



AKC
Stewarding Packet
All Classes

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Stewards - The Little Things Can Make A Difference

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A Steward is an integral part of a dog show's success. Most of these folks volunteer their time to the sport and without them the show would grind to a "Halt."

In the Obedience ring a Steward CAN make a big difference in how efficiently a ring functions. Their actions can also have an effect on the performance of the dog in the ring. Stewards are mentioned in the Obedience Regulations in CHAPTER 1, SECTION 31. The Section reads:

"The Judge is in sole charge of his ring until his assignment is completed. Stewards are provided to assist him, but they may act only on the Judge's instructions. Stewards shall not give information or instructions to owners and handlers except as specifically instructed by the Judge, and then only in such a manner that it is clear that the instructions are those of the Judge."

This is all fine and dandy IF the Judge gives instructions. I have stewarded at trials where the Judge just introduces himself and THAT IS IT for the instructions. Or, the instructions are SO FEW one is still left in the dark as to what the Judge is expecting. In such a case, **ASK QUESTIONS** before the class starts. Such a Judge should be put on the spot as to what will be required of the Stewards. The exhibitors are the ones to be kept in mind, as they will benefit from a knowledgeable Steward. Let's not forget that the handler and the dog are the IMPORTANT ones for the day. A few things a Steward will need to know **BEFORE** the class starts are:

NOVICE

1. How does the Judge want to handle conflicts
2. About how many dogs in each Group
3. Where are handlers and dogs to be brought into the ring
4. Where is the Figure Eight to be performed and how and where are the Stewards to stand
5. Who takes the leash after the Heel on Leash
6. Does the Judge need the clipboard held during the Stand for Examination
7. Is the Steward to bring the leash to the handler after the last exercise
8. Where are the Stewards to stand during the Groups
9. What do the Stewards do when a dog "breaks" during the Groups
10. What instructions, if any, are to be given by the Stewards to the handlers

OPEN

1. The above Novice items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 again apply.
2. What is the Steward to do with the dumbbell before and after the retrieves?
3. Where are the extra boards from the High Jump and extra Broad Jump hurdles to be placed when not being used by some dogs.

UTILITY

The above Novice items 1, 3, 7, and 10 again apply

The above Open item 3 applies in regards to the High Jump

1. How are the scent articles to be handled when the handler brings them to the table
2. Where are the scent articles to be placed in the ring and how does the Judge want them arranged
3. What instructions are given in placing the gloves and picking up the remaining gloves
4. What is the Steward to do during the Moving Stand and Examination

The Judge is in sole charge of the way he/she wants the ring conducted, but if this is NOT conveyed to the Stewards the first several handlers may be entering a "zoo" instead of an Obedience ring. If the Judge does not give instructions, or if they are vague -- **ASK QUESTIONS BEFORE the first team enters the ring.**

When acting as a Steward, keep these few things in mind and you will be much appreciated by the handlers and Judge:

1. Be knowledgeable of the class one is asked to steward
2. Arrive **at least one-half hour before** the start of judging to assist in setting up the ring and receiving instructions.
3. **Pay attention to the dog in the ring.** Be ready when the Judge and handler need the Steward's assistance. For example, know the heeling pattern in Novice and Open and when it ends. This way one will be ready to immediately respond for the Figure Eight posts. When a dog and handler have to wait for Stewards, it breaks up their pace and can affect their performance. Being ready when needed will save a considerable amount of time during the day, plus the handlers like the opportunity to get in and out of the ring in an efficient manner. Try to give total attention to the dog and handler in the ring, and if other handlers have questions they can be answered in "off" time.
The dog and handler in the ring come first.
4. After the last individual exercise, if not instructed differently by the Judge, take the leash to the handler. This is not only a courteous action, but it may help prevent the handler in Open and Utility from taking hold of the collar and guiding the dog to the table.
5. During the Figure Eight exercise, don't stare at the dog. Some dogs may interpret this wrong and thus affect their performance. However Stewards hold their hands during the Figure Eight, be consistent for all dogs.
6. In Open, if asked to bring the dumbbell to the handler, carry the dumbbell in a way in which not to excite the dog. Many dogs love to retrieve and if a Steward swings the dumbbell around while walking out to the handler, the dog could lose control and thus be subject to a penalty.
7. In Utility, **MAKE SURE** the dog is watching **BEFORE DUMPING** out and arranging the scent articles.
8. When placing the articles, just handle them enough to arrange them per the Judge's instructions. The Regulations call for the Steward or Judge to **HANDLE** each of the remaining eight articles -- this does NOT imply to "SCENT" the articles. Also, the Steward placing the articles should **beware of a foreign scent on their hands** such as cigarette smoke or food. The scent given when handling the articles should be consistent for all dogs.
9. Concentrate on placing the gloves correctly. Make sure they are on the Judge's mark. If no mark or instructions are given, the center glove is to be centered between dog and handler and about 3 feet from the side of the ring. The corner gloves are to be placed about 3 feet from each side of the ring in the corner. The Directed Retrieve is done in the unobstructed end of the ring, and the **gloves are only to be placed while the dog and handler are facing away**. No table or chair is to be at this end of the ring.

