



NL&RC NOVICE OBEDIENCE COMPETITION 2013

At the beginning of the Competition, a steward will place a dummy in cover for retrieval later.

1. RETRIEVE

The dog will be left at a mark and the owner will walk forward and will throw three dummies one left, one right, and one in the centre. Once the owner has returned to the dog, the Judge will direct the owner as to which ONE of the three dummies to retrieve.

The Judge is looking for a clean pick up and a straightforward retrieve to hand.

Possible Points 10 (5 points for retrieve and 5 points for manner of retrieve)

2. HEEL WORK, STAY AND RECALL

The Handler will walk with the dog to HEEL around a number of markers. At a point directed by the Judge, the Handler will put the dog in the STAY position. When told to do so by the Judge, the Handler will return to the start point and re-call the dog to them.

In this test the Judge is looking for good control. The dog is required to be near, but not touching, the Handler, with the dog's full attention on the handler.

Possible Points 15 (5 points each for heel, stay and recall)

3. JUMP RETRIEVE

The Handler will leave the dog at a mark, then place or throw a dummy over a fence. The Handler will collect the dog and walk to a marker approximately 10 feet from the fence. When told, the Handler will send the dog to RETRIEVE the dummy, Jumping the fence both ways.

In this Test points will be deducted when the dog does not jump both ways. The Judge is looking for a clean pick-up and a straightforward retrieve to hand.

Possible Points 15 (5 points for retrieve & 5 points for each jump)

4. THIRTY SECOND BLIND STAY

The Handler will leave the dog in the STAY position near a marker. The Handler will then go OUT OF SIGHT of the dog. Timing will begin when the Handler is out of the dog's view. If during the 30 seconds, the dog changes its position, e.g. 'down' to 'sit' or 'stand', points will be deducted. If the dog moves away from the marker at any time, the dog will be marked on how much time has elapsed before the dog moved. For example: Dog moved from marker at 15 seconds lapsed = 5 points awarded.

Possible Points 10.

5. HIDDEN RETRIEVE

Earlier, a Steward will have placed a dummy in cover. The dog and Handler will move to a marker. The Handler will remain at the marker and send the dog to find and retrieve the dummy.

The dog will be marked on how efficiently it searches for the dummy; a clean pick-up and straight forward retrieve to hand.

Possible Points 15. (10 points for search, 5 points for retrieve.)

6. OVERALL CONTROL AND TEAMWORK

Dogs are expected to be off their leads and under control throughout the entire round of Tests. The Judge is also looking for a degree of understanding and teamwork between dog and Handler.

Any dog that shows a casual awareness to commands, retrieves, etc., will be judged in the same way as a dog that performs in a clockwork manner. A dog that performs in the latter manner will not be given preference for doing so

Possible Points 10

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE OVERALL = 75

THE TIE BREAK

In the event of a tie each handler, in turn, will take the dog approximately 20 yards from the Judge, drop the dog at a given point and return to the Judge. The Handler will then call the dog in and drop it by a marker placed about half way. The nearest dog to the marker will be declared the winner. A coin will be tossed to decide the order of running.

NL&RC NOVICE OBEDIENCE COMPETITION RULES 2012

The rules are as follows;

1. This Competition is open to the type of dog known as a Lurcher. The Judge will decide what represents a Lurcher.
2. Dogs displaying aggression to any livestock e.g. ferrets, or other dogs, shall be disqualified.
3. Handlers displaying aggression, or harsh treatment of their dogs, shall be disqualified.
4. The use of food, toys or titbits is prohibited at any time in the ring.
5. Dogs will be off their leads at all times whilst in the ring.
6. Dummies used for Retrieving should be of the canvas type, with or without fur or feather. These will be provided by NL&RC but competitors may bring and use their own if they prefer.
7. The Judges decision is final.

PLEASE NOTE;

These Tests are aimed at good working practices.

All Tests are compulsory.