

Open A/B/C



Suggested Ring Layout and Heeling Pattern

Ring shown is 50 ft × 40 ft (15.24 m × 12.19 m).

Open rings should not be less than 30 ft × 40 ft (9.14 m × 12.19 m). [CDSP Rules, Chapter 1: Ring Size]

Eligibility:

- The Open A class shall be for dogs who have earned the CDSP Novice obedience title, either in a live trial or via video.
- The Open B class shall be for dogs who have earned the CDSP Novice obedience title (CD-C, CD-H, or CD-Cv) and/or any other Open obedience titles in any registry.
- The Open C class shall be for dogs who have earned a CDSP Open title (CDX-C, CDX-H, CDX-Cv) in either the A or B class. Refer to Open C Exercises [Rules, Chapter 5] for allowed orders of exercises.

Heeling patterns: The judge may call a different heeling pattern than the one shown, so long as it follows these guidelines from the rules [Chapter 4: Novice Class; On-Leash Heeling Pattern]:

When the team is ready to begin, the judge will instruct the handler “Forward” and the team must heel forward at a brisk pace. During the heeling pattern, the judge will call at least one halt during the pattern and again at the completion. The judge will also instruct the following turns: *Right Turn*, *Left Turn* and *About Turn*. The judge will call a *Slow Pace*, followed by *Normal Pace* and a *Fast Pace* followed by *Normal Pace*. These instructions may be given in any order but the order must be consistent for all teams.

The heeling pattern should end such that the team is set up for the next exercise, Moving Broad Jump.

A steward will provide the distraction during the first leg of the heeling pattern, before the judge has instructed the handler to turn in either direction. The steward will be waiting at the opposite end of the ring and when the team heels forward on the judge’s instructions, the steward will walk parallel to and approximately eight (8) feet [2.4 m] away from the team, but towards the team. The steward will pass the dog approximately eight (8) feet to the side of the dog.

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Open ring requirements:

- One high jump.
- One broad jump.
- Dumbbell for retrieving.

Handler enters and leaves ring on leash of any length.

Heeling pattern should leave team in front of the broad jump, ready for the moving broad jump exercise, which always follows the heeling exercise, even in the C class where there are three different orders of exercises. Pattern must also include both left and right turns, at least one halt, one fast and one slow (both followed by normal pace), so if you use a different pattern, make sure you include all the required elements.

Any of the three about turns is allowed, but only the most commonly used one is shown on the ring map.

Filming:

Cameras must capture both ring entry and exit, and not stop or pause in between. [See Rules.]

The camera operator may stand outside the ring at the end or the side. The camera may be moved between exercises, so long as it is not turned off, the team is in view, and the entire test is captured in one take.

If using two cameras so the run may be scored, place one in the middle of the side and one in the middle of the end. A second option is to place, one camera near one corner and the other at the next corner on the same side. The goal is to have cameras filming at approximate right angles to each other, not facing each other.

The two cameras do not need to be synchronized, so long as the entire test is filmed in one take, including ring entry and ring exit.

Judges and handlers should speak instructions or commands clearly in order to be heard on camera. The camera operator and observers, of course, should remain silent.

Suggested Judge's Scripts

Judge may remind camera operator to start filming before ring entry and not stop or pause until after team exits the ring, keeping team in view all of the time.

Judge invites the exhibitor into the ring

1. Off-Leash Heeling

- This is the off-leash heeling exercise. Do you have any questions?
- Are you ready?
- Forward.
- Halt.
- Left turn.
- About turn.
- Slow.
- Normal.
- About turn.
- Left turn.
- Fast.
- Normal.
- Right turn.
- Right turn.
- Halt.
- Exercise finished.

2. Moving Broad Jump

- This is the moving broad jump exercise. You may adjust your position if you wish. [Team may be no closer than 10 feet to the nearest board.]
- You may go when you're ready. [Or "Forward."]
- Finish.
- Exercise finished.

3. Drop on Recall

- This is the drop on recall exercise. I will signal the down and the finish. Are you ready?
- Leave your dog.
- [Judge signals "down" at or a little before the middle of the ring.]
- [Judge signals "finish."]
- Exercise finished.

