



Dog Scouts of America
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

Skijoring

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.

- Handler knows and can describe the purpose of all equipment needed to participate safely in the sport of skijoring**
- Dog will allow himself to be harnessed without hesitation or fear and will wear the harness while walking
- Handler knows how to put on and take off a harness**
- Dog does not show fear of the skis or scooter
- Handler knows the rule of 120 so that the dog does not get overheated
- Handler knows how to properly condition the dog for this sport
- Handler knows how to exercise safety and caution when skijoring and can describe the dangers of the sport**
- Handler knows the cues needed for skijoring including, 'gee', 'haw', 'on-by', 'hike' and 'whoa'
- Dog can demonstrate an 'on-by'**
- Dog can demonstrate a 'whoa'**
- Dog will run with the skier/rider behind him for 1 mile**