

# COMPANION DOG (CD) TRIALS (OBEDIENCE)

***The following extracts have been copied directly from the NZKC Dog Obedience Regulations:***

**New Zealand Kennel Club Membership:** Competitors at a Companion Dog Trial must be a member of the New Zealand Kennel Club.

**Handlers:** Handlers of a dog at a Companion Dog Trial, if not the competitor, must be a member of the New Zealand Kennel Club.

**Registration of Dogs:** All dogs entering in a Companion Dog Trial must be registered with the New Zealand Kennel Club, in the name of the competitor on either Part I (the purebred register) or Part II of the New Zealand Kennel Club Register of dogs.

**Official Entry Form:** All entries in any Companion Dog Trial, must be on the official New Zealand Kennel Club entry form.

## **Companion Dog Trials Awards**

The following awards can be conferred on dogs who are awarded the appropriate Trials Cards at a Companion Dog Trial:

- Companion Dog Bronze (CD Bronze)
- Companion Dog Excellent Bronze (CDX Bronze)
  
- Companion Dog Silver (CD Silver)
- Companion Dog Excellent Silver (CDX Silver)
  
- Companion Dog Gold (CD Gold)
- Companion Dog Excellent Gold (CDX Gold)

After a dog has been awarded a Trials Card at a Companion Dog Trial, this should be forwarded to the New Zealand Kennel Club. The award shall then be recorded and a certificate of achievement issued.

Until the certificate has been issued by the New Zealand Kennel Club, the dog is not entitled to use the title.

**Fouling:** Ring fouling of any description by a dog shall be penalized by the loss of 30 points from the total score for the test being conducted.

**Withdrawal From Trial:** The handler must inform the Trials Judge if they intend to withdraw from the trial once they have commenced running in the trial.

**Qualification Points:** A minimum score of 50% in each exercise is compulsory. For a CD degree 75% of the total points is required or for a CDX degree 90% of the total points is required.

## COMPANION DOG TRIAL - CD BRONZE

Exercise	Points
<p><b>Temperament Test:</b> Dog is left standing while handler walks no less than five paces away. Judge to make short examination of dog as for show ring. A word or two of assurance/command may be given by handler as Judge approaches dog.</p>	15
<p><b>Heel Free:</b> The same course pattern shall be applied for all CD Bronze trials. Handler shall be permitted to give one simultaneous command and signal as an order for dog to sit at each halt and when moving from each halt as an order for the dog to heel.</p>	20
<p><b>Recall from Sit or Down position at handler's choice:</b> When told to leave dog, handler to walk in a clockwise circle. Steward to give command "Call your dog" while handler is walking away from dog. Handler is to recall dog to heel, and both continue walking until ordered to halt.</p>	10
<p><b>Retrieve handler's wooden or synthetic dumb-bell:</b> Handler not permitted to command dog to sit when it presents the dumb-bell, but is permitted to give a word of command to release it.</p>	25
<p><b>Drop on recall:</b> Course is to be approximately 17 metres in length. On command from steward; the handler will leave dog either in the sit or down position and walk to the end of the course. On steward's command, handler will call dog, and give command for dog to drop approximately half way. After 10 seconds, the steward will order the handler to recall dog and finish exercise. Of paramount consideration is that the dog promptly obeys the command to drop, but it should be within approximately three dog lengths.</p>	15
<p><b>Stand one minute:</b> Handler in sight and facing away from their dog, at no less than 10 paces. Handler may give one simultaneous command and signal as an order for the dog to stay immediately after the steward's command "Last Command". On return to their dog, handler is to walk around their dog to the heel position. Timing commences on steward's command "Leave your dog", and ends on steward's command "Exercise finished". Dog must remain standing for the first 30 seconds to qualify.</p>	15
<p><b>Sit one minute:</b> Handler in sight; facing away from their dog, at no less than 10 paces. Handler may give one simultaneous command and signal as an order for the dog to stay immediately after the steward's command "Last Command". On return to their dog, handler is to walk around their dog to the heel position. Timing commences on steward's command "Leave your dog", and ends on steward's command "Exercise finished". Dog must remain sitting for the first 30 seconds to qualify.</p>	15
<p><b>Down five minutes:</b> Handler out of sight. Handler may give one simultaneous command and signal as an order for the dog to stay immediately after the steward's command "Last Command". On return to their dog, handler is to walk around their dog to the heel position. Timing commences on steward's command "Leave your dog", and ends on steward's command "Exercise finished". Dog must remain down for first the 2 minutes 30 seconds to qualify.</p>	30
<p><b>Scent Discrimination:</b> Handlers scent (not perfume) on handler's cloth, no less than 150mm x 150mm and no more than 200mm x 200mm. Eight cloths of varying colours and textures provided by the club, and the handler's cloth, are to be placed in a rough circle. Decoy cloths are not permitted. Handler is permitted to see where their cloth is placed, but their dog must be turned away from the cloth. Dog must be facing the cloths before the steward gives the command "In you own time, send your dog". Handler to stand upright before giving the command to scent. After dog passes a point (scent area) defined by the judge and communicated to the handler, no further command is permitted until it passes the scent area on the way back with the correct cloth. Handler is not permitted to command their dog to sit, when it presents the cloth. However,</p>	