The job of a Steward is not one to take lightly. Know what the Judge requires--think ahead and be ready when needed to save time. The Judge and, most important, the handlers will appreciate the effort.

Jump Chart

(Chapter 4, Section 11)

Breeds That Jump Once the Height of Dog at the Withers

Measured height nearest multiple of 2" to the height of the dog's withers.



Chart For Once the Height at the Withers

<u>Height to be Jumped</u>	<u>Broad Jump Hurdles</u>	<u>High Jump Chart Board Combinations</u>
4"	(8) 1	4" = 4
8"	(16) 2	8" = 8
10"	(20) 2	10" = 8 + 2
12"	(24) 2	12" = 8 + 4
14"	(28) 3	14" = 8 + 4 + 2
16"	(32) 3	16" = 8 + 8
18"	(36) 3	18" = 8 + 8 + 2
20"	(40) 3	20" = 8 + 8 + 4
22"	(44) 3	22" = 8 + 8 + 4 + 2
24"	(48) 4	24" = 8 + 8 + 8
26"	(52) 4	26" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 2
28"	(56) 4	28" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 4
30"	(60) 4	30" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 4 + 2
32"	(64) 4	32" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 8
34"	(68) 4	34" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 2
36"	(72) 4	36" = 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 4

Chart For 3/4 the Height at the Withers

<u>Measured Height</u>	<u>Height to Jump</u>	<u>Broad Jump</u>
Less than 10"	4"	(8) 1
10 to less than 12 1/2"	8"	(16) 2
12 1/2 to less than 15"	10"	(20) 2
15 to less than 17 1/2"	12"	(24) 2
17 1/2 to less than 20"	14"	(28) 3
20 to less than 23"	16"	(32) 3
23 to less than 25 1/2"	18"	(36) 3
25 1/2 to less than 28"	20"	(40) 3
28 to less than 31"	22"	(44) 3
31 to less than 33 1/2"	24"	(48) 4
33 1/2 to less than 36"	26"	(52) 4
36 to less than 39"	28"	(56) 4



Broad Jump: To cover a distance equal to TWICE the height of the High Jump

4 hurdles shall be used for a jump of 48" to 72"
 3 hurdles shall be used for a jump of 28" to 44"
 2 hurdles shall be used for a jump of 16" to 24"
 1 hurdle shall be used for a jump of 8"

When decreasing the number of hurdles in the Jump, the highest hurdle(s) shall be removed first.

Breeds Jumping 3/4 Their Height at the Withers

Akita	Chinese Shar-Pei	Kuvasz
Argentine Dogo	Clumber Spaniel	Lagotto Romagnolo
Basset Hound	Dachshund	Leonberger
Bergamasco	Dogue De Bordeaux	Mastiff
Bernese Mountain Dog	Estrela Mountain Dog	Neopolitan Mastiff
Bichon Bolognese	French Bulldog	Newfoundland
Black Russian Terrier	Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen	Otterhound
Bloodhound	Great Dane	Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Borzoi	Great Pyrenee	Portuguese Podengo
Bulldog	Greater Swiss Mountain Dog	Saint Bernard
Bullmastiff	Irish Wolfhound	Skye Terrier
Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Kishu Ken	Sussex Spaniel
Caucasian Mountain Dog	Kooikerhondje	Thai Ridgeback

Print and trim for a pocket-size guide to fit in your regulations.

**Breeds Jumping
¾ Height at Withers:**

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Bergamasco
Bernese Mountain Dog
Bichon Bolognese
Black Russian Terrier
Bloodhound
Borzoi
Bulldog
Bullmastiff
Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Caucasian Mountain Dog
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Below are a few suggested items for a stewarding kit. Be prepared and enjoy the day!

1.	Calculator (check batteries)
2.	Pens & pencils (for Group sheets)
3.	20' Tape measure (Broad/Bar Jump)
4.	Dress for the weather
5.	Folding chair

Points Off	Final Score	Judge's Book Conversion Chart For AKC Obedience			
0.0	200.0				
0.5	199.5	10.5	189.5	20.5	179.5
1.0	199.0	11.0	189.0	21.0	179.0
1.5	198.5	11.5	188.5	21.5	178.5
2.0	198.0	12.0	188.0	22.0	178.0
2.5	197.5	12.5	187.5	22.5	177.5
3.0	197.0	13.0	187.0	23.0	177.0
3.5	196.5	13.5	186.5	23.5	176.5
4.0	196.0	14.0	186.0	24.0	176.0
4.5	195.5	14.5	185.5	24.5	175.5
5.0	195.0	15.0	185.0	25.0	175.0
5.5	194.5	15.5	184.5	25.5	174.5
6.0	194.0	16.0	184.0	26.0	174.0
6.5	193.5	16.5	183.5	26.5	173.5
7.0	193.0	17.0	183.0	27.0	173.0
7.5	192.5	17.5	182.5	27.5	172.5
8.0	192.0	18.0	182.0	28.0	172.0
8.5	191.5	18.5	181.5	28.5	171.5
9.0	191.0	19.0	181.0	29.0	171.0
9.5	190.5	19.5	180.5	29.5	170.5
10.0	190.0	20.0	180.0	30.0	170.0

