

Deduction Types

Minor	½ point 1 point	
Substantial/Major	2 or more points	**Indicated below as “Substantial”

General

- Behavior
 - o Dog exhibits fear, nervousness, timidity, uncontrolled behavior Minor
 - Note: Applies to in-between exercises as well as during exercises.*
 - o Dog leaves Ring between exercises (If handler is successful in calling the dog back) Substantial
 - o Dog leaving Ring during exercise Substantial to NQ
 - o Dog eliminates or becomes ill in Ring (Team will be excused from the ring) NQ
 - o Dog threatens handler, judge or spectator (Team will be excused from the ring) NQ
 - o Handler delivers harsh correction inside ring Substantial

- Cues
 - o Additional Cues (Verbal and/or Hand Signal) (except where noted not allowed at all) 3 points
 - o Type (Loud Verbal Cues, Tapping/Clapping) Minor to Substantial
 - Note: Handlers may not tap their legs or clap their hands as encouragement*

- Double Handling
 - o Attempt to Assist Team (Interference and/or double handling by exhibitors/spectators that is perceived to assist the team) NQ
 - o Attempt to Adversely Affect Team (Interference and/or double handling by Team may be offered repeat of performance) NQ

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exhibitors/spectators that is perceived to adversely affect the team)

- Food Rewards
 - o Dropping food 5 points
 - o Appearance of luring NQ
- Hand Positioning
 - o Lure Appearance NQ
 - o Holding Signal – Judge’s opinion hand signal is Held and appears to be used as a lure NQ
 - o Positioning – Handler does not return hand to a Natural position within a reasonable amount of time Minor to Substantial
- Praise – Unpleasant Minor to Substantial
- Transitioning Between Exercises
 - o Dog is not under verbal control between exercises (Open and Utility) Minor to Substantial

Pre Novice rules:

Format is the same as AKC with the exception of the Sits & Downs.

There is an honor sit or down – can be handlers choice. Extra command is a 3pt. deduction. It is performed while other handler does his on lead healing pattern.

Pre Novice is
On lead heeling
On lead figure 8
On lead recall
On lead stand for exam

Novice

1. On-Leash Heeling

- Leash – consistently tight NQ
- Pace
 - Failure to maintain pace change Minor to Substantial
 - Failure to change pace NQ
 - Handler consistently adapts to Dog's pace NQ
- Positioning Minor to Substantial
 - Out of Heel Position
 - Lagging
 - Wide
 - Crowding
 - Forging
- Sits – Poor sits at Halt Minor to Substantial
- Steward Distraction – dog shows signs of aggression, extreme fear, timidity or shyness towards steward NQ

2. Off-Leash Heeling - Figure 8

- Pace -- Handler consistently adapts to dog's pace NQ
- Positioning Minor to Substantial
 - Out of Heel Position
 - Lagging
 - Wide
 - Crowding
 - Forging
- Sits – Poor sits at Halt Minor to Substantial

3. Moving Stand for Exam

- Attitude
 - o Dog exhibits aggression NQ
 - o Dog exhibits timidity Minor to Substantial
- Cues
 - o Handler holds stand signal throughout exercise NQ
 - o Handler physically assists dog into the stand NQ

Note: handler can stack dog as in conformation

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- Movement
 - o Dog breaks Stand and goes to Handler NQ
 - o Dog breaks Stand to move away from judge NQ
 - o Dog breaks Stand to sit or lie down NQ
 - o Dog moves forward after instructed to Stay and Handler walks away Minor to Substantial
- 4. Recall Over Bar Jump**
- Jump
 - o Dog does not take jump NQ
 - o Dog knocks bar off jump NQ
 - o Dog uses bar as aid in going over jump NQ
 - o Dog touches bar without knocking it off Minor
 - Front/Finish
 - o Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - o Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - o Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - o Failure to sit on Finish Substantial
- 5. Honor Sit/Down**
- Additional cues 3 points
 - Dog barks/whines or attempts to interfere with working team NQ
- Note: Honor team excused from ring; working team given option to begin On-Leash Heeling pattern again
- Dog breaks position NQ
 - Dog exhibits aggression NQ
 - Food Reward prior to "Exercise Finished" NQ
 - Handler touches dog to sit/down NQ
 - Loud or Unpleasant Praise Substantial
 - Slight movement of dog once in position Minor

