

DRAFT DOG TEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

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PURPOSE

To demonstrate a dog’s usefulness as a draft animal, a reliable freighting companion and worker.

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1 **INTERPRETATIONS**

1.1 **Definitions**

For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the following interpretations shall apply:

“Alternate” shall mean a dog who is placed on an alternate list after the limit for the test has been reached

“Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club

“Canine Companion Number” CCN means that mixed and unrecognized breed dogs are allowed to participate in the CKC Performance Events of Agility, Draft Dog, Obedience and Rally Obedience Trials

“CKC” shall mean The Canadian Kennel Club

“Club” shall mean The Canadian Kennel Club

“club” is a club or association officially recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club

“complainant” shall mean any person who has laid a charge or complaint against another person, partnership, company or organization relative to contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

“debar” shall mean to prohibit a person from participating in any competition or other activities directed, sanctioned, sponsored or authorized by The Canadian Kennel Club if held under its auspices or under any of its rules and regulations

“defendant” shall mean any person, partnership, company or organization against whom a charge or complaint has been laid, relative to contravention of these rules, regulations, procedures and policies of The Canadian Kennel Club

“deprive of privileges” shall mean to deprive a non-member of all privileges accorded to non-members of The Canadian Kennel Club, including the use of the Head Office

“dog” shall mean a dog of either sex

“entrant” shall mean the individual, or if a partnership, all the members of the partnership, entering in a Draft Dog Test

“expel” shall mean to terminate membership in The Canadian Kennel Club and depriving the person so expelled from all privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

“handler” is the person handling the dog in competition

“Head Office” shall mean the office at which the business of The Canadian Kennel Club is carried out on a regular and ongoing basis

“mixed-breed dog” means a dog of unknown ancestry that belongs to no recognized breed and is not the result of selective breeding

(18-09-24) **“Requalification”** shall mean the entry of a dog in a level in which the dog has already been awarded all titles

“Space Available” shall mean that the limit in the test has not been met

“suspend” shall mean to deprive a member, for the period ordered, of all the privileges of The Canadian Kennel Club

(18-09-22) **“Temporary Competition Number” (TCN)** means a number issued by the CKC to participate in CKC events.

“Test Site” shall mean a radius of 100 meters (330 feet) surrounding any portion of any exercise ring or course used during the test for the purpose of restricting access to bitches in season

“unrecognized breed” means a dog of known ancestry not on the CKC list of recognized or miscellaneous breeds, and that is registered with a registry recognized by the CKC

This rule book shall be read with all applicable changes in gender so that the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa and the singular shall include the plural if applicable.

1.2 Draft Dog Tests Defined & Classified

- 1.2.1 An Approved Draft Dog Test is a formal event for which qualifying scores may be awarded by a club or association which has been recognized by the CKC to hold draft dog tests.
- 1.2.2 A Draft Dog sanction match is an informal event at which dogs may participate but not for qualifying scores. Draft Dog matches are held by a club or association under the jurisdiction of the CKC.

2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

2.1 Eligibility of Clubs to Hold Draft Dog Tests

- 2.1.1 Any club or association that is recognized by and in good standing with the CKC is eligible to apply for and hold a draft dog test.
- 2.1.2 A specialty club may apply for permission to hold a draft dog test for its breed or breeds.
- 2.1.3 A club that has not held a draft dog test under the CKC rules within 3 years will be required to hold one Sanction Match.

2.2 Adverse Weather Conditions

- 2.2.1 During adverse and/or severe weather conditions, it is at the discretion of the event giving club to cancel, curtail and/or postpone the judging of the event if the weather is severe enough to cause injury to the exhibitor and their dog. No penalty shall be imposed by The Canadian Kennel Club if such condition has caused the cancellation or postponement of the event.

2.3 Making Applications

- 2.3.1 A club applying to hold a draft dog test must make application on forms provided by the CKC. The Event Date application must be submitted so as to be received not less than 180 days prior to the date of the proposed test. The CKC will notify the club whether or not approval has been granted. If the date is granted and the club fails to hold its test on

the date approved, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be assessed against the club, unless the CKC waives this fee on the grounds that the club had no alternative but to postpone or cancel.

2.3.2 The Test Secretary must be a regular member in good standing with the CKC.
(19-09-24)

2.3.3 The CKC shall have the authority to grant or withhold approval of an application for a test date. In the event such action is taken, the test-giving club shall have no claim against the CKC.

2.3.4 A club may offer “Novice Draft Dog”, “Draft Dog” and/or “Brace Draft Dog” and/or “Draft Dog Excellent” and/or “Brace Draft Dog Excellent” and/or “Draft Dog Advanced” and/or “Brace Draft Dog Advanced” and/or “Master Draft Dog Excellent” and/or “Master Brace Draft Dog Excellent” test levels.
(10-06-21)

2.3.5 The CKC will not approve an application for a draft dog test where qualifying scores can be awarded when dates conflict with one or more draft dog tests, unless it can be shown that the granting of such permission will not work to the detriment of the clubs applying to hold the draft dog tests.

2.3.6 A club that meets all of the requirements of the CKC may apply to hold a draft dog sanction match on a form provided by the CKC.

2.4 CKC Publications

2.4.1 All clubs holding draft dog tests are required to have available copies of the latest edition of these Draft Dog Test Rules and Regulations.

2.5 Advertising

2.5.1 A club that has not been granted priority dates must not advertise or publish the date of any event that has not been approved by the CKC.

2.5.2 A club that has been granted priority dates for its event may advertise those dates prior to submitting the Event Date Application. This does not exempt the club from submitting the required applications to the CKC within the prescribed time frame.

2.5.3 A club must not advertise the names of the judges until the club has received official notification from the CKC that the judges have been approved.

2.6 Officials & Committees

- 2.6.1 The test-giving club is free to formulate its own policy with reference to refunds provided, the refund policy is fixed in advance and shall be stated in the premium list.
- 2.6.2 Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, the Test Chair is in charge of the test.
- 2.6.3 The Test Chair and the Test Secretary must be members of the CKC.
- 2.6.4 No person shall act as a test official and officiating judge at the same test.
- 2.6.5 Only those persons in good standing with the CKC may act in any official capacity at a test held under these regulations.
- 2.6.6 Stewards shall be selected by the test-giving club. They will assist the judges and Chief Steward as required.
- 2.6.7 The Draft Dog Test Committee shall be comprised of at least five (5) members of the test-giving club and may include the Test Secretary. The Test Committee and the Test Secretary shall be held responsible for compliance with all of the applicable Draft Dog Test Rules and Regulations, except those coming under the sole jurisdiction of the judges, and must provide themselves with copies of the latest edition of these rules.
- 2.6.8 The Draft Dog Test Committee of a club holding an approved draft dog test shall have the authority to decide upon any matter arising during the running of the draft dog test, except a matter coming within the sole jurisdiction of the judges.
- 2.6.9 A dog that bites or attempts to bite another dog or a person may be removed from the event grounds or premises for the duration of the event by the Draft Dog Test Committee Chair.
- 2.6.10 Where a person who has control or custody of a dog at a CKC event causes that dog to suffer serious injury or death through negligence or willful misconduct, the Draft Dog Test Committee Chair shall file a report to the CKC for possible submission to the Discipline Committee.

2.7 Handlers with Disability

- 2.7.1 At the judge's discretion a modification to the exercise/routine may be made to accommodate a handler with disabilities providing that such modification does not aid the dog's performance or inhibit other dogs and the dog is required to perform all exercises/routine.

3 JUDGES

3.1 Application for Approval of Judges

- 3.1.1 After a club has been granted permission by the CKC to hold a draft dog test, the club must submit an application for Approval of Selected Judges. The application must be submitted so as to be received not less than 120 days prior to the date of the test. The application must set forth the names and addresses of the persons selected to judge, as well as the test or tests assigned to each judge.
- 3.1.2 When the Judging Panel Application reaches the CKC less than 120 days prior to the date of the test, an administrative fee as set by the Board, will be assessed against the club.
- 3.1.3 The test-giving club shall not select any judge who is ineligible to officiate at a test held under these rules and regulations.
- 3.1.4 If the CKC is not prepared to approve a person selected as a judge, or to approve the entire assignment for which a person has been selected to judge, the club or association must, within 2 weeks thereafter, select and submit to the CKC the name or names of alternative persons to judge the test levels.
- 3.1.5 Once approval is granted, the CKC will inform the test-giving club that the judges have been approved. The test secretary shall send to each approved judge, a confirmation of assignment letter supplied by the CKC, as well as any other pertinent information that the club may include.
- 3.1.6 Once a panel of judges has been approved by CKC, no change will be permitted except when necessary (e.g. death or illness) and with CKC permission.

