

Example of a Judges Briefing: Notes for Advanced from December 2006

- Please be on deck when the gate steward calls you and ready to go into the ring when it is your turn. If you have a conflict, please inform us before the start of the class. If you have a dog with space issues please be nearby so you can get to the ring quickly when it is your turn.
- Bring the dog into the ring on leash! Then remove your leash and hand to the steward. Remember to halt inside the gate after the finish and put on your lead before you exit.
- Please do not bring food or a toy into the ring; it's an automatic NQ. This also means no food or toys may be placed on the judge's table. **Please turn off your cell phones and leave them at your setup**
- Running anywhere on the course, except on the "Fast" exercises or past the jump, will result in a substantial handler error penalty.
- You may touch the dog to stand the dog at the advanced level.
- Physically grabbing, manhandling and/or correcting the dog to get performance or get the dog back into position will result in an NQ.
- If you perform an exercise incorrectly, back up and retry the entire exercise again. You may not repeat just part of it. This will be a -3 deduction instead of a -10. You may retry 2 times and, then, if its still not right, just go on, it is still only -10.
- If you get lost on the course, take your time and get your bearings. There is no maximum course time, but a missed station is an NQ.
- Remember your footwork...steps are steps...not shuffles.
- No whistling is allowed on the course at any time. Patty your leg or clapping your hands is allowed
- Time starts when I say forward and ends when you and the dog completely cross the finish line. Do not stop halfway across the line as the watch keeps running.
- You can praise and encourage your dog to your heart's content and I encourage you to do so. Good Luck.