

New Zealand Kennel Club (Inc.)

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Mandatory Penalties Applicable for Companion Dog Trials

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All Exercises

In all exercises extra commands or signals will incur a penalty of 1 point. An extra command must be given to a dog failing to obey an order. After three such commands dog will be deemed to have failed the exercise.

Unless otherwise specified, to attain uniformity, judges will instruct stewards to leave dogs in position for as near as possible to five seconds between each command.

Temperament Test:

- A dog which snaps at judge will be disqualified.

Heel Free:

- Slight lagging - minimum of 0.5 point after each steward's command.
- Continuous lagging - minimum of 1 point after each steward's command.
- Wide turns – 0.5 points
- Extremely wide turns - 1 point.
- Handler adapting pace to suit dog - 1 point.
- Failure to change pace – failure of exercise
- Slow sit - 0.5-1 point depending on degree.
- Crooked sit - 0.5 point.
- Extremely crooked sit - 1 point.
- Failure to attain advanced heel position on first command – 4 points.
- Failure to attain advanced heel position on first extra command – 6 points.
- Failure to attain advanced heel position on second extra command –
8 points.
- Failure to attain advanced heel position on third extra command – failure
of exercise

Drop on Recall:

- Dog not dropping within three dog lengths after command to do so is given
– 5-10 points, depending on degree.

Sendaway:

- Dogs dropped in an area greater than 6 meters from the designated
Sendaway box – failure of exercise.
- Anticipation - 1-5 points depending on degree.
- Extra command – minimum of 1 point.
- Dog looking back – minimum of 1 point.
- Dog stopping – 1 point.

Retrieve:

- Anticipation - 1-5 points depending on degree
- Untidy pickup of dumbbell/article – minimum of 1 point.
- Mouthing of dumbbell/article – minimum of 1 point.
- Dropping Dumbbell/Article – minimum of 1 point.
- Failing to make a prompt return with dumbbell/article – minimum of 1 point.
- Failure to deliver dumbbell/article to hand – minimum of 5 points.

Distance Control:

- For each of the six changes of position, penalties shall be as follows:
- Failure to achieve position on first command – 4 points.
- Failure to achieve position on second command – 8 points.
- Movement from dogs original placement – minimum of 1 point per half dogs body length, in any direction.
- Handler leaving their command position prior to all six positions has been achieved by their dog – failure of exercise.

Sit, Stand, Down Stay:

- Points for each will be divided by length of time of stay.

Scent Discrimination:

- Anticipation – 1 – 5 points depending on degree.
- Mouthing of cloth – minimum of 1 point.
- Dropping cloth – minimum of 1 point.
- Failing to make a prompt return with cloth – minimum of 1 point.
- Failure to deliver cloth to hand – minimum of 5 points.
- If any command is given after dog reaches scent area and before they pass the scent area upon returning to handler with correct cloth – failure of exercise.
- Dog brings wrong cloth out of scent area – failure of exercise.
- Dog brings wrong cloth out of scent area in addition to correct cloth - failure of exercise.
- Dog fails to return and sit in front of handler with correct cloth within prescribed time limit - failure of exercise.

Other faults:

All other faults will be penalized at judge's discretion.