If a judging change is necessary the test giving club will inform the CKC and submit for approval the name of a qualified replacement judge.

3.2 Judges' Qualifications

3.2.1 The CKC shall have the authority to prescribe from time to time:

- (a) The requirements for eligibility to judge one or more tests at a CKC approved draft dog test.
- (b) The procedures in order to determine and/or test the qualifications of a person seeking to establish eligibility to judge one or more tests.
- (c) The regulations by which a person may be removed from the list of persons eligible for approval to judge at a CKC approved draft dog test.

3.2.2 Any regular member in good standing with the
(20-09-24) CKC may be approved to judge a draft dog test subject to the qualification requirements in force at the time, in the Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII. Judges.

3.3 Judges' Responsibility

3.3.1 Judges must officiate over all exercises in their respective assignments.

3.3.2 A judge may enter or handle a dog in any test level
(11-06-21) at a draft dog test at which they are judging, providing an alternate judge is available to judge any dogs or judge's entry effected by this rule.

3.3.3 A judge at a draft dog test shall be familiar with all rules, regulations, procedures and standards pertaining to the type of test being conducted and shall be responsible for judging in compliance with these.

3.4 Number of Judges & Alternate

3.4.1 A test may have 1, 2 or 3 judges. When there is more than one judge at a test, they must judge independently. There may also be an alternate judge. The names and addresses of all judges, including the alternate, are to be published in the premium list. Should a judge have to be replaced, the approved

alternate judge is to be the first choice replacement. If an approved alternate judge is not available, an emergency substitute judge may be appointed by the Test Committee, subject to verification of qualifications. There is no right to a refund of entry fees due to a substitution of judges unless the competitor is ineligible to compete under the substitute judge.

3.5 Protocol

- 3.5.1 A club should approach a prospective judge advising them of the tests they are being considered to judge. The club will forward to the judge at the same time a letter to confirm the offer of the assignment. If the judge does not receive confirmation from the club within 30 days, he will be free to accept other assignments.
- 3.5.2 Judges must confirm their acceptance of the assignments in writing within 30 days after receipt of confirmation that the services of the judge will be required. If such confirmation is not received by the club within 30 days, the agreement may be considered void and the club is free to seek the services of another judge.

3.6 Judges' Decision Final

- 3.6.1 During the test, the decision of the judges shall be final in all matters affecting the working of dogs and handlers and in evaluation of their performance. The Test Committee shall decide other matters arising at the test.

3.7 Substitute Judge

- 3.7.1 Any person in good standing with the CKC may be used as a substitute judge in an emergency. The substitute judge shall judge the levels as originally approved by the CKC. The test secretary will notify the CKC in writing the particulars of the substitute judge(s) officiating as soon as reasonably possible and no later than when reporting the results of the test. (See section 3.4.1)

3.8 Indignities to a Judge

- 3.8.1 A judge officiating at a draft dog test held under these rules shall not be subjected to any indignities of any kind during the progress of the test. It shall be the duty and obligation of the club holding the test to see that this rule is effectively carried out.

3.9 Judge's Conduct

- 3.9.1 A judge must conduct himself in a manner that is fair and not prejudicial to the sport.

4 PREMIUM LIST, CATALOGUE & JUDGING SCHEDULE

4.1 Premium List

- 4.1.1 A premium list must be provided for CKC approved draft dog tests. The following information must be listed on the cover of a premium list:

- (a) The words "Official Premium List";
 - (b) The name of the club or organization holding the test;
 - (c) Date of event;
 - (d) Date and closing time for entries; and
 - (e) Entries will close automatically when a specified limit for each test has been reached, even if the official closing date for entries has not arrived (if applicable).
- (22-09-24) (f) "Limited Entry" if the club has chosen to limit entries;
- (22-09-24) (g) Whether mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds can enter.

- 4.1.2 The premium list must contain the following information:

- (a) Exact location of the test
 - (b) The statement "These events held under the rules of the CKC"
- (12-06-21) (c) A list of club officers (address may be given if desired)

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- (d) A list of the Draft Dog Test Committee members including the Draft Dog Test Chair
 - (e) Name, address, phone number and email address of the Draft Dog Test Secretary
 - (f) Officiating judges, alternate judge if applicable and their email addresses
 - (g) A complete list of the judges' assignments broken down for each day
 - (h) A list of awards and prizes (if offered)
 - (i) The amount of the entry fee for each entry
 - (j) The name of the Executive Director of the CKC and the address of the Head Office
 - (k) The name of the Draft Dog Representative for the area
- (23-09-24) (l) If maximum entries are not received by closing, day of test entries will be accepted.
- (m) One or more official CKC entry forms
 - (n) A statement to include the wording of Section 19.7 regarding indignities
 - (o) The statement "The Group Option as stated in Section 11.2 is not offered at this test" or "The Draft Dog Field Work, Draft Dog Excellent Freight Haul and/or the Draft Dog Excellent Backpacking Exercises may be performed using the Group Option as stated in Section 11.2 using the recommended methodology as stated in Appendix A."
 - (p) The statement 'bitches in season are allowed to compete' or the statement 'bitches in season are not allowed to compete'
 - (q) Requalifications are accepted pending 'space available'. Requalifications shall be judged as the last team in the section for which they are entered
- (23-09-24) (r) a list of levels offered
- (23-09-24) (s) refund policy if any
- (23-09-24) (t) any prizes and/or trophies if being offered.
- (23-09-24) (u) whether mixed breeds and unrecognized breeds can enter.

4.1.3 At the time of distribution to prospective entrants,
(13-06-21) 2 copies or electronic copy of the premium list must be sent to The Canadian Kennel Club and one copy or electronic copy each to the Draft Dog Representative and Board Member representing the zone in which the test is to be held.

4.1.4 Clubs are free to include other rules and regulations as they deem necessary. However, if other rules are included, they become part of the premium list and will be enforced.

4.1.5 The test secretary shall assume the responsibility of collecting all listing fees for the CKC, which shall be stated in the premium list.

4.2 Catalogue

4.2.1 An official catalogue must be provided for all approved draft dog tests. The official catalogue must be printed or typed.

4.2.2 The following information must be listed on the outside front cover or the first page of the catalogue:

- (a) Name of the club or association holding the test
- (b) The dates of the test;
- (c) The statement “This event held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club”;
- (d) Exact location of the test;
- (e) List of the Draft Dog Test Committee including the Test Chair;
- (f) Name, address and phone number of the Test Secretary;
- (g) A complete list of the judges and their email addresses;
- (h) A listing of each judge’s assignments for each day.

(25-09-24) (i) any prizes and/or trophies if being offered.

4.2.3 All dogs or braces entered must be listed in the catalogue, by level and in order of competing.

4.2.4 The information in the catalogue on each dog must be in the following order:

- (a) Catalogue number of the dog;
- (b) Registered name of the dog (in capital letters);
- (c) CKC registration number, Event Registration Number (ERN), Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN), Canine Companion Number (CCN), Temporary Competition Number (TCN);
- (d) Date of birth;
- (e) Name of breeder(s);
- (f) Registered name of sire;

- (g) Registered name of dam;
- (h) Place of birth (Canada or elsewhere);
- (i) Name of owner(s);

(26-09-24) (j) Agent (if applicable).

- 4.2.5 The following certification (a different catalogue must be used for each officiating judge) must appear in the official catalogue following the listing of dogs entered in the test:

CERTIFICATION OF JUDGE

I certify that _____ dogs received qualifying scores in this Draft Dog Test and that the above information identifying these dogs was entered prior to my signing this page.

Date Signature of Judge Name of Judge (please print)

CERTIFICATION OF TEST SECRETARY

I certify that the Judge has verified the above information and signed this page. Number of dogs entered

Total starters Total number of qualifying scores

Date Signature of Test Secretary

- 4.2.6 Following completion of judging in the test, the Test Secretary shall, for each officiating judge, mark an official catalogue with the word “Qualifying” next to the names of all dogs that received qualifying scores. Each judge shall then verify the accuracy of the marked awards, and the Test Secretary and the judges shall complete their appropriate certifications.
- 4.2.7 A test-giving club shall provide a complimentary copy of its catalogue to each officiating judge after the test, marked with the results from all officiating judges.
- 4.2.8 Catalogues must include all of the information that
(27-09-24) is called for in the entry forms about competing dogs, with the exception of addresses of owners.

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- 4.2.9 The name and address of The Canadian Kennel Club, and the name, email address and telephone number of the CKC Board Member and the CKC Draft Dog Representative for the zone in which the test is to be held must appear on every catalogue.