4. Retrieve on Flat

- This is the retrieve on the flat exercise. Are you ready?
- Throw your dumbbell.
- Send your dog.
- Finish.
- Exercise finished.

5. Retrieve over High Jump

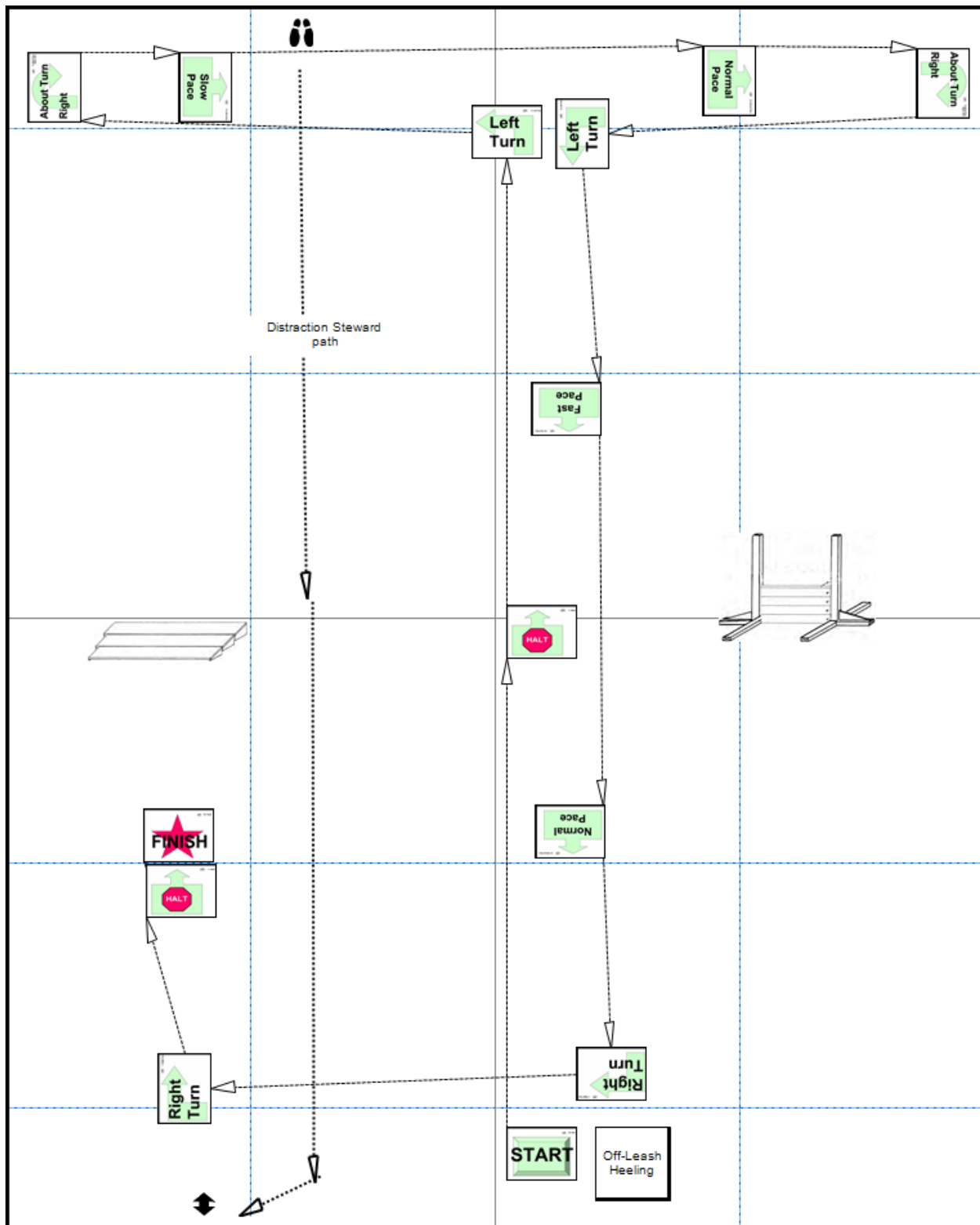
- This is the retrieve over the high jump exercise. Are you ready?
- Throw your dumbbell.
- Send your dog.
- Finish.
- Exercise finished.

