



OBEDIENCE TRIAL MONDIO RING STYLE

BEGINNER LEVEL

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. The handler can use any language of his/her choice for the commands that he/she will use with his/her dog.
2. The handler is allowed to address the dog by its name followed by the respective command for a particular exercise.
3. The handler can either use voice command or whistle to recall his/her dog, which the handler must inform the trial judge during the Introduction Part of their trial.
4. Before entering the trial field, the dog should already be in its proper flat collar and leash (leather or nylon only). E-Collar, Prong, Choke, Fur Savers or any metallic collars are not allowed. Harness is also not allowed.
5. Once the handler and dog tandem entered the trial field, the dog will be left on a Down-Stay Position at the designated area while the handler will approach the trial judge for their proper introduction. This is the part where the handler will inform the trial judge of his/her name and his/her dog's name, as well as, his/her preferred way of recalling the dog (Voice or Whistle).
6. No rewards such as tug, ball, food, etc. are allowed inside the trial field.
7. Before each exercise, there will be a Pre-Starting Line to prepare the dog for the upcoming exercise it needs to perform. A maximum of five (5) seconds will be given to the handler and dog tandem to prepare at the Pre-Starting Line before the trial judge blows a single horn to signal the tandem to move towards the designated Starting Line.
8. Once the handler and dog tandem is standing at the Starting Line, the handler is now prohibited in touching his/her dog until the trial judge blows a double (or more) horn to signal the end of the exercise at hand.

HORN SIGNALS:

1. **At the Pre-Starting Line** – The trial judge will blow a single horn to signal the handler and dog tandem to move towards the designated Starting Line.
2. **At the Starting Line** – The trial judge will blow a single horn to signal that the handler and dog tandem needs to start executing the exercise at hand. The handler can now command his/her dog to perform the exercise (after the horn). For this level at this point, a hand signal (gesture) can be used at the very same time the command is given.
3. **Exercise Disqualification** – At any time during the handler and dog tandem's execution of a particular exercise, when the trial judge blows a double (or more) horn signal, it means that the tandem has been disqualified from the said exercise in accordance to each of the exercise's rules.
4. **End of Exercise** – In case the handler and dog tandem have successfully executed the exercise at hand, the trial judge will blow a double (or more) horn to signal the end of the exercise. Only then can the handler verbally praise and touch his/her dog.



EXERCISES: Total of 60 Points

HEELING (10 pts)

- The handler and dog tandem will follow a pre-determined path indicated by the trial judge, which will be executed similarly by all the participants of this trial level.
- The handler will only be given one (1) free command to give his/her dog at the Starting Line to start the exercise once the trial judge blows a single horn to signal the tandem to start the exercise.
- While the tandem is executing the exercise, the trial judge will randomly blow a single horn to indicate the tandem to stop walking. When the handler stops, the dog should also stop without the handler giving out any additional command. When the trial judge blows another single horn, the tandem should then resume heeling through the pre-determined path without the handler giving out another command to the dog.
- The trial judge will randomly signal two (2) stops throughout the entire pre-determined path.

Penalties:

- Additional command/s by the handler – **Less 1.0 point for each command**
- The dog forges or lags from the handler – **Less 0.5 point for each instance**
- The handler tightened or jerks the leash of the dog – **Less 2.0 points for each instance**
- The dog abandons or ignores its handler – **Less 10.0 points (Disqualified)**

LONG DOWN (10 pts)

- The handler will leave the dog on a Down-Stay Position at the designated area chosen by the trial judge. While the handler will move away from his/her dog to his/her designated spot chosen by the trial judge NOT hidden from his/her dog.
- There will be no distractions while the dog is on the Down-Stay Position and this will last for thirty (30) seconds and will start when the handler have reached his/her designated spot.
- The handler will only be given one (1) free command to get his/her dog on a Down-Stay Position at the Starting Line and once done, the handler will move towards his/her designated spot.
- After the thirty (30) seconds, the trial judge will blow a single horn to signal the handler to move back towards his/her dog. When the handler reached the side of his/her dog, the trial judge will blow another single horn to signal the handler to command his/her dog to a Heeling Position after which the trial judge will then blow a double (or more) horn signal ending the exercise.

Penalties:

- Additional command/s and/or gesture/s by the handler – **Less 1.0 point for each instance**
- The handler runs toward his/her designated spot or runs back to his/her dog – **Less 1.0 point for each instance**
- The dog sits or stands immediately when the handler moves back to its side – **Less 5.0 points**
- The dog sits or stands within the thirty (30) seconds – **Less 10.0 points (Disqualified)**



RECALL (10 pts)

- The dog will be left on the Starting Line either a Sit-Stay or Down-Stay and the handler will leave the dog and move towards his/her designated spot.
- With the handler on his/her designated spot, the trial judge will blow a single horn signal for the handler to recall his/her dog towards him/her.
- Once the dog is beside the handler, the trial judge will then blow a double (or more) horn signal ending the exercise.

Penalties:

- Additional command/s and/or gesture/s by the handler – **Less 1.0 point for each instance**
- The handler runs toward his/her designated spot – **Less 1.0 point**
- The dog moves away from its place without the recall command yet – **Less 2.0 points for each instance**
- The dog does not come back to its handler within ten (10) seconds – **Less 10.0 points (Disqualified)**

POSITIONS (10 pts)

- The dog will be left on a Down-Stay Position at the Starting Line and the handler will move in front of the dog one (1) meter away.
- The handler will command the dog to do the Sit, Stand, and Down Positions in which the order will be pre-determined by the trial judge.
- After executing the three (3) positions, the trial judge will blow a single horn signal for the handler to recall his/her dog to a Heeling Position after which the trial judge will then blow a double (or more) horn signal ending the exercise.

Penalties:

- Additional command/s and/or gestures by the handler – **Less 1.0 point for each instance**
- The handler tightened or jerks the leash of the dog – **Less 2.0 points for each instance**
- The dog changes position without the command yet – **Less 2.0 points for each instance**
- The dog refuses to do the positions – **Less 10.0 points (Disqualified)**



FOOD REFUSAL (10 pts)

- The handler and dog tandem will stay on the Starting Line for this exercise and upon the trial judge's single horn signal, a piece of food will be thrown towards the dog. The dog can either be on a Sit or Down Position for this exercise.
- After five (5) seconds, the trial judge will blow a single horn signal for the handler and dog tandem to move away from the thrown food after which the trial judge will then blow a double (or more) horn to signal the end of the exercise.
- The handler will be allowed to give additional commands for this exercise.

Penalties:

- The handler tightened or jerks the leash of the dog – **Less 10.0 points (Disqualified)**
- The dog licks and/or eats the thrown food – **Less 10.0 points (Disqualified)**

GENERAL OUTLOOK (10 pts)

- This is for the general behaviour of both the handler and dog tandem throughout the course of their trial.
- Any unnecessary gestures or actions of both handler and dog inside the trial field will affect their General Outlook Score.