4.3 Judging Schedule

- 4.3.1 A club holding a test or tests under these rules and regulations must prepare, after entries have closed, a program showing the time scheduled for judging. It should show the start time for each test level, and optionally, the start time for each section of each test level. Scheduled times for equipment checks and examination of loads should also be in the program.
- 4.3.2 Such judging schedule must include the number
(28-09-24) of dogs entered in each level, and is to be sent to all exhibitors along with acknowledgement of their entry, as well as to each officiating judge.

5 RIBBONS, ROSETTES, PRIZES & TROPHIES

5.1 Ribbons & Rosettes

- 5.1.1 A club holding an approved draft dog test shall
(29-09-24) offer a ribbon or rosette, one (1) for each qualifying score. Ribbons or rosettes shall be at least 5 cm (1.9 in) wide and 20 cm (7.8 in) long, red in colour, and shall bear on its face a facsimile of the seal of the CKC, the words qualifying score, the name of the test-giving club and the name of the test and level achieved.
- 5.1.2 If ribbons are given at a draft dog sanction match,
(30-09-24) they shall be pink in colour, but need not otherwise conform to the requirements for ribbons at approved draft dog tests.
- 5.1.3 All ribbons and rosettes shall be offered for outright award.

5.2 Prizes & Trophies

- 5.2.1 All prizes and/or trophies at a test under these rules must be:
- (a) listed in the premium list and catalogue;
 - (b) offered to be won outright;
 - (c) only awarded to dogs earning at least one “qualifying score” at the test.
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6 ENTRIES & END OF TEST

6.1 Entry Requirements

- 6.1.1 Draft dog tests shall be open to all dogs of sufficient height and weight that are physically capable of performing all the exercises in a particular class. The judges must excuse a dog at any time during a test for lack of physical capacity. All dogs must be 18 months of age or over on the first day of the event.
- 6.1.2 Every dog entered in an approved draft dog test or a draft dog sanction match must be one of the following:
(31-09-24)
- (a) Registered with the CKC
 - (b) Have an Event Registration Number (ERN)
 - (c) Eligible for registration with the CKC
 - (d) Have a Performance Event Number (PEN)
 - (e) Have a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN)
 - (f) Have a Canine Companion Number (CCN)
- 6.1.3 If a dog is not registered individually in the CKC Stud Book, it may be entered at a test held under these regulations with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) provided that:
- (a) If born in Canada, it is of a litter which is eligible for CKC registration;
 - (b) If not born in Canada, it is eligible for individual registration in the records of the CKC;
 - (c) If foreign born and owned, has an Event Registration Number, or obtains this from the CKC within 30 days of the first test entered.
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- 6.1.4 The entry of a dog with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) at a draft dog test held under these regulations (draft dog sanction matches excluded) must be accompanied by the appropriate TCN and recording fee, and fees must be remitted by the club or association holding the test to the CKC within 14 days after the test.
- 6.1.5 A dog that is eligible for a Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) and Canine Companion Number (CCN) cannot be entered as a listed dog.
- 6.1.6 The CKC has the authority, at any time, to require the owner of a dog with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN) to submit proof of the dog's eligibility for registration in the CKC's Stud Book, and if the CKC is satisfied that the dog is not eligible for registration, it shall have the right to order the cancellation of all scores and prizes earned by the dog at tests held under these regulations. Failing to comply with the CKC's request to return ribbons and/or prizes to the clubs concerned, the owner of the dog automatically renders himself ineligible to enter any dog in any competition approved by the CKC.
- 6.1.7 No dog, belonging wholly or in part to any judge or to any member of the immediate family or household of any judge, shall be entered in any test where the dog could be judged by that judge unless an alternate judge is available to judge any dogs affected by this rule.

6.2 Entry Forms

- 6.2.1 The following information must appear on each entry form:
- (a) Registered name of dog
 - (b) CKC individual registration number (if registered in the CKC stud book), Event Registration Number (ERN), Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or Canine Companion Number (CCN), Temporary Competition Number (TCN)
 - (c) Breed of dog
 - (d) Sex of dog
 - (e) Date and place of birth
 - (f) Names of sire and dam

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- (g) Names of breeders
 - (h) Name of Agent (if applicable)
 - (i) Test entered
 - (j) Name of the owner (name of lessee shall be given instead of the name of the registered owner if the dog is being held under lease)
 - (k) Complete address of owner or lessee
 - (l) Name of handler if the dog is not to be handled by the owner or member of his immediate family
 - (m) Signature of owner, lessee or authorized agent
 - (n) See section 6.2.6 for entry level and re-qualification
- 6.2.2 Owners or lessees are responsible for errors or omissions in completing the entry forms, regardless of who makes the errors.
- 6.2.3 No entry shall be made under a kennel name unless that name has been registered with the CKC. All entries made under a kennel name must be signed with the name of the kennel followed by the word “registered”.
- 6.2.4 All entries must be made on an official CKC entry form and must show all particulars as set forth in these rules. The Test Secretary shall supply entry forms. Any dog proven not to correspond with its entry form shall be disqualified and all winnings and entry money shall be forfeited. Should the act of fraudulent entry be proven, the owner and/or handler, shall be referred to the Discipline Committee of the CKC who shall take such action as it sees fit.
- 6.2.5 An entry for a test held under these rules must be made on an official CKC entry form which discloses the registered name of the dog, CKC Registration number, Event Registration Number (ERN), Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN), Canine Companion Number (CCN), Temporary Competition Number (TCN), the name and address of its owner, name of breeder(s), date & place of birth, registered names of sire and dam, agent’s name & address if applicable and the test entered.”
- 6.2.6 The entry form must indicate the type of test and the level being entered or that this entry is for ‘re-qualification’. Teams may enter more than one level provided all pre-requisite titles have been
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achieved. A dog must have earned his DD at a prior test to make him eligible for DDX entry. In the case of Brace Draft dog entries, both dogs must have earned DD titles at prior tests to enter the BDD level. The same is true of Brace Draft Dog Excellent entries; both dogs must have earned DDX and BDD titles at prior tests to be eligible for this level.

6.3 Entry Fee Refund

- 6.3.1 The test-giving club is free to formulate its own policy with reference to refunds provided that said policy shall be fixed in advance of the mailing of the premium list for any particular test. The refund policy shall be stated in the premium list.

6.4 Entry Fees

- 6.4.1 Tendering of a dishonoured cheque or declined credit card in payment of entry fees shall be considered non-payment of entry fees. Any individual who commits this offence should be reported to the CKC and may be subject to disciplinary action, and cancellation of awards.
- 6.4.2 The entry of a dog with a Temporary Competition
(34-09-24) Number (TCN) at a draft dog test held under these regulations (draft dog sanction matches excluded) must be accompanied by the appropriate TCN fee. All TCN and recording fees must be remitted by the club or association holding the test to the CKC within 14 days of the test.

6.5 Guidelines

- 6.5.1 The owner or agent entering a dog in a test does so at his own risk and agrees to abide by these rules.
- 6.5.2 Entries shall close as stated in the premium list, but in no case shall they close less than 10 days prior to the first day of testing.
- 6.5.3 Each entry form must be completed in full and the information given on the entry form must be that which applies to the entered dog.
- 6.5.4 A club holding a CKC approved draft dog test shall not accept any entries received after the closing time and date specified in the premium list.

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- 6.5.5 The order of dogs competing shall be in the order that the entries are received except that dogs handled by the same person or belonging to the same owner should be separated when possible. Another exception is for bitches in heat and re-qualifying dog as provided for within these rules and regulations.
- 6.5.6 No entry shall be accepted from any person who is not in good standing with the CKC on the day of closing of the entries. Before accepting any entries, a list of persons from the CKC not in good standing must be received and reviewed by the Test Secretary.
- 6.5.7 A Test Committee may decline any entries or may remove any dog from its test for just cause. In such instances the test-giving club shall file, in writing, what are felt to be in its opinion good and sufficient reasons for doing so, with the CKC within 14 days of the test.
- 6.5.8 No entry shall be made at any test if a judge of
(15-06-21) the test, or any member of his immediate family or household owns or has owned, sold, held under lease or handled the dog at a Draft Dog Test within 2 months of the starting date of the test.
- 6.5.9 Handlers, trainers or agents may compete. A competitor may enter more than one dog.
- 6.5.10 Where any of the test regulations require that a dog shall have won a particular title before being entered in a particular test, eligibility to enter the test shall be determined as follows:
- (a) A dog may be entered in such test of which the final closing date occurs after his handler has been notified by 3 different judges that the dog has obtained a “qualifying score” in a test required for the title, even though the owner has not received official notification from the CKC that the dog has earned the title. However, the owner shall forfeit any prizes and “qualifying scores” won in the particular test if the CKC does not subsequently notify the owner officially that the title has been won.
- 6.5.11 The Test Chair may enter and/or handle a dog in
(35-09-24) the test at which they are officiating.
- 6.5.12 The Test Secretary may enter and/or handle a dog in
(36-09-24) the test at which they are officiating.
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- 6.5.13 The entry of a non-titled dog will be given preference over a titled dog in the test in which the titled dog has already been awarded that title.

