

The Board, at its meeting held on 10 May 2023, approved the following regulation amendments:

Regulation I(B)2

TO:

The judge should test the ability of the dog to keep its shoulder reasonably close to the left knee of the handler who should walk smartly in a natural manner at normal, fast and slow paces through turns and among and around persons and obstacles. The halt, with the dog sitting to heel and a 'figure of eight' may be included at any stage.

Any act, signal or command or jerking of the lead which in the opinion of the Judge has given the dog unfair assistance shall be penalised. Extra commands shall be permitted in the introductory stake.

Where required the lead should be attached to a close fitting smooth collar. Retractable leads or head collars are not to be used.

In TD and PD Stakes, at some time during the test, while working at normal pace, the dog shall be required to be left in the down position when directed by the judge. The handler shall continue forward alone, without hesitation, and proceed as directed by the judge until upon reaching the dog, both shall continue forward together in accordance with the instructions given.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2024)

Regulation I(B)9. Speak on Command

TO:

~~The judge will control the position of the handler in relation to the dog and may require the handler to work the dog walking at heel. If the dog is not required to walk at heel, the handler may place the dog in the stand, sit or down. The dog will be ordered to 'speak' and cease 'speaking' on the instruction of the judge or steward who may instruct the handler to make the dog 'speak' again.~~

~~"Speaking" should be sustained by the dog whilst required with the minimum of commands and/or signals. Continuous and / or excessive incitements to "speak" must be heavily penalised. This test must not be incorporated with any other test.~~

In TD and PD, the number of barks is at the judge's discretion and after the cease 'speaking' the handler may be instructed to make the dog speak again. 'Speaking' should be sustained by the dog with the minimum of commands and/or signals. Continuous and/or excessive incitements to 'speak' must be heavily penalised. This test must not be incorporated with any other test.

The judge will control the position of the handler in relation to the dog. In UD Stake and WD Stake, this position should be near and in sight of the dog. The dog may be in the stand, sit or down.

In TD and PD, the handler may be required to work the dog walking at heel. If the dog is not required to walk at heel, the handler may place the dog in the stand, sit or down.

In UD the number of barks should be 5, in WD the number of barks should be 10.

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(Effective 1 January 2024)

Regulation I(A)9b,c, and d. – Schedule of Exercises and Points

TO:

b.

UTILITY DOG (UD) STAKE

	Maximum marks	Group total	Minimum Group Qualifying mark
Group I. Control			
1. Heel free	5		
2. Sending the dog away	10		
3. Retrieve a dumb-bell	5		
4. Down (10 minutes)	10		
5. Steadiness to gunshot Speak on command	5	35	25

c.

WORKING DOG (WD) STAKE

	Maximum marks	Group total	Minimum Group Qualifying mark
Group I. Control			
1. Heel free	5		
2. Sending the dog away	10		
3. Retrieve a dumb-bell	5		
4. Down (10 minutes)	10		
5. Steadiness to gunshot Speak on command	5	35	25

d.

TRACKING DOG (TD) STAKE

	Maximum marks	Group total	Minimum Group Qualifying mark
Group I. Control			
1. Heel free (5) Down on the move (5)	510		

2. Send away and directional control	10		
3. Retrieve a dumb-bell	5		
4. Down (10 minutes)	10		
5. Steadiness to gunshot	5	35	25

e. **PATROL DOG (PD) STAKE**

	Maximum marks	Group total	Minimum Group Qualifying mark
Group I. Control			
1. Heel free (5) Down on the move (5)	510		
2. Send away and directional control	10		
3. Retrieve a dumb-bell	5		
4. Down (10 minutes)	10		
5. Steadiness to gunshot	5	35	25

Regulation I(B)2

TO:

Heel work – The judge should test the ability of the dog to keep its shoulder reasonably close to the left knee of the handler who should walk smartly in a natural manner at normal, fast and slow paces through turns and among and around persons and obstacles. The halt, with the dog sitting to heel, and a 'figure of eight' may be included at any stage. **Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory and CD Stake.**

Any act, signal or command or jerking of the lead which in the opinion of the judge has given the dog unfair assistance shall be penalised. ~~Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory stake.~~

Where required the lead should be attached to a close fitting smooth collar.

Retractable leads or head collars are not to be used.

(Insertion in bold. Deletion struck through)

(Effective 1 January 2024)

Regulation I(B)3

TO:

SIT Introductory – 1 minute CD – 2 minutes **In sight**

Dogs may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The Judge or Steward will give the command 'Last Command' and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to the dogs. Any further commands or signals will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the Judge or Steward until ordered to return to them. ~~In the Introductory Stake, these positions should be in in sight, but in the CD stake, where possible, such positions should be out of sight for the dogs but bearing in mind the short duration of the exercise this may not be practical.~~

Dogs must remain in the sit position throughout the test until the Judge or Steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. The judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause a dog to move.

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Regulation I(B)4

TO:

Down (Introductory and CD stake 5 minutes. Other stakes 10 minutes).—
Handlers must be out of sight of the dogs who may be tested individually or in a group or groups. The judge or steward will give the command 'last command' and handlers should then instantly give their final commands to their dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and proceed to positions indicated by the judge or steward until ordered to return to them. Dogs must remain in the 'down' position throughout the test until the judge or steward indicates that the test has finished. Minor movements may be penalised. No dog will be awarded any marks that sits, stands or crawls more than its approximate body length in any direction. The judge however may use discretion should interference by another dog cause the dog to move. ~~The judge may test the dogs by using distractions but may not call them by name.~~

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(Effective 1 January 2024)

Regulation I(B)5

TO:

Recall to handler – The dog should be recalled from the 'down' or 'sit' position. The handler being a reasonable distance from the dog at the discretion of the judge. The dog should return at a smart pace and sit in front of the handler, afterwards going smartly to heel on command or signal. Handler to await command of the judge or steward. Extra commands shall be permitted in the introductory **and CD stakes**.

(Insertion in bold)
(Effective 1 January 2024)

Regulation I(B)6

TO:

Retrieve a dumb-bell

The dog should not move forward to retrieve nor deliver to hand on return until ordered by the handler on the judge or stewards' instructions. The retrieve should be executed at a smart pace without mouthing or playing with the dumb-bell and the dog should sit in front of the handler. After delivery, the handler will send the dog to heel on the instruction of the Judge or Steward. Extra commands shall be permitted in the Introductory **and CD Stakes**.

(Insertion in bold)
(Effective 1 January 2024)

Regulation I(B)12.b

TO:

Track.—The descriptions below should be followed for the track:

b) The track shall be a single line and may include turns. It shall be approximately 0.8046km (half a mile) long and should be laid as far as possible by a stranger to the dog. **In UD, it shall be a minimum of 550 metres long.**

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2024)

Regulation I1.c.

TO:

Dogs under 18 calendar months of age on the closing date are ineligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed working trials **except that dogs of 6 calendar months of age on the closing date of the trial may be entered for Special Stakes, which do not include the long jump, clear jump and scale.** Bloodhounds may be entered for Bloodhound Trials at 12 calendar months on the first day of the trial.

(Insertions in bold)

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