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handlers are permitted to give a word of command, as an order to the dog to release the cloth. Timing commences when the handler commands their dog to find the cloth, and ends when the dog sits in front of the handler with the correct cloth. Time limit to complete the exercise is 90 seconds.	30
<b>Total points</b>	<b>175</b>

## COMPANION DOG TRIAL - CD SILVER

<b>Exercise</b>	<b>Points</b>
<p><b>Heel Free:</b> From a selection of three mandatory heel course options, the judge shall choose a singular heelwork course. The same course is to be completed by all competitors entered for that trial. Except where outlined for Sendaway, Stay and Scent exercises, one command by word or signal shall be permitted when moving forward from each halt and at any change of pace. No command is permitted as an order for the dog to sit at each halt.</p>	40
<p><b>Sendaway:</b> Dog must be sent straight out from handler, (but NOT corner to corner), a distance of no less than 18 metres, to an area marked with 3-4 markers, clearly visible to dogs and handlers. Markers are to be either coloured soccer tees or coloured cones; supplied by the hosting Region; and used to define a Sendaway drop area of no less than 1.5 meters square. After dog has been dropped, handler will walk to the Sendaway area, about turn, and recall (upon steward's command), their dog to heel, whilst walking away from the Sendaway area. Both will continue forward until ordered to halt. No obstacle is to be placed in the path of dog or handler. A simultaneous command and signal is permitted in sending the dog.</p>	40
<p><b>Retrieve:</b> Judge shall predetermine, from a selection of five different articles provided by the Region, which article is to be used for the impending trial. Approved articles are: Preserving ring; 20cm hose pipe; Piece of rope tied in a knot; Rolled and banded newspaper; Soft fabric novelty (soft toy). A separate identical article must be used for each dog. The same identical article must be used by all competitors entered for that trial. Handler not permitted to command dog to sit when it presents the article, but is permitted to give a word of command to release it.</p>	25
<p><b>Sit two minutes:</b> Handler out of sight. Handler may give one simultaneous command and signal as an order for the dog to stay immediately after the steward's command "Last Command". On return to their dog, handler is to walk around their dog to the heel position. Timing commences on steward's command "Leave your dog", and ends on steward's command "Exercise finished". Dog must remain sitting for the first 60 seconds to qualify.</p>	10
<p><b>Down ten minutes:</b> Handler out of sight. Handler may give one simultaneous command and signal as an order for the dog to stay immediately after the steward's command "Last Command". On return to their dog, handler is to walk around their dog to the heel position. Timing commences on steward's command "Leave your dog", and ends on steward's command "Exercise finished". Dog must remain down for first the 5 minutes to qualify.</p>	40
<p><b>Scent Discrimination:</b> From a selection of three mandatory scent pattern options, judge shall choose one to be completed by all competitors entered for that trial. Cloths of varying colours and textures, provided by the club are to be used for the chosen pattern. Cloths of the same colour and texture are to be used as decoy cloths. One or two cloths (at handlers choice), of the same colour and texture for each handler, is to be given to the handler upon their entry to the ring. Simultaneously, two decoy cloths are prepared. Separate decoy and handler's cloths are to be used for each dog. Cloths are</p>	

