Drill Team Judges’ Guidelines

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Field Coverage (15 Points)
Entry and exit. Were they interesting, creative, and pleasing to watch?
Did they utilize the entire area of 40’ x 80’?
Were the entry and exit sharply executed?

Teamwork (15 points)
In regards to the groups’ performance and dog obedience and handler’s deportment.
Were there: Obedience errors, Showmanship errors, Handler’s errors that detracted from the overall look of the group’s teamwork.
Does the performer’s attitude/spirit indicate they are happy to be part of a team?

Complexity and Execution of Drills (15 points)
Are the movements original?
Did they use various speeds during drill?
Was the transition from one exercise to the next executed smoothly and with continuity of movement?
A complex routine executed successfully is naturally worth more than a straight heeling pattern.
Were the lines straight and evenly spaced?

Exercises (39 Points)
Each exercise successfully completed by one or more members of the team is worth a maximum of 3 points per exercise. Fewer points should be awarded if the exercise is not completed to the standard expected in the show ring. There is a maximum of 39 points even though more than 13 exercises are completed.
Showmanship activities are scored only once regardless of the number of activities performed.

Music Bonus (1-3 points)
Judges 1 & 2 may add 1 to 3 points when a team attempts the extra challenge of trying to match their routine to the tempo (beat) of the music.

Time Limit (2 points)
Maximum of 5 minutes: Time starts when the first member enters the ring and ends when the final member exits the ring.
Each 10 seconds over 5 minutes results in a loss of 5 points.

Out of Bounds (2 point penalty per occurrence)
Each time a dog & handler unit or a dog or handler steps out of bounds, a 2 point penalty will be given.
When possible record an armband number or dog description.

Penalties (10 points per penalty)
When possible, record an armband number or dog description. The audit committee will check score sheets for reported duplication of penalties.
Dog and/or handler leaving ring is a purposeful action not a miss-step of the boundaries
Music with inappropriate lyrics will result in a 10 point penalty deduction.
Inappropriate lyrics may include:
* The use of profanity
* Discusses or alludes to sexual acts other than kissing or hugging
* Glamorizing the consumption of alcohol
* Racial slurs
* Promoting violence against any person or group
  (such as: women, ethnic, minorities, the police, etc.)

Acceptable equipment
Dress/equipment must comply with the standards established for exhibitors and dogs shown in 4-H Dog Obedience and/or 4-H Dog Showmanship classes. If clothing or accessories would be out of place in the Obedience and/or Showmanship rings a penalty should be recorded under Rules Violations.

For complete rules/regulations see the current year 4-H/FFA Handbook/Premium list available on the Indiana State Fair site or accessed at http://www.four-h.purdue.edu
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