

# Exercises for Beginner Novice B and Beginner Novice C-2<sup>nd</sup> Year

## □ Heel on Leash –Important Tips

- Ability of the dog and handler to work as a team
- Orders are: “Forward” and “Exercise Finished”
- Rally signs that will be used are: “Right turn”, “Left turn”, “About turn”, “Slow”, “Normal”, “Fast” and “Halt/Sit”
- “Fast” means the handler must run and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed
- Turns will be used only when the handler is moving at a normal speed
- Change of pace signs must be followed by a normal sign
- Turn signs may be placed in any sequence and may be repeated
- Two of each turn sign must be available for the judge’s use
- “Halt/sit” sign will be used once at the end of the exercise
- Judge should standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class
- Leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position
- Any tightening or jerking of the leash and use of any extra commands and/or signals will be penalized
- Handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position
- Judge will ask if the handler is ready before giving the order “Forward”
- Handler may give a command or signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash
- Dog should walk close to the handler’s left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding
- Dog must not interfere with the handler’s freedom of motion at any time
- At the “Halt/sit” sign, the handler will stop
- Dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal.
- Judge will order “Exercise finished” at the completion of this exercise

## □ Heel on Leash, Scoring

### ❖ Serious Fault

- ✓ If a handler is constantly controlling the dog by tugging on the leash
- ✓ Constantly talking to the dog or is adapting to the dog’s pace

### ❖ Minor Deductions will be given for:

- ✓ Lagging, heeling wide, forging, crowding, poor sits, failure to sit at a halt, and other heeling imperfections
- ✓ Handler who guides dog with leash or does not walk at a brisk pace
- ✓ Additional commands or signals to heel or for failure of dog or handler to speed up noticeably for the fast or slow down noticeably for the slow
- ❖ A onetime single phrase of praise or encouragement, by handler to the dog, will be allowed (good, yes, nice, super, great and attaboy/girl, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.).

- ❖ During scoring the judge should be near enough to observe any signals or commands given by the handler to the dog without interfering with either.

□ **Figure Eight –Important Tips**

- Ability of the dog and handler to work as a team
- Orders are: “Forward”, “Halt”, and “Exercise finished”
- Handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, the handler may go around either steward first
- After the judge asks “Are you ready?” and gives the order, “Forward”
- Handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice.
- There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end
- After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again
- A onetime single phrase of praise or encouragement, by the handler to the dog, will be allowed without penalty

□ **Figure Eight, Scoring**

- ❖ Scoring is the same as Heel on Leash exercise.

□ **Sit For Exam ---Important Tips**

- Dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment
- Orders are: “Sit your dog and leave when you are ready”, “Back to your dog”, and “Exercise finished”
- To be performed with the dog on a 6 foot leash
- Judge will order “Sit your dog and leave when you are ready”
- Handler will command the dog to sit.
- Handler will then stand with dog sitting in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about 6 feet to the end of the leash, turn and face the dog
- Judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch only the dog’s head.
- On the order “Back to your dog”
- Handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position
- Handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog
- Dog must remain sitting until the judge has said, “Exercise finished”

□ **Sit For Exam, Scoring**

❖ **Serious Fault**

- ✓ If dog stands, lies down, or moves away from the place where it was left either before or during the examination
- ✓ Growls, snaps or displays resentment

❖ **Minor Deductions will be given for:**

- ✓ Any tightening of the leash during the exercise

❖ **Substantial Deductions will be given for:**

- ✓ Extra commands to the dog after the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay and left the heel position

❖ **Minor or Substantial Deductions will be given for:**

- ✓ Dog that moves its feet at any time

- ✓ Stands or moves away after the examination has been completed
- ✓ Shyness (may even be to the point of a Serious Fault)

□ **Sit Stay –Handler Walk Around the Ring ---Important Tips**

- Dog remains in the sit position
- Orders are: “Sit your dog”, “Leave your dog”, and “Exercise finished”
- Handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position
- Prior to starting the exercise, the judge will ask if the handler is ready
- Leash remains attached to the dog’s collar and will be dropped/placed on the ground between the dog and the handler
- Judges orders “Sit your dog”
- Handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit, if they are not already sitting
- Judge will order “Leave your dog”
- Handler will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in the direction as indicated by the judge
- After completing a full perimeter walk around the ring, the handler will approach the dog from the front, and proceed to walk around and in the back of the dog to the heel position
- Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the order “Exercise finished”

□ **Sit Stay, Scoring**

❖ **Serious Fault**

- ✓ If the dog moves a substantial distance away from the place where it was left any time during the exercise
- ✓ Not remaining in the sit position until the handler has returned to heel position
- ✓ Repeatedly barking or whining

❖ **Substantial Deductions will be given for:**

- ✓ Dog moves even a short distance from where it was left
- ✓ Barks or whines only once or twice
- ✓ Changes position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order, “Exercise finished”

❖ **Minor Deductions will be given for:**

- ✓ Additional commands to the dog after the handler has commanded and/or signaled the dog to stay

❖ **Substantial or Serious Fault will be given for:**

- ✓ Rough treatment of a dog by its handler
- ✓ Resistance by a dog to its handler’s attempts to make it sit
- ✓ These will be penalized substantially and in extreme cases, the dog may be excused

- ❖ Scoring will not start until after the judge has ordered the handler to leave their dog

□ **Recall ---Important Tips**

- Dog stay where left until called by the handler
- Dog responds promptly
- Orders are: “Leave your dog”, “Call your dog”, and “Exercise finished”
- Leash is removed for this exercise and kept by handler
- Judge orders “Leave your dog”

- Handler will give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position
- Handler will then walk across the ring or a minimum of 20 feet and turn and face the dog
- Judge orders or signals: "Call your dog"
- Handler will command and/or signal the dog to come
- Dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit in front near the handler
- Handler should not command the dog to sit in the front position
- Dog must be close enough to its handler so the handler can touch its head without excessive bending, stretching or moving either foot. (No finish will be required of the dog by the handler.)
- After judge orders "Exercise finished"
- Leash is reattached to the dog's collar.
- A onetime single phrase of praise or encouragement while the dog is coming to the handler will be allowed without penalty (good, yes, nice, super, great,atta boy/girl, are some examples)

□ **Recall, Scoring**

❖ **Serious Fault**

- ✓ Additional command and/or signal to stay
- ✓ More than two commands and/or signals are required for the dog to come
- ✓ Dog fails to come
- ✓ Dog moves from the place it was left before being called and/or signaled to come
- ✓ Dog does not come close enough to its handler so handler can touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot.

❖ **Minor or Substantial Deductions will be given for:**

- ✓ Handler's extra command or signal to come or to sit
- ✓ If the dog fails to come at a brisk trot or gallop
- ✓ Fails to sit
- ✓ Slow or poor sits