

Dog Scouts of America

Activity check-off sheet

Steeplechase:

All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward based methods.

- ___ Dog is interested in chasing the lure (plastic bag/ animal tail or toy on a string)
- ___ Handler is able to get the dog to go through the opening in the hay bales to get the lure
- ___ **Handler knows how to warm up, stretch and cool down the dog to avoid cramps and knows when it is too hot (or the dog is too tired) to let the dog run the course.**
- ___ Dog is willing and able to jump the low jumps and then go through the hay bales
- ___ Dog will wear a non-restrictive muzzle (that allows the dog to fully open his/her mouth to breathe but not bite.) Can be plastic, metal or nylon
- ___ **Handler is able to contain/restrain the dog at the start line**
- ___ Dog will chase the lure with intent over the jumps and through the hay bale opening alone
- ___ **Dog will chase the lure with intent over the jumps and through the hay bale opening when running muzzled with other dogs for at least 2 separate runs. Dog needs to maintain interest in the lure and not the other dogs.**
- ___ **Dog will accept being caught and retrained at the end of the run by a someone other than the handler (dog can remain muzzled or muzzle can be removed.)**