



Obedience – Beginning Novice

Exercise & Total Points	Exercise Description	Exercise Scoring
HEEL ON LEASH AND FIGURE EIGHT (40)	Heel on Leash: Ability of handler and dog to follow judge's commands of forward, halt, right turn, left turn, about turn, normal, slow and fast. Figure 8: Handler may choose either direction and should go twice around with at least one halt during and another halt at the end of the exercise.	Minor – ½ to 2 ½ points deducted per occurrence Substantial - 3 to 5 points deducted per occurrence Major – 18 to 22 points deducted Extreme – 30 to 35 points deducted
STAND FOR EXAM OFF LEASH (30)	The handler stands the dog for the judge to examine. The handler stand the dog, leaves, stands 6 feet in front of the dog (off leash), facing the dog. The judge touches the dog's head, back and hindquarters only. The dog must remain in standing position without moving its feet and must show no shyness or resentment.	Minor – ½ to 2 ½ points deducted per occurrence Substantial - 3 to 5 points deducted per occurrence Major – 13 to 17 points deducted Extreme – 20 to 25 points deducted
GROOMING (25)	The judge examines the dog checking the coat, ears, eyes, toenails, and general absence of fleas, lice, mites, or ticks.	There is up to a 5 point maximum deduction for each item.
RECALL OFF LEASH (35)	The handler will command and/or signal the dog to wait, walk to a designated spot in front of the dog, turn and face the dog. The handler will call or signal the dog to come. The handler shall command the dog to go to heel position is optional. This exercise is done off leash.	Minor – ½ to 2 ½ points deducted per occurrence Substantial - 3 to 5 points deducted per occurrence Major – 15 ½ to 19 ½ points deducted Extreme – 25 to 30 points deducted
LONG SIT (1 MINUTE) OFF LEASH (35)	The dog is place in a sitting position for one minute off leash, with the handler in sight, without moving until the handler returns to heel position.	Minor – ½ to 2 ½ points deducted per occurrence Substantial - 3 to 5 points deducted per occurrence Major – 15 ½ to 19 ½ points deducted Extreme – 25 to 30 points deducted
LONG DOWN (3 MINUTES) OFF LEASH (35)	The dog is placed in a down position for three minutes off leash, with the handler in sight, without moving until the handler returns to heel position.	Minor – ½ to 2 ½ points deducted per occurrence Substantial - 3 to 5 points deducted per occurrence Major – 15 ½ to 19 ½ points deducted Extreme – 25 to 30 points deducted