

Dog Scouts of America

Activity Check-off sheet

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Agility I

Handler needs to have control and responsiveness of the off-leash dog while performing the obstacles as an agility course using all the obstacles listed below (no weave poles.) Dog should willingly perform obstacles correctly (no more than 2 refusals on course) with minimal help from the handler. Dog needs to run the course with only a flat buckle collar or no collar. No reward items on the handler or in the ring during check-out. No contact with the dog during the course. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward based methods.

Handler learns about the various types of crosses used to better direct the dog on the course. Crosses: Blind (handler can't see dog), Static (dog stopped on contact or table), Front (handler crosses in front of the dog's path but does not turn his/her back on the dog), Rear (handler crosses behind the dog's path but does not turn his/her back on the dog.) Equipment used for badge test should be suitable for competition in an Agility venue.

___ **Handler has reviewed the above paragraphs and the Evaluation Criteria**

Cues

For the purpose of control on the course, the dog needs to demonstrate a quick response to these cues:

- ___ **Dog will "Come" or "Here" etc., for control**
- ___ **Dog will "Wait" or "Stay", etc. may be used for the start line**
- ___ **Dog will "Sit" and/or "Down" for the pause table or pause box**

Contact Obstacles:

- ___ **A-Frame at least 5' in height at the apex**
- ___ **Dog Walk set at full height of equipment available**
- ___ **Teeter-Totter at full height of available equipment**

Other Obstacles:

- ___ **Jumps: Wing, bar, solid, double bar spread, triple bar spread, X bar, and brush jumps. Dog needs to have earned the obstacle 1 and 2 badges or demonstrate at least 5 of these. At least 3 of them need to be in the course. Set to dog's competition height.**
- ___ **Broad jump**
- ___ **Tire Jump set to competition height**
- ___ **Open Tunnel – curved so dog cannot see the exit when they enter the tunnel**
- ___ **Chute (Closed Tunnel)**
- ___ **Pause table or pause box**
- ___ **Handler demonstrates the safe way to have the dog perform all the obstacles**
- ___ **Off-leash dog can take the above obstacles following an established course pattern. Dog moves in a flowing manner (minimal stops and/or spins) working parallel to or ahead of the handler.**
- ___ **Handler demonstrates he/she can work the dog from the left and right side with at least one side change during the course.**