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<p>to be no less than 150mm x 150mm and no more than 200mm x 200mm. Handler is not permitted to give the cloth going into the scent area to their dog. Handler permitted to see where cloth is placed, but dog must be turned away from cloth. Dog must be facing the cloths before the steward gives the command "In you own time, send your dog". Handler to stand upright before giving the command to scent. After dog passes a point (scent area) defined by the judge and communicated to the handler, no further command is permitted until it passes the scent area on the way back with the correct cloth. Handler is not permitted to command their dog to sit, when it presents the cloth. However, handlers are permitted to give a word of command, as an order to the dog to release the cloth. Timing commences when the handler commands their dog to find the cloth, and ends when the dog sits in front of the handler with the correct cloth. Time limit to complete the exercise is 90 seconds.</p>	40
<b>Total points</b>	<b>195</b>

## COMPANION DOG TRIAL - CD GOLD

<b>Exercise</b>	<b>Points</b>
<p><b>Heel Free:</b> From a selection of three mandatory heel course options, the judge shall choose a singular heelwork course. The same course is to be completed by all competitors entered for that trial. No command is permitted as an order for the dog to sit at each halt. When moving from a halt, and when returning to a dog left in the advanced stand; sit; or down position, handler may give a single command as an order for the dog to heel.</p>	60
<p><b>Sendaway:</b> Dog must be sent straight out from handler, a distance of no less than 18 metres, to an area marked with 1-4 markers, clearly visible to dogs and handlers. Markers are to define a Sendaway drop area of no less than 1.5 square meters. After dog has been dropped, handler will walk toward their dog as directed by the judge, and recall (upon steward's command), their dog to heel, whilst walking away from the Sendaway area. Both will continue forward until ordered to halt. No obstacle is to be placed in the path of dog or handler. A simultaneous command and signal is permitted in sending the dog.</p>	40
<p><b>Retrieve:</b> Any one article provided by the judge. Articles must be easy to pick up; clearly visible to any breed of dog, and must not be hazardous to the dog. A separate identical or similar article must be used for each dog. Handler not permitted to command dog to sit when it presents the article, but is permitted to give a word of command to release it.</p>	30
<p><b>Distant Control:</b> From a distance of no less than ten places from their dog, the handler is, upon command from the steward, to instruct their dog to sit; stand; or down. In an order predetermined by the judge, six instructions are to be given, in the same order for each dog. Should a dog fail to achieve the correct position commanded, repeated commands must be given until the position is achieved.</p>	50
<p><b>Scent Discrimination:</b> From a selection of three mandatory scent pattern options, judge shall choose one to be completed by all competitors entered for that trial. Cloths of varying colours and textures, provided by the club are to be used for the chosen pattern. Cloths of the same colour and texture are to be used as decoy cloths. Judge is to provide each handler with a cloth of the same colour and texture after an identical cloth is placed in the scent pattern. Method of taking the judge's scent cloth is at handler's discretion, but judges retain the right to refuse any physical contact with the handler's dog. Two decoy scented cloths are placed in the scent pattern at the same time as the judge's first cloth is placed. Separate decoy and judge's cloths are to be used for each dog. Cloths are to be no less than 150mm x 150mm and no more than</p>	

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<p>200mm x 200mm. Handler permitted to see where cloth is placed, but dog must be turned away from cloth. Dog must be facing the cloths before the steward gives the command "In you own time, send your dog". Handler to stand upright before giving the command to scent. After dog passes a point (scent area) defined by the judge and communicated to the handler, no further command is permitted until it passes the scent area on the way back with the correct cloth. Handler is not permitted to command their dog to sit, when it presents the cloth. However, handlers are permitted to give a word of command, as an order to the dog to release the cloth. Timing commences when the handler commands their dog to find the cloth, and ends when the dog sits in front of the handler with the correct cloth. Time limit to complete the exercise is 60 seconds.</p>	50
<b>Total points</b>	<b>230</b>