6.6 Disqualification & Reinstatement

- 6.6.1 Any dog disqualified for biting or viciousness shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated.
- 6.6.2 The judge shall have the authority to disqualify or excuse a dog which menaces, threatens, or attempts to bite the judge, another person, or any dog in the field. If a dog is twice excused for any combination of these actions, it shall have the status of a disqualified dog. The judge shall also have the authority to disqualify or excuse a dog which attempts to bite, or bites in response to an attack from another dog.
- 6.6.3 The judge shall disqualify or permanently disqualify a dog which bites the judge, another person or any dog in the field. Dogs permanently disqualified under this provision will not be eligible for reinstatement. The decision to permanently disqualify a dog must be clearly indicated on the judge's disqualification form.
- 6.6.4 Once a dog has been disqualified for any reason at a Draft Dog Test, it may not be entered until the dog has been reinstated by the CKC. All awards earned by a dog in violation of this section will be cancelled by the CKC and the owner of the dog is subject to disciplinary action. A dog disqualified under section 6.6.3 is not eligible for reinstatement.
- 6.6.5 Any dog that is disqualified under section 6.6.3 shall automatically be disqualified from entering in any other CKC event in any other discipline until such time as the dog is officially reinstated, if the dog is eligible for reinstatement.
- 6.6.7 Reinstatement
- (a) The owner of a dog which has been disqualified at an event held under these rules may, after 30 days from the date of said disqualification, apply in writing to the CKC for reinstatement of the dog, unless the dog is ineligible for reinstatement as per Section 6.6.3. The request for reinstatement must be accompanied by a deposit as set by the Board

6.7 Health

- 6.7.1 No dog may be entered at a test if it has any communicable disease.
- 6.7.2 Dogs entered in a test must have current immunization status.
- 6.7.3 No dog may be brought onto the grounds or premises of a test if it:
- (a) Is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease, or
 - (b) Has recovered from distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease within the last 30 days
 - (c) has been housed within 30 days prior to the show, trial or test on premises on which there existed distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease.
- 6.7.4 Where it is found that these rules have been contravened, the dog in question shall be removed from the show, trial or test premises/grounds and the exhibitor will be subject to disciplinary action.

6.8 Change of Entry *(37-09-24)*

- 6.8.1 *(37-09-24)* The entry of any dog entered in a draft test may be changed to any other level for which the dog is eligible. The change must be on the appropriate form and submitted to the test secretary by the owner or handler no less than one hour prior to the start of the test.
- 6.8.2 *(37-09-24)* If it is established by the CKC that a dog whose entry was changed to the next level has not completed the requirements for the lower level all passing ribbons and/or awards shall be forfeited and cancelled by the CKC and the owner may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 6.8.3 *(37-09-24)* In order for a dog to be eligible to change its entry to a higher level, the dog must be individually registered in the CKC or have an Event Registration Number (ERN) or a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or a Performance Event Number (PEN) or a Canine Companion Number (CCN) before entries close. The addition of a CKC number after close of entries does not make the dog eligible and will result in referral to the Discipline Committee.

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- 6.8.4 When working on DD Advanced and Master DDX simultaneously, you may enter both levels in the same test. Changing levels will also be allowed only when working on DDA & MDDX in tests you have entered before closing, you must notify the test secretary one hour before the beginning of the test if you are changing levels and there is room for the entrant to do so.
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6.9 Limited Entry

- 6.9.1 A host club may limit entries in any or all levels by prominent announcement on the title cover page of its premium list.
(38-09-24)
- 6.9.2 When the advertised limit has been reached, all remaining entries may be assigned a position (by test) on the alternate list to be drawn up in the same order as the receipt of entries. The person making the entry shall be notified of their position on the list. In the event any dog is pulled after the closing date, it may be substituted with one from the alternate list up to and including the day of the test. Entry fees will be refunded within ten (10) days following the test for those on the alternate list who did not participate in the test.
(39-09-24)
- 6.9.3 A test-giving club may limit entries in any or all tests by prominent announcement on the title cover page of its premium list that entries will close automatically when a certain limit for each test has been reached, even if the official closing date for entries has not arrived.
(40-09-24)
- 6.9.4 When tests are advertised as limited and entries do not fill in the levels offered, the tests may be interchanged as follows, providing the test-giving club has the resources necessary to offer the substituted tests(s):

2 DD = 1 DDX

2 DD = 1 BDDX

1 DD = 1 BDD

1 DDX = 1 BDDX

6.10 End of Test

- 6.10.1 The Test Secretary shall, within 14 days of the completion of an approved draft dog test, forward to the CKC the marked official catalogues, signed and certified by the appropriate judge and the Test

Secretary, plus all entry forms and any other applicable information and documents.

- 6.10.2 Evaluation forms need not be submitted to the CKC. The forms may be given to the entrants.
- 6.10.3 A club holding an approved draft dog test shall retain a marked official catalogue certified by the Test Secretary for a minimum of one year.
- 6.10.4 The test-giving club is responsible for the collection of all listing and recording fees and the submission of same to the CKC, so as to be received not more than 14 days after the closing of the test. The test-giving club shall forward the following to the CKC:
 - (a) The signed certification over the signatures of any of the following: president, vice president, secretary, or other authorized signing officer, as to the number of listed dogs entered in its test, and the total number of dogs entered in competition in its test;
 - (b) A remittance which shall include all listing fees and recording fees as set by the CKC for each and every dog entered in competition in its test. In the event that the CKC establishes that the remittance fails to completely cover the fees set forth above, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be assessed.
- 6.10.5 An administrative fee as set by the Board will be imposed for each day's delay in the returns reaching the CKC.
- 6.10.6 Non-compliance with the provisions of this section will result in an automatic administrative charge for each day over the 14 day period.

6.11 Bitches in Season

- 6.11.1 The test committee may decide to allow or disallow bitches in season from competing. Allowing or disallowing bitches in season must be clearly stated in the premium list as per section 4.1.2 (p). Bitches in season shall be judged after all the other dogs entered on that day have finished and prior to competing they shall not be allowed on the 'test site'.

6.12 Veterinarian

- 6.12.1 Every test shall have a qualified veterinarian within easy call during the entire progress of the test.

7 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- 7.1 It shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct if a person during the running of or in connection with an event, abuses or harasses a judge or official or any other person present in any capacity at the event.
- 7.2 Any handler who displays unsportsmanlike conduct or who is seen to kick, strike or otherwise roughly manhandle a dog while on the grounds of a draft dog test at any time during the holding of the event, may be expelled from the test by the Draft Dog Test Committee.
- 7.3 Judges shall also have the authority to expel a handler from a test if they observe unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler or see the handler kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog while the dog is being judged. In a multi-judge test, the judges must consult with each other, in the presence of the Chief Steward or other test official, and be unanimous in their decision to expel the handler. It will be the duty of the judges to report promptly to the Draft Dog Test Committee the expulsion of a handler.
- 7.4 The Draft Dog Test Committee shall investigate, at once, any instance of alleged unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the handler, or any report that a handler has been seen observed kicking, striking or otherwise roughly manhandling a dog. If a Draft Dog Test Committee, after investigation, determines that a handler or other person is in violation of this section, it shall exercise its authority in accordance with the Complaints section of these rules.
- 7.5 The Test Secretary shall submit to the CKC a complete report of any action taken under this section within 14 days of such ruling.

8 QUALIFYING SCORES, AWARDING OF TITLES

8.1 Qualifying Scores

- 8.1.1 In order to receive a qualifying score in any level, a dog must pass each and every exercise for that level. A qualifying score must never be awarded to a dog which does not exhibit the ability to meet the minimum requirements.

