



NORTH SHORE DOG TRAINING CLUB INC.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES FOR OBEDIENCE RIBBON TRIALS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

The following is a guideline for what is required to compete in obedience Ribbon Trials ("RT") and Championship shows ("Champ").

No bait (ie, food) or training aid (ie, toy) may be taken into the ring in any of these tests.

ELEMENTARY

- * This class is **held at RTs and Champ's**. It is a specials class. Not officially recognised by NZKC. It was brought about by clubs wanting to encourage that *"first step"* for beginning handlers.
- * Within Zone 1, it is run as per the rules in the Zone 1 Handbook. It does not need a NZKC judge.
- * Dogs and/or handlers that have been placed in a test higher than Special Beginners or qualified CD/CDX are ineligible. Dogs and/or handlers that have won Special Beginners once, or Elementary twice are also ineligible..

Most tests consist of:

Points

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| 1. | Heel course on lead only. Consists of two courses only: Course A: Forward, About Turn, About Turn, Right Turn, Right Turn, Right Turn, Halt Course B: Forward, Right Turn, Right Turn, About Turn, About Turn, Right Turn, Halt | 20 |
| 2. | Recall (no more than 8-10 paces away) | 10 |
| 3. | 30 second sit stay, handler in sight, facing dog | 10 |
| 4. | One minute down stay, handler in sight, facing dog | 20 |
| | TOTAL POINTS | 60 |

SPECIAL BEGINNERS

- * **Handlers and dogs** who have won a first in a Novice class or higher, or gained a CD/X certificate are not eligible to enter this class (Elementary excepted).
- * This test may be won twice (a win in a higher class counts as a SB win). However, once those two wins happen, the handler is ineligible to enter this class again. It is designed to help the beginning handler rather than the dog.
- * Handler may talk to and encourage their dog. However, touching dog or a tight lead will be penalised.

Points

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| 1. | Heel on lead, normal pace, with right/left/about turns | 15 |
| 2. | Heel off lead, same as above | 20 |
| 3. | Recall from sit or down position, with finish | 10 |
| 4. | One minute sit stay, handler in sight, facing dog | 10 |
| 5. | Two minute down stay, handler in sight, facing dog | 20 |
| | TOTAL POINTS | 75 |

NOVICE

- * This test may be won twice (a win in a higher class counts as a Novice win). Handler may talk to and encourage their dog. However, touching dog or a tight lead will be penalised.

| | <u>Points</u> |
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| 1. Heel on lead (as in Special Beginners) | 15 |
| 2. Heel off lead, same as above | 20 |
| 3. Recall (as in Special Beginners) | 10 |
| 4. Retrieve handler's dumb-bell | 25 |
| 5. One minute sit stay, handler in sight, facing away from dog | 10 |
| 6. Two minute down stay, handler in sight, facing away from dog | 20 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 100 |

TEST A

- * This test may be won four times before exemption.

| | <u>Points</u> |
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| 1. Heel on lead (as in Special Beginners). Handler only allowed to give one simultaneous command and signal when moving from halt and at each halt | 20 |
| 2. Heel off lead, same as above | 20 |
| 3. A-Recall from sit or down position | 10 |
| 4. Retrieve handler's dumb-bell. Handler not permitted to command dog to sit when presenting | 25 |
| 5. One minute sit stay, handler in sight, facing away from dog | 10 |
| 6. Five minute down stay, handler out of sight | 30 |
| 7. Scent discrimination, handler's own scent cloths | 30 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 145 |

TEST B

- * This test may be won four times before exemption.

| | <u>Points</u> |
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| 1. Heel off lead, with slow/normal/fast paces, more intricate turns. Handler may command at start, but nothing at halts | 40 |
| 2. Send-away, drop and recall | 40 |
| 3. Retrieve handler's wooden dumb-bell (as in Test A) | 25 |
| 4. One minute stand stay, handler in sight but facing away | 10 |
| 5. Two minute sit stay, handler out of sight | 20 |
| 6. Ten minute down stay, handler out of sight | 50 |
| 7. Scent discrimination, handler is given scent cloths | 40 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 225 |

TEST C

- * This test may be entered unlimited times by any competitor.
- * Two Obedience Challenge Certificates are offered for this test; one for the winner and one for the second place-getter, provided that no more than 10 points out of 300 are lost.
- * An Obedience Champion title (OB.CH) will be awarded to a dog that obtains three Challenge Certificates under three different judges, with one of them being for first place.
- * An Obedience Grand Champion title (OB.GR.CH) will be awarded to a dog that obtains 20 Challenge Certificates, five being on 295 points or over and ten being for first place.

- * An OB.CH may enter a RT Test C for points only. However, there is provision in the NZKC rules for an OB.CH class to be held at a RT Test C, offering a separate ribbon, but held within that test. Club must give prior notice that they will be doing this.

| | <u>Points</u> |
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| 1. Heel off lead, with slow/normal/fast paces, more intricate turns, 'advanced' heelwork. Handler may command at start, but nothing at halts | 60 |
| 2. Send-away, drop and recall (as in Test B) | 40 |
| 3. Retrieve any article Judge provides | 30 |
| 4. Distant control | 50 |
| 5. Two minute sit stay (as for Test B) | 20 |
| 6. Ten minute down stay (as for Test B) | 50 |
| 7. Scent discrimination, handler is given Judge's scent cloths | 50 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 300 |

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIBBON TRIAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP TESTS

- Ribbon trials should be regarded as 'training' for the Champ tests. Even though you will be penalised for tight leads, dog handling etc, if you let the dog work at a standard that you would not accept in class, then the dog will learn very quickly that, when he is between 'ropes', he can do what he likes. Therefore, it is important that the dog is "trained" (if needed), whether it be a champ or a RT. You are aiming towards the dog working happily and well, whether it is a champ or a RT.
- RT's may be entered on the day.
- You do not have to be a member of the NZKC to enter a RT.
- Champ shows generally have a higher number of entries and the judging standard may be stricter.
- Champ shows are pre-entered on NZKC forms which are available from the Club Secretary, the Kennel Gazette or the NZKC.
- You must be a member of the NZKC to enter a champ show and all entry forms must show your 'NZKC registration' number and your dog's 'obedience' or 'breed' registration number.

If your dog is not 'breed' registered, you must apply for an 'obedience' registration number. If your dog is 'breed' registered, then you do not need to apply for a separate 'obedience' registration number.

To apply for both NZKC membership and breed/obedience membership, please see the secretary of the Club. Application can take up to six weeks, so be sure to apply well in advance of the champ show you wanted to enter. For your membership, you will receive a monthly magazine called NZ Dog World which publishes, among other items, up-coming champ shows during the year.

- If you get a first placing in any class in a **champ** show, that will disqualify you from competing in that equivalent class (or lower) in a **RT**.

For example:

A win in Novice champ will knock you out of Novice and Special Beginners RT.

A win in Test B champ will knock out one of your four possible wins in Test A & B RT, as well as a Test A champ, etc.

The reverse does not apply.

Please do not hesitate to ask your instruction if you have any queries.