER	GLEN OF IMAAL TERRIER	PEMBROKE CORGI
BLOODHOUND	GRAND BASSET GRIFF VENDÉEN	PETIT BASSET GRIFF VENDÉEN
BOLOGNESE	GREAT DANE	PORT PODENGO
BORZOI	GREAT PYRENEES	PUG
BULLDOG	GREATER SWISS MTN DOG	SAINT BERNARD
BULLMASTIFF	IRISH WOLFHOUND	SCOTTISH TERRIER
CARDIGAN W CORGI	KISHU KEN	SEALYHAM TERRIER
CAUC SHEPHERD DOG	KOOIKERHONDJE	SHIH TZU
CHINESE SHAR-PEI	KUVASZ	SKYE TERRIER
CHOW CHOW	LAGOTTO ROMAGNOLI	SUSSEX SPANIEL
CLUMBER SPANIEL	LEONBERGER	SWEDISH VALLHUND
DACHSHUND	MASTIFF	THAI RIDGEBACK
DANDIE DINMONT TERRIER	NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF	W HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER

Three-Quarter Jump Height Table	
Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 10"	4"
10" to less than 12½"	8"
12½" to less than 15"	10"
15" to less than 17½"	12"
17½" to less than 20"	14"
20" to less than 23"	16"
23" to less than 25½"	18"
25½" to less than 28"	20"
28" to less than 31"	22"
31" to less than 33½"	24"
33½" to less than 36"	26"
36" to less than 39"	28"

4-H VETERAN OBEDIENCE CLASSES

The Veteran Obedience Division is an optional Division for any dog 7 years old or over who may no longer be able to jump the standard regulation height due to age, injury, joint issues, comfort, etc. Veteran Obedience Division dogs will be **required to jump ½ of their regulation jump height**. They will be required to perform all exercises in their class; jump height will be the only difference from the regular class. Once a veteran dog can no longer jump at least ½ their regulation jump height they must be moved to a veteran class that does not require jumping. It is the choice of the exhibitor, the exhibitor's parent, and the exhibitor's trainer and veterinarian as to giving a dog Veteran's designation. Veteran dogs will compete in the Obedience class the exhibitor chooses, from Novice up through Utility. A veteran dog may change Obedience classes in either direction each year as their health determines. If a dog is entered as a Veteran during a project year, they may go back to regular Obedience the following year; however, they must go back to the level they would have been competing at before they moved to veterans.

WITHERS	½ JUMP HEIGHTS
< 11"	4
11-13	5
13-15	6
15-17	7
17-19	8
19-21	9
21-23	10
23-25	11
25-27	12
27-29	13
29-31	14
31-33	15
33-35	16
35-37	17
> 37"	18

4-H Veterans Obedience Division Scores will be calculated as follows

- Novice: judge's score
- Pre-Grad-Novice: judge's score **plus 3 points**
- Grad Novice: judge's score **plus 6 points**
- Open: judge's score **plus 9 points**
- Grad Open: judge's score **plus 12 points**
- Utility: judge's score **plus 15 points**

