

Quick Reference Guide for Judging the Optional Titling Classes

Review the Regulations for additional details

PRE-Novice

EXERCISE	SET UP	JUDGING
Novice Exercises	Same as Regular Novice except as noted below	Same as Regular Novice except as noted below
Group Exercises	NONE – replaced with individual stay as noted below	
Stay – Sit or Down – Handler Walk Around Ring	Sit or down posted 45 minutes before class starts. Dog in approximate center of ring while handler walks around inside perimeter	Same as BN except stay is done off leash

Pre-Open

Open Exercises	Same as Regular Open except as noted below	Same as Regular Open except as noted below
Group Exercises	NONE	
RO High Jump	Jump height is set to ½ the height of the dog at the withers. Dogs 12" or less jump 4"	Same as Regular Open (See Jump Height Table pg. 54)
Broad Jump	Set to cover a distance twice the height of the above high jump	Same as Regular Open

PRE-Utility

Utility Exercises	Same as Regular Utility except as noted below	Same as Regular Utility except as noted below
Signal Exercise	Handler permitted to use one single verbal command simultaneously with signal for the stand, stay, down, sit, or come	Otherwise same as Regular Utility
Scent Discrimination	Use 4 of each metal and leather (instead of 5 of each)	Otherwise same as Regular Utility
Directed Jumping	Jump height is set to ½ the height of the dog at the withers. Dogs 12" or less jump 4"	Same as Regular Utility (See Jump Height Table pg. 58)

Beginner Novice

EXERCISE	SET UP	JUDGING
Heel on Leash	Rally Signs: Right, Left and About turn, Slow, Normal, Fast, and one Halt/Sit at end	Orders: Forward, Exercise Finished Free single phrase of praise allowed
Figure 8, on Leash	Judge calls orders as in Novice	Scoring same as Heel on Leash above
Sit for Exam	Handler holds 6' leash attached to dog	Touch head only
Sit Stay – Walk Around	Leash remains attached while handler walks around inside perimeter	Additional command/signal does not require an NQ score
Recall	Off Leash; handler keeps leash and holds in any manner. Dog sit front, no finish – 25' distance	Handler may use command & signal + 1 praise free. Additional command M-S

Grad Novice

Heel on Leash, Fig 8	Same as Novice except Figure 8 is done off leash	Same as Novice /Open
Drop on Recall	Same as Open except handler may give command and/or signal to drop the dog	Same as Open DOR
Dumbbell Recall	As ordered by the judge, handler gives dog dumbbell, leaves then calls	Same as Open ROF
Recall Over High Jump	As ordered by judge, handler leaves dog, calls dog over jump – Jump set Open height	Same as Novice Recall with High Jump
Recall Over Broad Jump	As ordered by judge, handler leaves dog, calls dog over jump – Jump set Open height	Same as Novice Recall with Broad Jump
Group Long Down	Long Down for 3 minutes	Same as Open group exercise

Graduate Open

Signal	Leave dog 10-20', handler may give command and/or signal for stand, stay, down, sit, come & finish	Same as Signal Ex Utility
Scent Discrimination	4 articles, 2M/2L, only one to be retrieved, handlers choice to which type	Same as SD in Utility
Directed Retrieve	No center glove	Same as DR in Utility
Moving Stand/Exam	Handler may pause when giving command and/or signal to stand	Same as MSX in Utility
Go Out	Handler stands in center of ring facing unobstructed end	One Go Out
Directed Jumping	Dog left sitting centered at unobstructed end of ring	One Jump used, same jump for all dogs

Versatility

12 V - Combinations	Performed same as in the regular classes	Judged the same as in the regular classes
Order and Combinations	45 minutes prior to start of class judge posts the combination and order	