8.2 Novice Draft Dog (NDD)

- 8.2.1 This is an elective level and earning the title is not required to enter a Draft Dog (DD) Test. The CKC will permit the use of the title “Novice Draft Dog” (NDD) in connection with each dog certified by 3 different judges to have a “qualifying score”; i.e., passed each and every exercise in the novice draft dog test, provided the dog is registered individually in the records of the CKC, or has a Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or, in the case of a foreign born and foreign owned dog, has an Event Registration Number (ERN) or in case of mixed breed dogs has a Canine Companion Number (CCN). The owner(s) who must be recorded as owner in the records of the CKC, shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won under the CKC rules.
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8.3 Draft Dog (DD)

- 8.3.1 The CKC will permit the use of the title “Draft Dog” (DD) in connection with each dog certified by 3 different judges to have a “qualifying score”; i.e. passed each and every exercise in the draft dog test, provided the dog is registered individually in the records of the CKC, or has a Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) in the case of a foreign born and foreign owned dog, has an Event Registration Number (ERN) or in case of mixed breed dogs has a Canine Companion Number (CCN). The owner(s) who must be recorded as owner in the records of the CKC, shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won under the CKC rules.

8.4 Draft Dog Excellent (DDX)

- 8.4.1 The CKC will permit the use of the title “Draft Dog Excellent” (DDX) in connection with each dog having already been certified by the CKC as Draft Dog and which has been certified by 3 different judges to have a “qualifying score”; i.e. passed each and every exercise in the draft dog excellent test, provided the dog is registered individually in the records of the CKC, or has a Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or, in the case of a foreign born and foreign owned dog, has an Event Registration Number (ERN) or in case of mixed breed dogs has a Canine Companion Number (CCN). The owners who must be recorded as owner in the records of the CKC, shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won under the CKC rules.

8.5 Brace Draft Dog (BDD)

- 8.5.1 The CKC will permit the use of the title “Brace Draft Dog” (BDD) in connection with each brace team certified by three (3) different judges to have a “qualifying score” i.e. passed each and every exercise in the Brace Draft Dog test, providing each dog is registered individually in the records of the CKC, or have a Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or, in the case of foreign born and foreign owned dogs, has an Event Registration Number (ERN) or in case of mixed breed dogs has a Canine Companion Number (CCN). The owner(s) must be recorded as owner(s) in the records of the CKC for each individual dog and shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won under the CKC rules. It is acceptable for each dog to have separate owners while competing as one brace.
- 8.5.2 In order to compete as a Brace each dog that makes up the Brace team must have previously earned a Draft Dog (DD) title. It is acceptable to enter as a Brace even if one dog has already earned a BDD title.

8.6 Brace Draft Dog Excellent (BDDX)

- 8.6.1 The CKC will permit the use of the title “Brace Draft Dog Excellent” (BDDX) in connection with each brace team certified by three (3) different

judges to have “qualifying score” i.e. passed each and every exercise in the Brace Draft Dog Excellent test, providing each dog is registered individually in the records of the CKC, or have a Performance Event Number (PEN), Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) or, in the case of foreign born and foreign owned dog(s), has an Event Registration Number (ERN) for each dog. The owner(s) must be recorded as owner(s) in the records of the CKC or in case of mixed breed dogs has a Canine Companion Number (CCN) and shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won under the CKC rules. It is acceptable for each dog to have separate owners while competing as one brace.

- 8.6.2 In order to compete as a Brace each dog that makes up the Brace team must have previously earned a Draft Dog Excellent title (DDX) title and a Brace Draft Dog title (BDD). It is acceptable to enter as a Brace even if one dog has already earned his BDDX title.

8.7 Draft Dog Advanced (DDA)

- 8.7.1 The CKC will permit the use of the title Draft Dog
(44-09-24) Advanced (DDA) in connection with each dog that has earned a combined total of 15 qualifying DD legs under a minimum of three (3) different judges. Each dog must be registered individually in the records of the CKC, or have a Performance Event Number (PEN), or an Event Registration Number (ERN) or a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The owner(s) must be recorded as owner(s) in the records of the CKC or in case of mixed breed dogs has a Canine Companion Number (CCN) and shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won under the CKC rules.

8.8 Brace Draft Dog Advanced (BDDA)

- 8.8.1 The CKC will permit the use of the title Brace
(45-09-24) Draft Dog Advanced (BDDA) in connection with each dog that has earned a combined total of 15 qualifying BDD legs under a minimum of three different judges. Each dog must be registered individually in the records of the CKC, or have a Performance Event Number (PEN), or an Event Registration Number (ERN) or a Miscellaneous

Certification Number (MCN). The owner(s) must be recorded as owner(s) in the records of the CKC or in case of mixed breed dogs has a Canine Companion Number (CCN) and shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won under the CKC rules.

8.9 Master Draft Dog Excellent (MDDX) *(10-06-15)*

8.9.1 The CKC will permit the use of the title Master Draft Dog Excellent (MDDX) in connection with each dog that has earned a combined total of 15 qualifying DDX legs under a minimum of three different judges. Each dog must be registered individually in the records of the CKC, or have a Performance Event Number (PEN), or an Event Registration Number (ERN) or a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The owner(s) must be recorded as owner(s) in the records of the CKC or in case of mixed breed dogs has a Canine Companion Number (CCN) and shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won under the CKC rules.

8.10 Master Brace Draft Dog Excellent (MBDDX)

8.10.1 The CKC will permit the use of the title Master Brace Draft Dog Excellent (MBDDX) in connection with each dog that has earned a combined total of 15 qualifying BDDX legs under a minimum of three different judges. Each dog must be registered individually in the records of the CKC, or have a Performance Event Number (PEN), or an Event Registration Number (ERN) or a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN). The owner(s) must be recorded as owner(s) in the records of the CKC or in case of mixed breed dogs has a Canine Companion Number (CCN) and shall be entitled to a certificate issued by the CKC certifying that the title has been won under the CKC rules.

8.11 Advanced & Masters Eligibility *(17-06-21)*

8.11.1 Once teams have earned their titles at a particular level (Draft Dog, Brace Draft Dog, Draft Dog Excellent or Brace Draft Dog Excellent) they can enter and work towards ANY of the Advanced or Master level titles. Teams can pursue multiple

levels simultaneously without the requirement of a prerequisite title (i.e. a team can enter and work towards their Master Draft Dog Excellent without first earning their Draft Dog Advanced; or a team can enter and work towards a Brace Draft Dog Advanced title without first earning a Draft Dog Advanced title). These titles are meant to encourage teams to continue competing in the sport of draft.

8.12 Summary of Draft Dog Titles *(49-09-24)*

Title	Pre-Requisite	Qualifying Legs Required
NDD Novice Draft Dog	None	3
DD Draft Dog	None	3
BDD Brace Draft Dog	DD on both dogs	3
DDX	DD	3
Draft Dog Excellent		
BDDX Brace Draft Dog Excellent	BDD & DDX on both dogs	3
DDA Draft Dog Advanced	DD	12
BDDA Brace Draft Dog Advanced	BDD	12
MDDX Master Draft Dog Excellent	DDX	12
MBDDX Master Brace Draft Dog Excellent	BDDX	12

* The Advanced titles are not pre-requisites for the Master titles

** The Advanced and Master titles require 15 qualifying legs in total. The 3 for the pre-requisite title plus 12 more.

9 RINGS & EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 All equipment including a 1.8 m (6 ft) leather or fabric leash where required and apparatus needed for the tests shall be provided by the individual handlers, with the exception of any equipment needed to define the site and facilitate the operation of the tests, which shall be provided by the Draft Dog Test Committee.
- 9.2 Equipment provided by the Draft Dog Test Committee includes:
- (a) exhibitor numbers;
 - (b) necessary markers for field and backpacking exercises;
 - (c) judges' equipment (marking sheets, judges' records, clipboards, stopwatch, etc.);
 - (d) distraction dog;
 - (e) first aid kit;
 - (f) suitable rings for control and carting exercises.
 - (g) appropriate 'load(s);
 - (h) scales for weighing the loads and backpacks
- 9.3 The ring or rings for the control and/or carting exercises shall have a working area of at least 12.2 m (40 ft) wide by 15.2 m (50 ft) long and not more than 23 m (75 ft) wide by 23 m (75 ft) long. The ground area for the control & carting exercises should be level and of a consistent terrain. The ground area for the field work exercises may use varied terrain. Examples of terrain variations include grass of varying heights, gravel, sand, bark mulch or pavement. The terrain need not be level nor free of obstacles. Trees, narrow areas, hills and/or some gentle sloping are encouraged. It is acceptable to use two (2) rings (one (1) for basic control and one for the carting exercises) or one (1) ring (for both control and carting exercises). In the case of using two rings, the basic control ring shall have a dimension of 12.2 m (40 ft) by 15.2 m (50 ft). The ring or rings must be enclosed with fencing, gates, drapery, surveyor's tape or rope approximately 60 cm (2 ft) high and braced at regular intervals.
- 9.4 In the Figure 8 exercise in the draft dog test, the posts for the Figure 8 shall be set at a minimum of 1.8 m (6 ft) to a maximum of 2.5 m
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(8 ft) for carts and a minimum of 2.5 m (8 ft) and a maximum of 3.7 m (12 ft) for wagons and/or brace entrants. The use of natural terrain and/or natural obstacles is acceptable. The ground need not be level nor of the same terrain through the entire exercise.

