Items **bolded** below are requirements that must be demonstrated to the Evaluator. Non-bolded items are training steps that may be introduced in class and are helpful for achieving the requirements. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

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|  | **Handler understands the concept of IMPROV Obedience** |
|  | **Handler/dog team must demonstrate their ability to negotiate the 6 exercises of Standard Level IMPROV as described in the IMPROV handbook**   * **Exercises must be set up by another person with knowledge of IMPROV** * **Handler may not have any prior knowledge of how the exercises will be set up** |
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|  | **Dog is willing to come into contact with unfamiliar objects** |
|  | **Dog attempts to do as asked with determination and continued focus when confronted with unusual requests** |
|  | **Handler and dog can work together as a team to accomplish a goal** |
|  | **Handler demonstrates lateral thinking in order to solve a problem** |
|  | **Dog will follow cues at a distance of at least 10’ from the handler** |
|  | **Dog will attempt to retrieve 3 objects of any type placed on the ground by another person**   * **All objects must be VERY unusual and/or unwieldy** * **Dog should fully retrieve at least 1 item and make a good attempt to retrieve all 3 items** |
|  | **Dog will carry an object to a specified location and place the object in a specific location or into a container as directed by the handler** |
|  | **Dog will travel 10’ in the general direction indicated by the handler and stop when cued** |
|  | **Handler can describe and demonstrate a unique and potentially useful behavior that he/she has taught the dog** |