



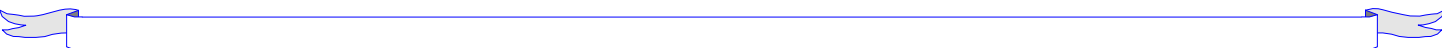
AKC

Obedience

Exhibitor Briefing Sheets

**I post these next to my heeling pattern and
Exercise Order Sheets (Open/Utility)**

Novice A Briefing Sheet For Exhibitors
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Novice A Judge's Briefing

On June 1, 2005, the American Kennel Club added a new obedience regulation.

Chapter 2, Section 1:

*"In the Novice A class, a 15-minute walk-through **prior to the start of the class**, will be allowed for handlers without their dogs. The judge must be available in the ring during this period to brief the handlers and answer any questions they might have."*

Every time you show in Novice A, you can expect a 15-minute walk-through.

Remember to check your Judging Program so you know when the Novice A class starts so you won't miss the walk-through and the opportunity to ask the judge questions about scoring or procedures.

Today's Tidbits of Information

- 1) I have my heeling pattern posted outside the ring as a visual reference. You may walk the pattern in the ring during the briefing period. I will also have the steward walk the pattern right before the starting of the class. If you do walk the pattern, please be aware not to disturb the dogs and handlers in the adjacent rings.
- 2) I am assuming you have read the **AKC Obedience Regulations** that pertain to the Novice A class since you signed the entry form saying you have done so.
- 3) If there is a question you have, or an area you would like clarified, now is the time to ask. I am here to help make this a positive experience for you and your dog. I still show dogs too and, yes, I get anxious when showing in the ring. With that said, there are a few things I would like you to keep foremost in your mind today:
 - a. **In the world order of things, this is JUST a dog show** and there are more to come in the weeks ahead. Thank goodness, as it takes 3 qualifying scores for a CD title.
 - b. **Learn from today**, and if things need a little tweaking that is okay. Don't overlook the parts that were up to, or exceeded, your expectations. Remember, most of the dogs in the world can't even come close to what you are accomplishing with your dog today. Feel good about that, take your dog out to dinner and celebrate!
 - c. **Today is a day of memories in the making** so enjoy today's outing with your dog! With those thoughts in mind, plus good sportsmanship, you are entering into the wonderful sport of Obedience. Momentarily, you may feel it is like entering the Twilight Zone but that will pass!
- 4) After the class is over and the awards are presented, I encourage you to come back and discuss your performance. IF by chance you lost points from a perfect 200 score, it might benefit your future performances knowing where the points came off today. NEVER assume it is always the dog that lost the points. Obedience is a TEAM sport and you know who the other half of the team is!

Good Luck at today's show and the ones that will follow!

Judge: John Cox



Novice Judge's Briefing Notes



Today's Tidbits of Information:

- 1) Please check in with the Steward and pick up your armband *before* the class starts. In doing so, I will be better able to determine when we will break for Groups.
- 2) If you have a potential conflict, please let the Steward know now. I will try and work with you if at all possible.
- 3) Before the class starts, I will show the starting location for the different exercises.
- 4) The heeling pattern is posted. I will also walk a Steward through the pattern as a visual, plus you will also be able to see where I will be during the heeling exercise.
- 5) If you have a question, or an area you would like clarified, now is the time to ask. I am here to help make this a positive experience for you and your dog. I still show dogs too and, yes, I get anxious when showing in the ring. With that said, there are a few things I would like you to keep foremost in your mind today:
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 - c. **Today is a day of memories in the making** so enjoy today's outing with your dog! With those thoughts in mind, plus good sportsmanship, enjoy this ring time with your dog in the wonderful sport of Obedience. Momentarily, you may feel it is like entering the Twilight Zone but that will pass!

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Judge: John Cox



Open Judge's Briefing Notes



Today's Tidbits of Information:

- 1) Please check in with the Steward and pick up your armband *before* the class starts. In doing so, I will be better able to determine when we will break for Groups.
- 2) If you have a potential conflict, please let the Steward know now. I will try and work with you if at all possible.
- 3) Before the class starts, I will show the starting location for the different exercises.
- 4) The heeling pattern is posted. I will also walk a Steward through the pattern as a visual, plus you will also be able to see where I will be during the heeling exercise.
- 5) If you have a question, or an area you would like clarified, now is the time to ask. I am here to help make this a positive experience for you and your dog. I still show dogs too and, yes, I get anxious when showing in the ring. With that said, there are a few things I would like you to keep foremost in your mind today:
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Judge: John Cox



Utility Judge's Briefing Notes



Today's Tidbits of Information:

- 1) Please check in with the Steward and pick up your armband *before* the class starts.
- 2) If you have a potential conflict, please let the Steward know now. I will try and work with you if at all possible. The Directed Retrieve Gloves were *pre-assigned* a week ago so moving out of order will not affect your assigned glove.
- 3) Before the class starts, I will show the starting location for the different exercises.
- 4) The heeling pattern is posted. I will also walk a Steward through the pattern as a visual, plus you will also be able to see where I will be during the Signal Exercise.
- 5) Double-check your article bag to make sure there are **10** articles and **3** predominately white gloves.
- 6) If you have a question, or an area you would like clarified, now is the time to ask. I am here to help make this a positive experience for you and your dog. I still show dogs too and, yes, I get anxious when showing in the ring. With that said, there are a few things I would like you to keep foremost in your mind today:
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Judge: John Cox