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30.5	169.5	40.5	159.5	50.5	149.5
31.0	169.0	41.0	159.0	51.0	149.0
31.5	168.5	41.5	158.5	51.5	148.5
32.0	168.0	42.0	158.0	52.0	148.0
32.5	167.5	42.5	157.5	52.5	147.5
33.0	167.0	43.0	157.0	53.0	147.0
33.5	166.5	43.5	156.5	53.5	146.5
34.0	166.0	44.0	156.0	54.0	146.0
34.5	165.5	44.5	155.5	54.5	145.5
35.0	165.0	45.0	155.0	55.0	145.0
35.5	164.5	45.5	154.5	55.5	144.5
36.0	164.0	46.0	154.0	56.0	144.0
36.5	163.5	46.5	153.5	56.5	143.5
37.0	163.0	47.0	153.0	57.0	143.0
37.5	162.5	47.5	152.5	57.5	142.5
38.0	162.0	48.0	152.0	58.0	142.0
38.5	161.5	48.5	151.5	58.5	141.5
39.0	161.0	49.0	151.0	59.0	141.0
39.5	160.5	49.5	150.5	59.5	140.5
40.0	160.0	50.0	150.0	60.0	140.0

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AKC OBEDIENCE TRIAL EXCUSAL REFERENCE CHART

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JUDGE'S OBSERVATION	DISQUALIFY	EXCUSE	OPTION TO REJUDGE		CHAPTER	SECTION
			YES	NO		
Identification		X	X		1	9
Dog blind - W/O USEFUL vision	X			X	1	16
Dog deaf - W/O USEFUL hearing	X			X	1	16
Dog changed for <u>cosmetic</u> reasons	X			X	1	16
Dog <u>attempts</u> to attack a person in the ring	X			X	1 2	16 25
Dog attacks a person in the ring	X			X	1 2	16 25
Dog <u>attempts</u> to attack a dog in the ring		X		X	1 2	16 25
Dog attacks a dog in the ring		X		X	1 2	16 25
Dog <u>appears</u> dangerous in the ring		X		X	1 2	16 25
Lame - Irregularity of locomotion		X		X	1	16
Dog Taped/bandaged/medical attachments		X		X	1	16
Hair - Permitted: eyes, ears or beard... May be tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes as in breed ring		X	X		1	16
Hair - Not permitted: dyed/chalk/powder/protection/adornment		X	X		1	16
Bitches in season		X		X	1	17
Bitches attractive to males		X		X	1	17
Dog out of control		X		X	1 2	17 25
Handler willfully interferes		X		X	1	17
Handler abuses dog		X		X	1 2 2	17 3 28
Dog unfit to compete		X		X	1	17
Vet excusal in writing		X		X	1	24
Bench/trial committee excusal		X		X	1	24
Leash - fabric/leather/adequate length		X	X		2 2	16 26
Collars - properly fitted and approved by the judge. No special training collars.		X	X		2 2	17 26
Fear/nervousness - <u>may</u> be excused depending on the extent		X		X	2 2	3 25
Uncontrolled behavior - <u>may</u> be excused depending on the extent		X		X	2	25
Barking/snapping - <u>may</u> be excused depending on the extent		X		X	2	25
Running from handler - <u>may</u> be excused depending on the extent		X		X	2	25
Foul ring - Judge's OPTION TO EXCUSE		X		X	2 2	3 25
Training in ring - Judge's OPTION TO EXCUSE		X		X	2	27
Practicing in the ring - Judge's OPTION TO EXCUSE		X		X	2	27
Excessive verbal commands - Judge's OPTION TO EXCUSE		X		X	2	27

Disciplining in the ring		X		X	2 2	3 27
Abuse - report immediately.		X		X	1 2 2	17 3 28
Suspend for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of purebred dogs.		X		X	2	29
NQ score for carrying or offering food in the ring. Judge may excuse if he/she considers food being used as training.		X		X	2 2	3 22
Dog relieves itself while in the ring for judging. Judge's OPTION TO EXCUSE		X		X	2 2	3 25
Performance not meeting minimum requirements				X	2	3
Equipment that Does not meet the requirements of the Obedience Regulations						
		X	X			
Novice Equipment for the Ring						
Identification					1	9
Leash					2	16
Collar					2	17
Open Equipment for the Ring						
Identification, leash, collar same as in the Novice classes						
Dumbbell					4	8
Utility Equipment for the Ring						
Identification, leash, collar same as in the Novice classes						
Scent articles					5	7
Gloves					5	9

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Class Placements

Pertaining to circled class below:

Novice A Novice B Open A Open B Utility A Utility B

Beginners Novice Graduate Novice Graduate Open Versatility

Pre-Novice Veterans Brace Team Advanced Team Work

Wild Card N O U

The maximum number of points for a perfect score is 200 Points
(Team 800 Points)

Judge: _____

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