

Freshman Handler

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Obedience Level I

1. Each dog will begin with 50 points. Five points will be deducted for each failure. Dogs must retain a final score of 40 points to receive a Certificate of Completion for this level.
2. The dog is required to compete on a loose lead.
3. The dog may heel on the left or right side of the handler.
4. The dog must begin in a sitting position.
5. The handler must heel the dog through six weave poles.
6. The handler may use verbal and/or hand commands to direct the dog.

Obedience Level II

Points, scoring and task are the same as Obedience Level I with this exception:

1. The handler must heel the dog through twelve weave poles. The dog must sit at the finish mark.

Obedience Level III

Points, scoring and task are the same as Obedience Level II with this exception:

1. The handler must heel the dog through twelve weave poles. The dog must sit and then return back through the weave poles to the starting position and sit.

Agility Level I

1. Each dog begins with 50 points. Five points are deducted for each failure. Dogs must retain a final score of 40 points to receive a Certificate of Completion for this level.
2. The dog is required to compete on a loose lead.
3. The dog must heel on the left or right side of the handler.
4. In this trial, three bar jumps must be used.
(The jump height should be equivalent to the dogs' height at the withers.)
5. The dog must begin in a sitting position.
6. The handler must heel the dog to the obstacle and stop. When the Judge gives the OK, the handler must send the dog over the jump and stop. The judge will instruct the handler when to heel to the next obstacle.
7. When all obstacles are finished, the dog must heel to the finish mark, stop and sit.

Agility Level II

Points, scoring and task are the same as in Agility Level I with this exception:

1. In this trial, six bar jumps must be used.

Agility Level III

Points, scoring and task are the same as in Agility Level II with these exceptions:

1. In this trial, a tunnel must be used.
2. When handler and dog reach the tunnel, the Judge will give the OK for the handler to send the dog through the tunnel. The handler must meet the dog at the end of the tunnel and heel the dog to the next obstacle or to the finish mark.

Tracking Level I

1. This is a PASS/FAIL task. In order to earn a Certificate of Completion for this level, the dog must complete the task in order.
2. Dogs will compete on a long line (15-35ft.). A tracking harness may be used.
3. A live person must be tracked by the dog in this event.
4. A 25-yard straight track will be laid and the tracklayer will remain at end of track.
5. The dog is allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to track and find the tracklayer. One restart is allowed.
6. The dog must stay on track until the task is complete or until the maximum amount of time has elapsed.
7. The tracklayer must be found by the dog in a friendly manner.
8. Verbal encouragement by the handler is OK. The tracklayer is not allowed to encourage the dog.

Tracking Level II

Points, scoring and task are the same as in Tracking Level I with this exception:

1. A 50-yard straight track will be laid by the tracklayer where he will remain.

Tracking Level III

Points, scoring, and task are the same as in Tracking Level II with this exception:

1. A 100-yard straight track will be laid by the tracklayer where he will remain.