- 9.5 The load provided should be suitable to be loaded
(51-09-24) into a variety of vehicles. Each component will be no more than 9 kg (20 lbs).

10 DRAFT DOG TEST COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

- 10.1 The following are some of the functions of the Draft Dog Test Committee:
- (a) finding and securing the use of a suitable site;
 - (b) marking and defining the site;
 - (c) selecting the judges;
 - (d) obtaining the services of competent stewards;
 - (e) in consultation with the judges, shall make any and all immediate decisions arising from unforeseen circumstances and unpredictable weather;
 - (f) obtaining the services of someone trained in first aid to be available during the test.

11 JUDGING

- 11.1 The judges must remember that they are judging the dogs only on their ability to perform the tests set for them.
- 11.2 The judges must test each entrant separately
(52-09-24) (except for the Down-Stay exercise). At the judges discretion, the judges may, in a multi judge test, judge a maximum of three (3) entrants as a group during the Novice Draft Dog Field Work, Draft

Dog Field Work, Draft Dog Excellent Freight Haul and/or Draft Dog Excellent Backpacking Exercise.

- 11.3 In each exercise, each pattern or course must be the same for each entry.
- 11.4 Judges may bar from competition any dog which does not obey the handler, any handler that interferes willfully with another competitor or competitor's dog, and may expel from competition any dog which the judges consider unfit, unsafe or out of control to compete.
- 11.5 No judge shall require any dog or handler to do anything, nor penalize a dog or handler for failing to do anything, which is not required by these regulations.
- 11.6 A dog which fails to meet the minimum requirements of any exercise shall in no case be marked "pass" in the exercise. A dog which anticipates any exercise shall be marked "fail" in that exercise.
(53-09-24)
- 11.7 A "pass" must never be awarded to a dog whose performance has not met the minimum requirements, or to a dog that shows fear, resentment or aggression, or leaves the ring/course during an exercise, or to a dog whose handler disciplines or abuses it during the judging.
- 11.8 Judging begins when the handler acknowledges the 'Are you ready?' order from the judge and ends when the judge orders 'Exercise finished' An exception exists in and during the (group exercise) freight hauls or back packing exercises where a judge may grant a 'time out' to a dog.
- 11.9 In a multi-judge test, prior to the commencement of judging, the judges will meet in the presence of the Chief Steward and decide amongst themselves which one will act as the instructing or lead judge for each section of the test and decide on which option to follow (example 11.2)
- 11.10 Before each, or part of, every exercise the lead judge must ask the exhibitor "Are you ready?" and the exercise shall not start until acknowledged by the exhibitor.
- 11.11 All orders shall be given to handlers by the lead judge and shall be sufficiently clear and distinguishable for everyone to follow the judging and, at the end of each exercise, the lead judge shall say, "Exercise Finished."

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- 11.12 Dogs shall be judged in catalogue order with the exception of bitches in season, which will be judged after all other dogs entered on that day have finished. Judges are not required to wait for dogs. It is the responsibility of each handler to be ready with his dog at ringside or start of course when required, without having to be called. It is the handler's responsibility to notify the Chief Steward if he has a bitch in heat.
- 11.13 If a dog has failed in a particular exercise, it shall not ordinarily be rejudged nor given a second chance. But if in the judge's opinion, the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions, the judge may, at his own discretion, rejudge the dog on the entire exercise. In a multi-judge test, the judges must consult with each other, in the presence of the Chief Steward or other test official, and be unanimous in their decision to allow a rejudging.
- 11.14 The judges shall not disclose any results to entrants or spectators until after the results of the judging are entered in the marked Official Catalogue and certified as provided for within these rules and regulations.
- 11.15 A judge is not required to explain his marking and should not enter into any discussion with any entrant who appears to be dissatisfied. Any interested person who thinks that there may have been a technical error, or an error in identifying a dog, may report the facts to the Chief Steward or other test official so that the matter may be checked.
- 11.16 The dog may be guided gently by the collar between exercises or parts of exercise and may be guided into proper position for the next exercise or part of exercise.
- 11.17 Each section will be judged in order and each dog will be judged in each section (with the exception of bitches in season) before proceeding to the next section.
- 11.18 Except for the Draft Dog Test Stand, Stay, Return
(23-06-21) with Object and Down-Stay exercise, multiple commands and/or signals and/or oral praise are permitted and are not to be penalized.
- 11.19 A dog whose handler takes food or other training aids into the ring or course will receive a "fail".
- 11.20 A dog who defecates or urinates within the ring area or while performing in draft work will receive a "fail".
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- 11.21 If an apparatus and/or load makes contact with a solid vertical object of more than 15 cm (6 in) in height within the ring area or while performing in draft work, the dog will receive a “fail”.
- (54-09-24)
- 11.22 As each handler enters the ring or course, the judges shall see that the dog has on either a well-fitting plain buckle, martingale, slip collar or quick release collar. Slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with 2 rings, one on each end, are acceptable. Martingale collars may be chain, fabric or leather or of the half check type with fabric or leather around the neck and chain in the joining loop. Special training collars, or collars that are either too tight or so large that they hang down unreasonably in front of the dog, are not permitted. There shall not be anything hanging from the collars.
- (55-09-24)
- 11.23 All exercises for the Draft Dog, Brace Draft Dog, Draft Dog Excellent and Brace Draft Dog Excellent Test will be performed off-lead, demonstrating cooperation between handler and dog. All exercises for the Novice Draft Dog Test will be performed on lead.
- (24-06-21)
- 11.24 Prior to the start of the exercises for each test level, the judges will examine all equipment supplied by the handler in order to approve the safety and suitability of the harnesses and apparatus. The handler will present the dog or brace harnessed and hitched. The cart or wagon will be pulled forward as directed by the judges, for a distance of no less than 3 meters (10 feet).
- 11.25 No specific time limits shall be given. However, it is the option of the lead judge to deem that a dog is not working and should be marked “failed” and ordered to stop. The lead judge in any exercise may deem that a dog is not working and should be marked “failed” and ordered to stop if after approximately one minute the team seems unable, unwilling or incapable of completing the exercise.
- (56-09-24)
- 11.26 In draft work, once a handler has positively acknowledged ‘Are you ready?’ judging has begun. The dog shall at no time sit or lie down ‘while working’. Any position other than standing while hitching, unhitching, loading, unloading or while hitched to a draft apparatus is an automatic failure. This section does not apply to the Control exercises or the Backpacking exercises.
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- 11.27 Prior to the commencement of judging in any section of the test in which a “load” is involved, the handlers must be given an opportunity to examine the load and to experiment with it to determine the best method and/or vehicle to use.
- (a) If the load or any drafting equipment falls off the apparatus once the lead judge has asked ‘Are you ready?’ and received an affirmative response from the handler, and before the lead judge has said ‘Exercise Finished’ the team will be marked as ‘Failed’.
 - (b) If the backpacks fall off the dog once the lead judge has asked and received an affirmative reply from the handler to ‘Are you ready?’ and before the lead judge has said ‘Exercise Finished’ the team will be marked as ‘Failed’.
- 11.28 During the Novice Draft Dog exercises, if the
(57-09-24) leash is used to guide the dog, to issue a correction, or is continually tight the team will receive a fail.
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12 EXERCISES FOR THE NOVICE DOG TEST

12.1 Control Exercises

12.1.1 Purpose

The control exercises demonstrate the dog’s ability to be a safe and obedient companion and worker.

- 12.1.2 Control will be demonstrated in a ring no less than
(25-06-21) 12.2 meters (40 feet) by 15.2 meters (50 feet) and no larger than 23 meters (75 feet) wide by 23 meters (75 feet) long.

- 12.1.3 With the exception of harnessing, hitching, and
(58-09-24) unhitching, any handler who intentionally touches their dog or the equipment to assist in an exercise will be marked failed. During the Novice Draft Dog exercises, if the leash is used to guide the dog, to issue a correction, or is continually tight the team will receive a fail.

12.1.4 Exercise 1 – Heel on leash

- (59-09-24) The dog shall be on the handler’s left side, shall remain on a loose leash and respond to the handler’s
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commands at all times. The lead judge shall use each of the following orders at least once: “forward”, “slow”, “fast”, “normal”, “right turn”, “left turn”, “about turn”, and “halt.”

