

Performance Rules:

1. Off leash heeling

10 Pts

Voice signal: „Fuss“ („Heel“)

Voice signals may be given at the beginning, after each halt and when changing pace. From the start-position the dog must be attentive, heel willingly on the left side of the DH and remain oriented directly forward, with its shoulder no further forward than the handlers knee. When the DH stops, the dog must sit quickly without assistance and remain oriented forward. Forging ahead, lagging and straying to the side by the dog, as well as stalling by the DH at the turns, will be penalised.

At least one left-hand turn and one right-hand turn, as well as one about turn, are to be demonstrated at a normal pace. Change of pace from running to a slow pace must be achieved abruptly with no steps being taken in between at the normal pace. Halting must be demonstrated two times at the normal pace. At the end of the exercise the DH and his dog must move through a slow moving group of people. The DH must stop at least once in the slow moving group.

Two shots (calibre 6 - 9 mm) and motor sounds must be issued as a distraction during the off leash heeling. The dog must be indifferent to the gun shots. Should the dog show any noise shyness or gun shyness, the dog will be disqualified from the test. Should the dog become simply anxious during the shooting this will be considered acceptable as long as the dog remains under the control of its DH. Only a dog who reacts indifferently to all forms of noise can be awarded full points. Aggressive and overly shy dogs are not be assessed.

2. Sit exercise

5 Pts

Voice signal: „Fuss, Sitz“. („Heel, Sit“)

From the start-position the DH walks in a straight line with his dog heeling off leash. After at least 10 -15 paces the dog must sit quickly on a vocal or hand signal, while the DH continues walking without slowing down or looking back. After proceeding in a straight line for 30 more paces the DH turns and faces the dog. Upon a command from the TJ the DH returns to the dog and resumes the start-position.

3. Down stay with recall

5 Pts

Voice signal: „Fuss, Platz, Hier, Fuss“ („Heel, Down, Here, Heel“)

From the start-position the DH must walk in a straight line with his dog heeling off leash. After at least 10 - 15 paces the dog must lay down quickly on a vocal or hand command, while the DH continues walking without slowing down or looking back. After proceeding in a straight line for 30 more paces the DH is to turn and faces his dog, who must be lying calmly. Upon a command from the TJ the DH must recall the dog with a vocal or hand signal. The dog must approach the DH swiftly and enthusiastically and sit immediately in front of his DH. On a vocal or hand signal the dog must resume the start-position.

4. Stand stay with recall

5 Pts

Voice signal: „Fuss, Steh, Hier, Fuss“ („Heel, Stand, Here, Heel“)

From the start-position the DH must walk in a straight line with his dog heeling off leash. After at least 10 - 15 paces the dog must stand stay quickly on a vocal or hand command, while the DH continues walking without slowing down or looking back. After proceeding in a straight line for 30 more paces the DH must turn and faces his dog, who must be stand stay calmly. Upon a command from the TJ the DH must recall the dog with a vocal or hand signal. The dog must approach the DH swiftly and enthusiastically and sit immediately in front of his DH. On a vocal or hand signal the dog must resume the start-position.

5. Retrieval on flat ground

5 Pts

Voice signal: „Bring, Aus, Fuss“, („Fetch, Give, Heel“)

From the start-position the DH throws an article which he has been carrying with him about 10 paces away. The voice signal „Bring“ is not allowed to be given until the article has landed and comes to a complete stop. The dog must be in the start-position. Upon a vocal or hand signal the dog must run to the object, swiftly retrieve it and return at the same pace, and to sit immediately in front of the DH. The dog must retain the object until the DH gives a vocal signal to release it. Upon a vocal or hand signal the dog must return to the start-position. The DH is not allowed to move until the exercise has reached completion.

6. Retrieval over a slope (1.50 m, 90° angel)

5 Pts

Voice signal: „Hopp, Bring, Aus, Fuss“ („Jump, Fetch, Give, Heel“)

The start-position must to be assumed at an appropriate distance from the obstacle. The article must be thrown over the slope by the DH. Upon a voice or hand signal the dog must clear the obstacle, swiftly retrieve it, and return immediately over the obstacle and sit immediately in front of the DH. The dog must retain the object until the DH gives a vocal signal to release it. Upon a vocal or hand signal the dog must to return to the start-position. The DH is not allowed to move until the exercise has reached completion.

7. Send out and lay down

5 Pts

Voice signal: „Vorán, Platz, Sitz“ („Go on, Down, Sit“)

Upon the command of the TJ the DH must walk from the start-position in a straight line with his dog heeling off leash. After approximately 10 - 15 paces the DH must remain standing and give the voice signal and may simultaneously give a single hand signal. The dog must run approx. 40 paces in a straight line in the indicated direction. At the voice signal the dog must assume the down position without delay. Upon a command from the TJ, the DH must return to the dog and stand on its right side and bring the dog into the start-position by using a voice or hand signal.

8. Lying down while distracted

10 Pts

Voice signal: „Platz, Sitz“ („Down, Sit“)

Prior to the start of another dog's or more other dogs work, the DH must place his dog in the „down stay position“ (voice signal) indicated by the TJ. Neither the leash nor any objects are allowed to be left near the dog. The DH must take at least 40 paces, stop, turn and face the dog. The dog must maintain the down stay position without any pressure from the DH, while another dog DH team goes through phases 1-6. During phase 1 the DH of the dog in the down stay position must join the slow moving group and upon completion of phase 1, the DH must return to his previous position. On the TJs command the DH must return to the right side of his dog. After another command of the TJ the DH and the dog must resume quickly the start-position.

This exercise is concluded when the TJ announces the score.