

## OBEDIENCE AND TRACKING JUDGES SEMINAR FOR RALLY OBEDIENCE

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Q If the Handler spirals in the wrong direction i.e., she spirals left instead of spiralling right, what is the deduction?

A It is an Incorrectly Performed Station and the deduction is 10 points.

Q If a Handler performs a station on the left instead of having the station on the right, what is the deduction?

A It is Handler Error.

Q If a Handler has signalled a retry, where does the handler go back to?

A THE STATES HAVE AGREED:

Retries - Teams do not have to go back to the previous station if they call a retry before commencing the retry. They just have to ensure they have enough room to perform the entire station in the correct position to the related sign they are retrying.

Q What is the deduction if the Handler does not complete the pivot before moving on to the next station?

A It is an Incorrectly Performed Station – 10 points

Q What constitutes a pivot?

A One foot on the ground OR tiny steps on the spot.

Q What deductions are applicable in the Backup 3 steps Stations?

- A
- (i) If the dog is not in heel position, it is an Incorrectly Performed Station
  - (ii) If the dog is a little out of position, it is points off
  - (iii) If the Handler stops, stands the dog and then walks back, it is an Incorrectly Performed Station and a 10point deduction

Q In the Off-Set Figure of 8 Exercise, What deductions apply for the following scenarios?

- (i) The dog leaves the handler *and pick up toy/food* container. The Handler says to leave it and the dog puts it down
- (ii) The dog *picks up the toy/food container*; the Handler takes it from the dog and passes it to the Judge.
- (iii) The dog *takes the toy* and runs around the ring and then brings the toy back

- A** For the 3 scenarios above it would be a Non Qualifying Score.
- Q** In the Off-Set Figure of 8 Exercise if the dog *SNIFFS/TOUCHES* the toy/food container, Handler says leave it, dog leaves it straight away.
- A** Deduction made under 1-10 pints Lack of Teamwork e.g. 3 points
- Q** A dog takes a jump out of order when it is going around the course. What is the deduction?
- A** It is a non-qualifying score as minimum requirements have not been met.
- Q** In the Excellent course, the Handler wants to withdraw, what happens to the Honour Dog?
- A** A dog which has been withdrawn can take no further part in the Trial, so she cannot do the Honour Exercise. It would be necessary to get a stand-in-dog.  
If the Handler withdraws part way around the course the Honour dog may have only completed for example one minute of the Honour and that is okay.
- Q** If a steward asked the Handler to move in the Honour Exercise and the dog broke, what is the Judges responsibility?
- A** The exercise would be re-judged
- Q** If the it is a hot day, is it permissible to have an umbrella in the ring to give shade to the Honour dog or to do the Honour exercise outside the ring in the shade?
- A** No, it would be advisable to extend the ring to provide shade for the Honour dog.
- Q** Can the Honour dog be permitted to lie on a mat?
- A** No
- Q** What can be done about a Handler who completes the course very slowly in order to score the maximum pints?
- A** Points can be deducted for lack of briskness.
- Q** The dog stopped in front of the jump and baulked. In the meantime the Handler has gone past the jump. What is the jumping procedure in this case?
- A** A re-try would be allowed.