- (59-09-24) Dog and handler shall receive a “Pass” providing the dog responds to the handler’s commands, remains on a loose leash and demonstrates teamwork. A stand at heel at the halt is acceptable.

12.1.5 Exercise 2 – Group down

- (60-09-24) This is a group exercise, with handlers going to the end of their leash. No more than ten (10), nor less than two (2) dogs, shall be judged at one (1) time. On the order from the lead judge, the handler will put the dog in the down position. The dog may gently be placed in the down position manually. The lead judge will give the order “Leave your dog”. The handler will then give the dog one command to “stay” by voice, and/or hand signal, then leave the dog, walk to the end of the leash and turn and face the dog. One (1) minute after giving the order to leave your dog the lead judge will order the handlers to “Return to your dog”. The dog must stay in position from the time the handler leaves until the handler is in heel position and the judge says, “exercise finished”

- (60-09-24) The same handler who handled each dog in the first exercise must handle each dog in the Group Down, except when a handler has handled more than one (1) dog in the first exercise, there must be an additional handler for each dog when judged together in the Group Exercises.

12.2 Carting Exercises (16-03-18)

12.2.1 Purpose

The carting exercises demonstrate the dog’s usefulness as a draft animal in manoeuvring loads safely and quietly on a wheeled vehicle over a moderate distance and smooth terrain.

- 12.2.2 Any dog who sits or lies down while working will be marked failed.

- 12.2.3 With the exception of harnessing, hitching, and unhitching, any handler who intentionally touches their dog or the equipment to assist in an exercise will be marked failed. The leash should be loose and not used to manoeuvre the dog. If the leash is used to
- (61-09-24)

guide the dog, to issue a correction, or is continually tight the team will also receive a fail.

12.2.4 A cart or wagon will be the most suitable vehicle for this test.

12.2.5 **Exercise 3 - Harness & Hitch**

(19-06-21) Handler harnesses and hitches dog in ring. Cart
(62-09-24) or wagon & harness will be in the ring prior to the commencement of judging. The handler will enter the ring with the dog on leash. The steward or lead judge will direct the team to a position approximately .3 - 1m (1 - 3 ft) in front of the cart and wait for further instruction. Once in position, the handler will then stand the dog if the dog is not already standing. The judge will then ask the handler "Are you ready". Once the team answers yes, the judging begins for this exercise.

(62-09-24) The handler may ask the steward to pass the harness at this point, if that is their preference. Alternatively, the handler has the option of putting the dog on a stand stay and reaching back to the cart to retrieve the harness. The dog will remain standing at all times while waiting to be harnessed. The decision on how the harness will be retrieved must be made by the handler prior to entering the ring for this exercise. The dog may be hitched by bringing the cart to the dog or taking the dog to the cart without touching the dog. The leash may remain on the dog during harnessing, or the handler can remove the leash when putting on the harness, but must then reattach the leash once the harness is on the dog. During the harnessing and hitching, the handler's skill and the dog's willingness will be judged.

12.2.6 **Exercise 4 – Manoeuvres**

(63-09-24) The lead judge will direct the handler to perform a
(64-09-24) series of manoeuvres to test the ability of the dog to be a carting companion. The judge shall use each of the following orders at least twice: "forward", "left turn", "right turn", "halt". The judge shall use the following orders at least once: "slow" and "normal". The change of pace must be shown for a distance of no less than 1.2 m (4 ft). If the leash is used to guide the dog, to issue a correction, or is continually tight the team will also receive a fail.

12.2.7 **Exercise 5 – Figure 8 (65-09-24)**

(63-09-24) The lead judge will direct the handler to manoeuvre through a figure 8 course. The handler may start to

the left or the right and the leash must remain loose. Upon completion the judge will give the order ‘exercise finished’. If the leash is used to guide the dog, to issue a correction, or is continually tight the team will also receive a fail.

12.2.8 Exercise 6 – Backup (66-09-24)

(63-09-24)
(67-09-24) The dog must be backed up while hitched for a distance of .61 m (2 ft). Both dog and vehicle must move backwards. The dog is not required to back up perfectly straight and the dog shall not be penalized for the vehicle touching or running over the backup stick. If the leash is used to guide the dog, to issue a correction, or is continually tight the team will also receive a fail.

12.3 Field Work Exercises

12.3.1 Purpose

The Field Work Exercise demonstrate the dog’s ability to pull a suitable freight load over a moderate distance in cooperation with their handler.

12.3.2 Any dog who sits or lies down while working will be marked failed.

12.3.3 With the exception of harnessing, hitching, and unhitching, and any handler who intentionally touches their dog or equipment to assist in an exercise will be marked failed. If the leash is used to guide the dog, to issue a correction, or is continually tight the team will also receive a fail.
(68-09-24)

12.3.4 This test should take place on natural terrain, with sloping land, boulders, high grass and/or trees providing natural obstacles.

12.3.5 A clear description or a walk through of the course shall be given before the judging begins. The course shall be clearly marked.
(70-09-24)

12.3.6 Exercise 7 – Hitching/Loading

(69-09-24)
(71-09-24) The dog may be presented to the judges for inspection already harnessed and hitched if the harness and vehicle are identical to that used in the carting exercises. Alternatively, the dog will stand quietly for examination of the harness (the dog may be presented already in harness) and for hitching to the vehicle (if any). A vehicle is not required in this exercise; a hauling harness may be attached directly to the load if preferred by the handler. Dog and handler will then proceed from the starting point to

a designated load (could be a Christmas tree, some bush or firewood to be removed from work area, a bag of dog food or some other appropriate load that weighs approximately 18 kg (40 lbs) as set by the test Chair). This load will be positioned at a minimum distance of 100 m (328 ft), from the starting point. The dog will halt on command and stand quietly to be loaded. The judges will determine that the load is safe and secure before proceeding with the hauling exercise. During the Hauling Exercise, the judge will also evaluate the load. If the leash is used to guide the dog, to issue a correction, or is continually tight the team will also receive a fail.

12.3.7 Exercise 8 - Hauling

(69-09-24) On command from the lead judge, the dog and handler will move forward though a variety of terrain that includes both going up and down gentle hills as well as both left and right turns and 180-degree turn. The dog and handler will proceed at a good working pace for an approximately 200 m (656 ft) back to the starting point or back where the load was first loaded. On command from the lead judge, the dog and handler will “halt”. If the leash is used to guide the dog, to issue a correction, or is continually tight the team will also receive a fail.

(72-09-24) Handlers may determine their own path when negotiating the established course. Handlers will be allowed to manoeuvre on a hill to provide the safest and easiest route for their dog.

12.3.8 Exercise 9 - Unloading and Unhitching

(73-09-24) The dog will stand quietly to be unloaded and unhitched. The judge will say ‘exercise finished’ when the dog is unhitched.

13 EXERCISES FOR THE DRAFT DOG TEST & BRACE DRAFT DOG TEST

13.1 Control Exercises

13.1.1 Purpose

The Control Exercises demonstrate the dog’s ability to be a safe and obedient companion and worker.

13.1.2 Control will be demonstrated in a ring no less than
(26-06-21) 12.2 m (40 ft) by 15.2 m (50 ft) and no larger than
23 m (75 ft) wide by 23 m (75 ft) long.

13.1.3 With the exception of harnessing, hitching, and unhitching, any handler who intentionally touches his dog or the equipment to assist in an exercise will be marked failed.

13.1.4 Exercise 1 – Heel Off Lead

(20-06-21) The dog shall be on the handler's left side, shall
(74-09-24) remain within 2 m (6 ft) of the handler and respond to the handler's commands at all times. The lead judge shall use each of the following orders at least once: "forward", "slow", "fast", "normal", "right turn", "left turn", "about turn", and "halt". Dog and handler shall receive a "Pass" providing the dog responds to the handler's commands remains within 2 m (6 ft) of the handler and demonstrates teamwork. A stand at heel at the halt is acceptable.

13.1.5 Exercise 2 – Group Down Stay

This is a group exercise, with handlers across the width of the ring. No more than ten (10), nor less than two (2) dogs, or one (1) brace and one (1) dog shall be judged at one time. On command from the lead judge, the handler will put the dog in the down position prior to removing the leash and placing it behind the dog along with the exhibitor number. The dog may be downed manually. The lead judge will give the command "Leave your dog." The handler will give the dog one command to "stay" by voice, hand signal, or a combination, then will leave the dog and walk briskly to the opposite side of the ring where he will turn to face the dog. The dog must stay in position from the time the handler leaves throughout a three (3) minute period, and until the handler has been told by the judge to return to the dog, the handler has returned and the dog is in heel position and the judge has said "Exercise Finished." A person may enter more than one dog in this level.