6. Go Out, Turn and Sit

- This is the go out, turn and sit exercise. Are you ready?
- Send your dog.
- Return to your dog.
- Exercise finished.

Judge may say "thank you" as exhibitor leaves ring.

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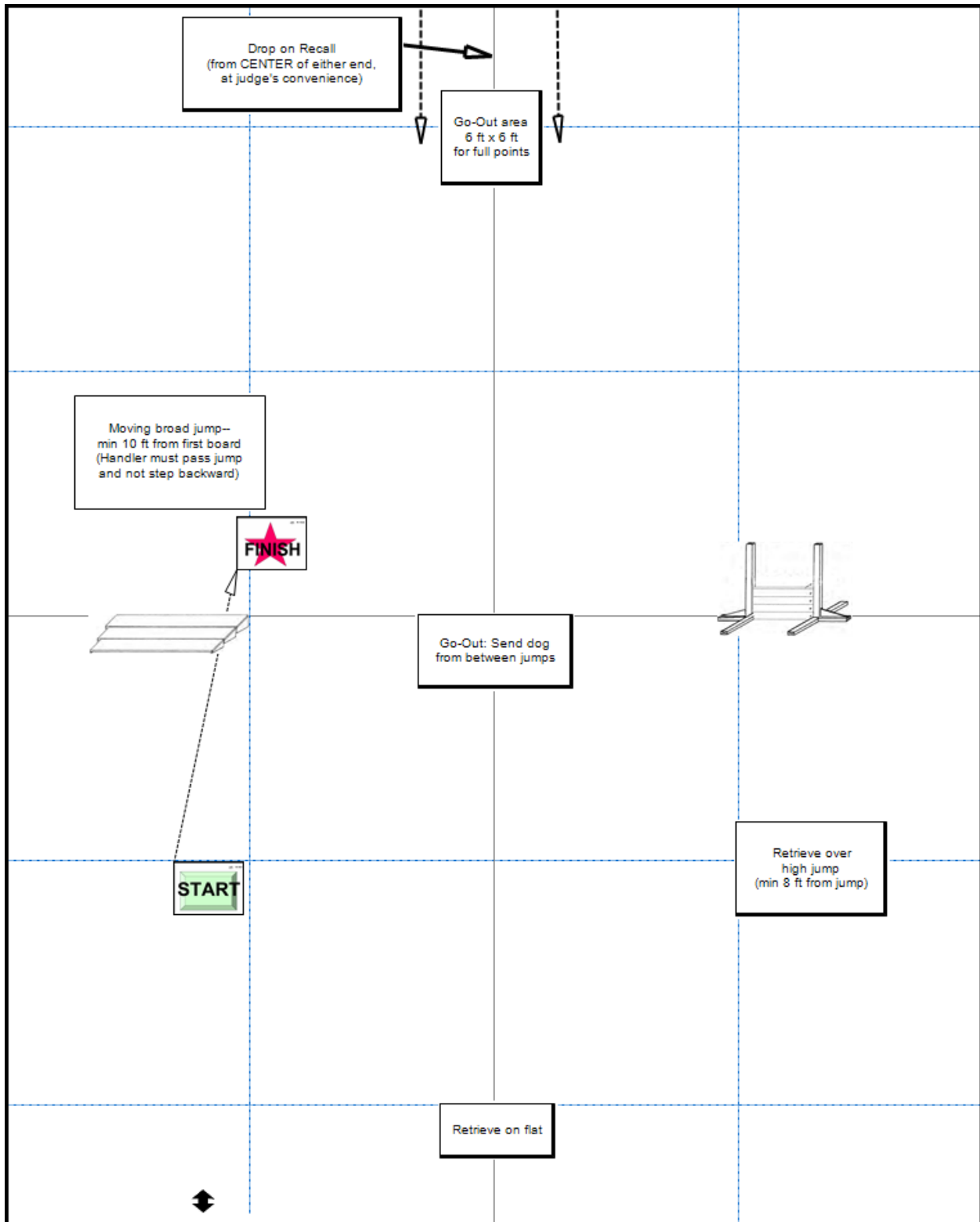


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