

# Starter Novice A/B/C



## Suggested Ring Layout and Heeling Pattern

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

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

**Eligibility:** Teams are not eligible for Starter Novice if the dog has one qualifying score in a Novice class in any venue. Rally titles do not count. Full information for A/B/C class eligibility is in the rules, Chapter 3: Starter Novice Class.

**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 3: Starter 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.

### Starter Novice ring requirements:

One chair near the front of the ring. A folding chair with a padded seat or a plastic chair is suggested, so the dog won't be startled by the metal leash clip hitting the chair. A towel on a metal folding chair would be acceptable, but not required.

No distraction steward is needed. Handler must have 6-foot (1.8 m) leash.

**Pandemic modification:** For the On-leash Figure-8 exercise, use two chairs facing each other 8 feet apart instead of human stewards. Drape a shirt or jacket on the back of each chair. They may be placed in the ring before the test at a place where they will not interfere with other exercises.

### Video Notes

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

Camera operator may stand outside the ring at the end or the side. Camera may move between exercises, so long as it is not turned off 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. Alternatively, one camera may be near one corner and the other at the next corner on the same side. The object is to have cameras filming at approximate right angles to each other, not facing each other.

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

Stand-In Judges should speak instructions 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. On-Leash Heeling

- This is the on-leash heeling exercise. Do you have any questions?
- Are you ready?
- Forward.
- Halt.
- Left turn.
- Slow.
- Normal.
- About turn.
- Right turn.
- Fast.
- Normal.
- Halt. (Alternatively, "About turn; halt.")
- Exercise finished.

#### 2. On-Leash Figure 8 Heeling Pattern

- This is the on-leash figure-8 exercise. Are you ready?
- Forward.
- Halt.
- Forward.
- Halt.
- Exercise finished.

#### 3. On-Leash Stand with Distraction

- This is the on-leash stand with distraction exercise. Are you ready?
- Stand your dog.
- Leave your dog.
- Return to your dog.
- Exercise finished.

#### 4. Off-Leash Recall (1/2 Ring)

- This is the off-leash recall exercise. Are you ready?
- Leave your dog.
- Call your dog.
- Finish.
- Exercise finished.

#### 5. Off-Leash Sit/Stay (1/2 Ring)

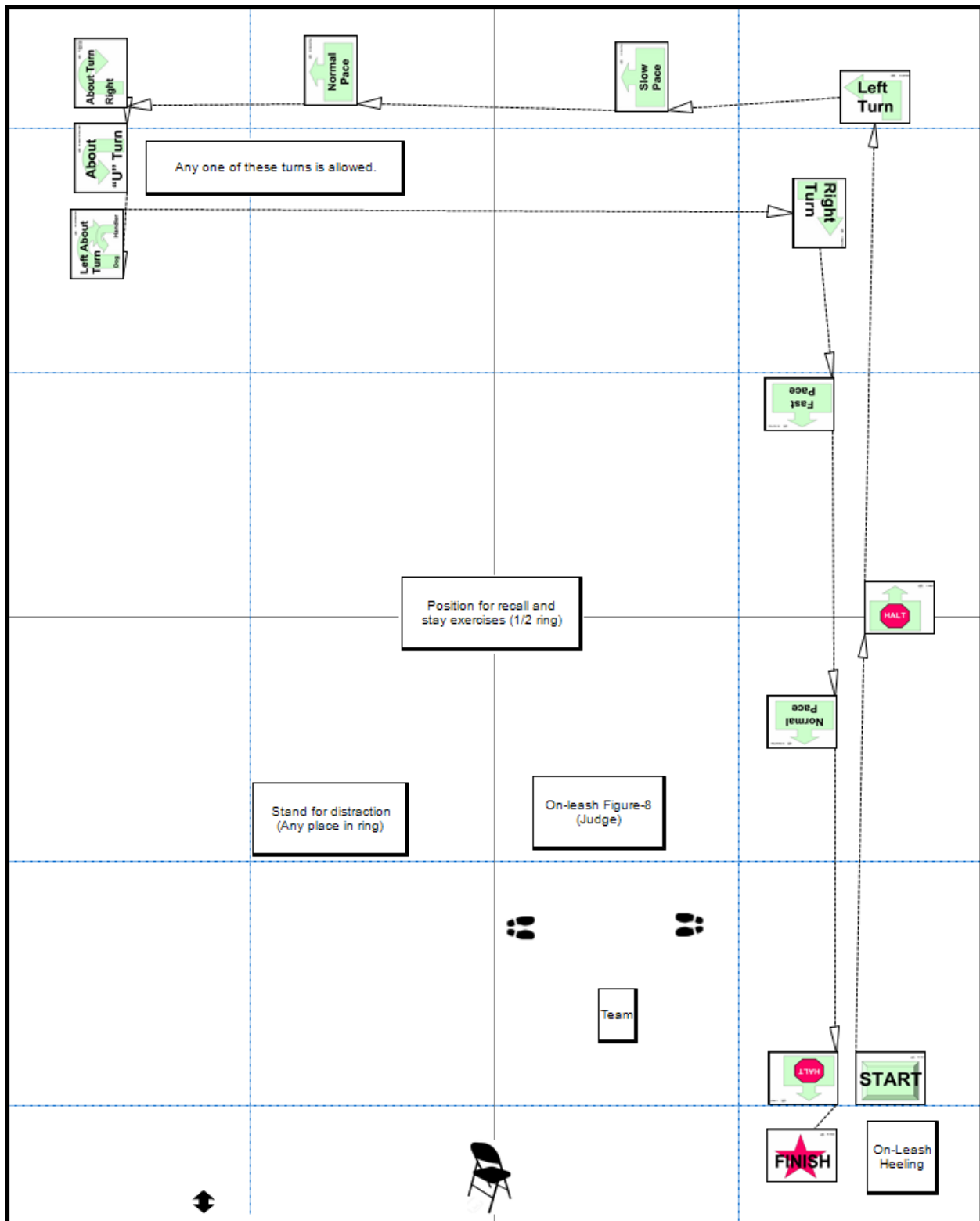
- This is the off-leash sit/stay exercise. Are you ready?
- Sit your dog.
- Leave your dog. (Handler picks up leash and returns without prompting to stand at heel.)
- Exercise finished.

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

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Starter Novice (Signs are shown for instruction only. No signs are used in CDSP.)



Team enters and leaves ring on leash. This must be part of video.