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## 5. SCORING

### a. 1 point deduction

- (1) Tight lead, each occurrence.
- (2) Slightly out of position — ~~includes performing an exercise with the sign on the wrong side. Apart from exercises defined under 'Ring Management — Sign Placement' above, exercises should be performed with the sign on the handler's right hand side~~
- (3) Additional cues (given to prompt the dog to perform the exercise).
- (4) Dropped lead **(the lead should be picked up by the handler prior to continuing. If the lead is not immediately picked up a 5 points deduction should be made for performing an exercise incorrectly).**

### b. 2 points deduction

- (1) Moderately out of position. ~~sits/downs/fronts/stands/walking eg whilst heeling — persistent lack of attention, dog facing the wrong way, handler unable to touch the dog's head.~~
- (2) Failure of **the** dog to move with handler **on the handler's cue** as specified in **the** exercise description.
- ~~(3) Overly large circles/270's/about turns/weaves/spirals, etc.~~
- (4 **3**) Lack of attention/motivation.
- ~~(5~~ **4**) Excessive barking or jumping up whilst competing.
- ~~(6~~ **5**) ~~Movement out of position during stand.~~ **Minor movement out of position during statics.**

### c. 3 points deduction

- (1) Failure to ~~change pace~~ **maintain a consistent pace.**
- (2) Dog sitting on or not completing turns.
- (3) Significantly out of position ~~sits, downs, stands, walking, presents, finishes, etc.~~
- (4) Harsh cues/signals.
- (5) Wide/curved/inaccurate/loose ~~left/right~~ turns.
- (6) Overly large circles/weaves/spirals and walk arounds etc.**
- (7) Dog sniffs distractions.**
- (8) Extended/Excessive cue e.g. giving a continuous hand signal when leaving a dog for a recall or continuous hand-touch in heelwork.**

### d. 5 points deduction

- (1) Handler is in front of jump/uprights when sending a dog over. ~~—Levels 3 and 4~~
- (2) Failure to sit, down, stand, wait, come **and** finish.
- (3) Failure of handler to pivot.
- ~~(4) Exercise not completed~~
- ~~(5) Exercise in wrong direction~~
- ~~(6~~ **4**) Incorrect finish.
- ~~(7~~ **5**) ~~Knocking over a cone, or exercise sign or piece of ring equipment (e.g. jump upright, distraction covers) so that it has to be reset (or with sufficient force that it would have moved if not pegged down).~~ **If a dog taps a piece of equipment with their wagging tail this should not be penalised.**
- ~~(8) Performing an obstacle exercise backwards or in the wrong direction~~
- (6) Exercise performed incorrectly e.g. in the wrong direction; static positions in the wrong order; failure to change pace.**
- (7) Handler and/or dog pass on the wrong side of a piece of equipment.**
- (8) Dog refuses, misses or knocks down a jump.**
- (9) Dog fails to pick up a retrieve article.**

### e. Non-Qualifying

- (1) Touching the dog to prompt an exercise.
- ~~(2) Dog and handler pass on opposite sides of a cone~~
- ~~(3~~ **2**) Nipping or mouthing.

- ~~(4)~~ Deductions totalling ten or more points on any exercise.
  - ~~(5)~~ **3** Exceeding course time (unless an exercise modification for time has been approved).
  - ~~(6)~~ **4** Dog leaves the ring **or dog is not under sufficient control to continue.**
  - ~~(7)~~ Petting/touching rewards given on the move or before exercise is completed
  - ~~(8)~~ **5** Consistently tight lead.
  - ~~(9)~~ Handler performs exercises out of sequence (off course)
  - ~~(10)~~ **6** Handler **and/or dog** misses or does not attempt an exercise **or goes off course.**
  - ~~(11)~~ **7** Dogs which eliminate or become ill in the ring will be excused from the ring and receive a non-qualifying score.
  - ~~(12)~~ **8** Physical/harsh verbal correction.
  - (9) Dog competes wearing the wrong type of collar or the handler carries food or a toy.**
- f. In Levels 1 and 2 ~~only~~, when an exercise requires more than one sign to complete, each exercise sign should be listed on the judge's score sheet. Each sign should be scored separately. In Level 3 and above where an exercise requires multiple signs, this is scored as 1 exercise on the judges score sheet.
- g. The Bonus Exercise has a total point value of ten points. If no deductions are taken, ten points are added to the dog/handler team's score. If errors are made in the performance, deductions are taken off the total **bonus** exercise value of ten. **The final number score for the bonus exercise is added onto the team's score from their round to give their final score.**  
 A score of zero on ~~this exercise~~ **the bonus** does not impact the dog/handler team's final score. **If the handler chooses not to perform the bonus exercise there is no impact on the dog/handler team's score. All normal non-qualifying criteria apply.**  
~~However, if during the Bonus Exercise, the dog leaves the ring, eliminates in the ring, becomes ill, attacks/attempt to attack the judge, or other situations occur that would require the judge to excuse the dog and score the run as an NQ, the dog/handler team will receive a non-qualifying score on their performance. This exercise is performed after the dog/handler team crosses the finish line and the timer has stopped timing. (See Annex B.1.d)~~
- (Insertions in bold. Deletions struck through.)**