

Dog Scouts of America Badge Check-Off Sheet

60 Weave Pole Challenge

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 needs to have control and responsiveness of the off-leash dog while performing the weave poles. There can be no contact with the dog during the check off
Dog should willingly perform 60 poles correctly with minimal help from handler
Handler should be able to work the dog from both sides (recommended for speed)
Handler can cue the dog to weave without the handler putting any body part between the poles, breaking the plane of the weave pole line (both above and between the poles)
At the start of the dog's run, another dog will weave at least 6 poles parallel to and about 15'away from the main working dog. If enough weave poles and space are available, 2 dogs can run at the same time.
If a pole is missed, the handler can stop the dog and go back to start just before the missed pole, however, the dog must complete the 60 weave poles within 2 minutes
While the dog is completing the last 6 weave poles, at least 3 people clap and cheer for the dog
The dog doesn't have to be fast, but since this form of competition is a RACE, the dog can move fluidly through the poles, without excessive stopping, re-starting or coaxing