Open

1. Off-Leash Heeling

- Pace
 - Failure to maintain pace change Minor to Substantial
 - Failure to change pace NQ
 - Handler consistently adapts to Dog's pace NQ

- Positioning Minor to Substantial
 - Out of Heel Position
 - Lagging
 - Wide
 - Crowding
 - Forging

- Sits – Poor sits at Halt Minor to Substantial

- Steward Distraction – dog shows signs of aggression, extreme fear, timidity or shyness towards steward NQ

2. Running Broad Jump

- Jump
 - o Dog refuses/runs around jump NQ
 - o Dog steps on or in between board(s) NQ
 - o Dog does not return to handler after jump NQ
 - o Handler calls dog to Front before dog has cleared jump Minor

- Front/Finish
 - o Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - o Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - o Out of position sit Minor to Substantial
 - o Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - o Failure to sit on Finish Substantial

3. Drop on Recall

- Drop
 - o Dog does not drop to down on 1st cue NQ
 - o Dog does not remain in down till cued to continue NQ
 - o Slow response to Drop cue Minor to Substantial
 - o Slow response to recall cues Minor to Su

- Front/Finish
 - o Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - o Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - o Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - o Failure to sit on Finish Substantial

4. Retrieve on Flat

- Retrieve
 - o Dog does not go to retrieve dumbbell 1st cue NQ
 - o Dog anticipates cue and leaves before sent NQ
 - o Dog fails to retrieve dumbbell NQ
 - o Dog is slow to go out, return, and/or picking up dumbbell Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog drops dumbbell Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog refuses to release dumbbell on cue Minor to Substantial

- Front/Finish
 - o Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - o Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - o Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - o Failure to sit on Finish Substantial

5. Retrieve over High Jump

- Retrieve
 - o Dog does not go to retrieve dumbbell 1st cue NQ
 - o Dog anticipates cue and leaves before sent NQ
 - o Dog fails to retrieve dumbbell NQ
 - o Dog is slow to go out, return, and/or picking up dumbbell Minor to Substantial NQ
 - o Dog drops dumbbell Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog refuses to release dumbbell on cue Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog returns over jump without dumbbell NQ

- Jump
 - o Dog does not go over the jump NQ
 - o Dog uses jump as an aid NQ
 - o Dog knocks jump over NQ
 - o Dog touches jump Minor to Substantial

- Front/Finish
 - o Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - o Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - o Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - o Failure to sit on Finish Substantial

6. Go-Out, Turn and Sit

- Go-Out
 - o Dog anticipates handler's cue NQ
 - o Dog does not leave handler's side NQ
 - o Dog slow to leave, move towards other end of ring, or turn Minor to Substantial

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- Handler Return – Dog does not remain in position Minor to Substantial

- Sit Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog sits outside of the designated area Minor
 - o Dog turns but stands/lies down

- Turn NQ
 - o Dog does not turn NQ
 - o Dog turns on cue but returns to handler Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog turns outside of the designated area

Utility

1. Signals

- Cues
 - o Additional Hand Cue 3 points
 - o Verbal NQ
- Stand – Dog sits NQ
- Down – Dog does not down NQ
- Sit – Dog does not sit NQ
- Movement – Dog moves forward on stand, stay, down or sit elements Minor to Substantial
- Front/Finish
 - o Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - o Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - o Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - o Failure to sit on Finish Substantial

2. Scent Discrimination

- Articles
 - o Dog returns with incorrect one NQ
 - o Dog returns without one NQ
 - o Dog does not work continuously Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog drops incorrect and continues to search pile Minor
- Cues
 - o Handler gives *praise* while dog is working the article pile NQ
 - o Handler gives *additional cue* while dog is working the article pile. NQ
- Send
 - o “Turn and Sit”: Dog does not sit or goes directly Substantial
 - o “Send Directly”: Dog sits/does not go directly Substantial
- Retrieve
 - o Dog is slow to go out/return Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog drops article Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog refuses to release article on cue Minor to Substantial
- Front/Finish
 - o Crooked sits Minor to Substantial

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- Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
- Failure to sit in front Substantial
- Failure to sit on Finish Substantial

3. Directed Jumping

- Cues – Handler uses exaggerated body movements when cueing dog to jump Minor to Substantial
- Go-Out
 - Dog anticipates handler's cue to sit Minor to Substantial
 - Dog does not go out between the jumps NQ
 - Dog does not sit before being cued to jump Substantial
 - Dog does not stop at least ten feet past the jumps NQ
 - Dog stops/sits more than 3 feet off center Minor to Substantial
- Jump
 - Dog anticipates handler's cue to move forward NQ
 - Dog fails to move forward on cue NQ
 - Dog knocks the bar off the jump NQ
 - Dog knocks the jump over NQ
 - Dog refuses jump NQ
 - Dog takes the wrong jump NQ
 - Dog uses jump as an aid Substantial
- Front/Finish
 - Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - Failure to sit on Finish Substantial

4. Directed Retrieve

- Retrieve
 - Dog does not retrieve the correct glove NQ
 - Handler stops the dog's retrieve to re-direct dog NQ
 - Dog drops the glove Minor
 - Dog does not go to retrieve glove on 1st cue NQ
 - Dog anticipates cue and leaves before sent NQ
 - Dog fails to retrieve glove NQ
 - Dog refuses to release glove on cue Minor to Substantial
 - Dog is slow to go out, return, and/or picking up glove Minor to Substantial
- Turn
 - Turn is not in place Minor to Substantial
 - Turn does not result in team facing correct glove Minor to Substantial
 - Dog does not sit after turn and before being Substantial

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cued to retrieve

- Front/Finish
 - o Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - o Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - o Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - o Failure to sit on Finish Substantial

5. **Moving Stand and Examination**

- Attitude – dog displays fear or aggression NQ
- Movement on Stand
 - o Dog sits or lies down NQ
 - o Dog moves away from judge during exam NQ
 - o Dog walks away from place it was cued to stand NQ
 - o Dog moves slightly prior to, during, after exam Minor to Substantial
- Return – Dog does not come directly to heel position on cue Substantial

6. **Seek Back**

Utility B in Order #3 only

- Retrieve
 - o Dog does not retrieve the glove NQ
 - o Dog anticipates the cue to retrieve NQ
 - o Handler stops the dog's retrieve to re-direct dog NQ
 - o Dog drops the glove Minor
 - o Dog does not go to retrieve glove on 1st cue NQ
 - o Dog refuses to release glove on cue Minor to Substantial
 - o Dog is slow to go out, return, and/or picking up glove Minor to Substantial
- Front/Finish
 - o Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - o Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - o Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - o Failure to sit on Finish Substantial

Bonus: Go-Back and Retrieve

- *Utility B class only.*
 - o *Non-qualifying score does not negatively affect the team's overall score.*
 - o *Any points earned on this exercise are added to the team's overall score.*
- Retrieve
 - o Dog does not retrieve the correct glove NQ
 - o Handler stops the dog's retrieve to re-direct dog NQ

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- Dog is slow to go out, return, and/or picking up glove Minor to Substantial

- Go-Out
 - Dog anticipates handler's cue to sit Minor to Substantial
 - Dog stops/sits more than 3 feet off center Minor to Substantial

- Front/Finish
 - Crooked sits Minor to Substantial
 - Slowness to finish Minor to Substantial
 - Failure to sit in front Substantial
 - Failure to sit on Finish Substantial