The same handler who handled each dog in the first two (2) exercises must handle each dog in the Group Down, except that where a handler has handled more than one dog in the first two (2) exercises, there must be an additional handler for each dog when judged together in the Group Exercises.

13.2 Carting Exercises

13.2.1 Purpose

The Carting Exercises demonstrate the dog's usefulness as a draft animal in manoeuvring loads safely and quietly on a wheeled vehicle over a moderate distance and smooth terrain.

13.2.2 Any dog who sits or lies down while working will be marked as failed.

13.2.3 With the exception of harnessing, hitching, and unhitching, any handler who intentionally touches his dog or the equipment to assist in an exercise will be marked failed.

13.2.4 A cart or wagon will be the most suitable vehicle for this test.

13.2.5 Exercise 3 – Harness and Hitching

Handler harnesses and hitches dog in ring. The handler will enter the ring with the dog on leash. The lead steward or judge will direct the team where to begin and wait for further instruction. Once in position, the steward will take the leash from the handler. The handler will then stand the dog if the dog is not already standing. The judge will then ask the handler "Are you ready". Once the team answers yes, the judging begins for this exercise

The cart or wagon and harness may be brought in by an assistant or the ring steward; alternatively, the handler will put the dog on a stand stay and get the harness and vehicle themselves. This will be decided by the handler prior to entering the ring for this exercise. Once the cart is brought in, either by the steward or handler, it will be placed approximately 1ft - 3ft behind the dog. The dog will remain standing while the handler retrieves the harness from the cart and proceeds to harness the dog. The dog may be hitched by bringing the cart to the dog or taking the dog to the cart without touching the dog. During the harnessing and hitching, the handler's skill and the dog's willingness will be judged.

13.2.6 Exercise 4 – Stand Stay & Return with Object

(21-06-21) The lead judge will ask the handler 'Are you ready?'.
(75-09-24) Once the team answers yes, the judging begins for this exercise. The lead judge will order 'Forward' to direct the team to move forward 2-4 m(6 ft-13 ft), and then order the team to "Halt and Retrieve the load". After halting their dog, the handler will give

the dog one command to ‘stay’ by voice and/or hand signal then walk to a pre-set location in the ring no more than 4 m (13 ft) away from the dog to retrieve a small load (must be less than 2.27 kg (5 lbs)). The handler returns with the item and places it in the cart or wagon, then moves to stand beside the dog. The lead judge will give the order “exercise finished” at that time.

The purpose of this exercise is to test the dog’s ability to remain in a “stand stay” while the handler moves away and then returns to the dog. The dog should not travel or move more than 0.3 m (1ft) after the handler leaves. Shifting of weight is permitted. Upon completion of the exercise, the steward shall remove the item from the cart.

13.2.7 Exercise 5 – Manoeuvres

(22-06-21)
(76-09-24) The lead judge will direct the handler to perform a series of manoeuvres to test the ability of the dog to be a carting companion. The lead judge shall use each of the following orders at least twice: ‘forward’, ‘left turn’, ‘right turn’, ‘halt’. The lead judge shall use the following order at least once: ‘slow’ ‘normal’. The ‘change of pace’ must be shown for a distance of no less than 1.2 m (4 ft).

13.2.8 Exercise 6 – Figure 8

(22-06-21)
(77-09-24) The lead judge will direct the handler to manoeuvre through a figure 8 course. Upon completion the lead judge will give the order ‘exercise finished’.

13.2.9 Exercise 7 – Backup

(22-06-21)
(78-09-24) The dog must be backed up while hitched for a distance of at least 1.2 m (4 ft). Both dog and vehicle must move backwards. The dog is not required to back up perfectly straight and the dog shall not be penalized for the vehicle touching or running over the backup stick.

13.3 Field Work Exercises

13.3.1 Purpose

The Field Work Exercises demonstrate the dog’s ability to pull a suitable freight load over a moderate distance in cooperation with his handler.

13.3.2 Any dog who sits or lies down while working will be marked as failed.

13.3.3 With the exception of harnessing, hitching, and unhitching, any handler who intentionally touches

his dog or the equipment to assist in an exercise will be marked failed.

13.3.4 This test should take place on natural terrain, with sloping land, boulders, high grass and/or trees providing natural obstacles.

13.3.5 A clear description or a walk through the course shall be given before the judging begins. The course shall be clearly marked.
(79-09-24)

13.3.6 Exercise 8 – Hitching/Loading

The dog may be presented to the judges for inspection already harnessed and hitched if the harness and draft apparatus is identical to that used in the carting exercises. Alternatively, the dog will stand quietly for examination of the harness (dog may be presented already in harness) and stand quietly for hitching to the draft apparatus (if any). Apparatus is not required in this exercise; a hauling harness may be attached directly to the load if preferred by the handler. Dog and handler will then proceed from the starting point to a designated load (could be a Christmas tree, some bush or firewood to be removed from work area, a bag of dog food or some other appropriate load that weighs approximately 18 kg (40 lbs) as set by the Test Chair). This load will be approximately 36 kg (80 lbs) for brace. This load will be positioned at a minimum distance of 100 m (328 ft) to a maximum of 140 m (459 ft) from the starting point. Dog will halt on command and stand quietly to be loaded. The judges will determine that the load is safe and secure before proceeding with the Hauling Exercise. During the Hauling Exercise, the judges will also evaluate the load.

13.3.7 Exercise 9 – Hauling

(80-09-24) On command from the lead judge, dog and handler will move forward through a variety of terrain that includes both going up and down gentle hills as well as both left and right turns and 180 degree turn. The dog and handler will proceed at a good working pace for approximately 200 m (656 ft) back to the starting point or back to where the load was first loaded. On command from the lead judge the dog and handler will ‘halt’.

Handlers may determine their own path when negotiating the established course. Handlers will be allowed to manoeuvre on a hill to provide the safest and easiest route for their dog.

13.3.8 Exercise 10 – Unloading and Unhitching

Dog will stand quietly to be unloaded and unhitched.
Exercise finishes when dog is unhitched.

14 EXERCISES FOR THE DRAFT DOG EXCELLENT TEST & BRACE DRAFT DOG EXCELLENT TEST

14.1 Carting Exercises

14.1.1 Purpose

The Carting Exercises demonstrate the dog's competence as a draft animal in pulling a wheeled conveyance on a smooth surface.

14.1.2 Any dog who sits or lies down while working will be marked as failed.

14.1.3 With the exception of harnessing, hitching, and unhitching, any handler who intentionally touches his dog or the equipment to assist in an exercise will be marked failed.

14.1.4 All exercises in this section will include a load set by the Test Chair. The weight should be approximately 27.2 kg (60 lbs). This weight is 54 kg (119 lbs) for Brace.

14.1.5 Exercise 1 – Harnessing/Hitching/Loading

Cart or wagon, harness and load will be in the ring prior to the commencement of judging. Dog and handler will enter the ring and the handler will command the dog to stand-stay at a point about 6.1 m (20 ft) from the vehicle. Handler will collect the harness and return to the dog who will cooperate while being harnessed. Dog and handler will walk to the vehicle. Handler will then hitch the vehicle to the dog and load the vehicle.

14.1.6 Exercise 2 – Back Up

After the load is secure, the handler will command the dog to back the vehicle at least 1.2 m (4 ft). Handler may not touch the dog or vehicle during back up. Back up must be in a straight line only. Both dog and vehicle must move backwards.

14.1.7 Exercise 3 – Manoeuvres in two parts

Part 1 - beside the cart

- (81-09-24) For this part of the manoeuvring exercise the handler may use any position beside, in front except behind the dog. Dog and handler will respond to a series of orders from the lead judge. These will include at least two (2) of each of the following: left turn, right turn, halt, and one slow for a distance not less than 2 m (6 ft) and one normal. The slow will be included during the manoeuvring, not at the beginning or end of the exercise. At a predetermined part of the course the lead judge will order “halt” and then “exercise finished”. Handler will then position himself behind the cart.

Part 2 – behind the cart

- (81-09-24) This is a continuation of Part 1 of the manoeuvring exercise but should not be a duplication of the course followed in Part 1. Dog and handler will respond to a series of orders from the lead judge. These will include at least two of each of the following: left turn, right turn, halt, and one slow for a distance not less than 2 m (6 ft) and one normal. The slow will be included at some point in the manoeuvring, not at the beginning or end of the exercise. The handler may stray 61 cm (2 ft) to either side of the cart; however the dog must perform the entire exercise with the handler behind.

At the conclusion of this part of the exercise the lead judge will order halt and then exercise finished.

14.2 Freight Haul Exercises

14.2.1 Purpose

The Freight Haul Exercises demonstrate the dog’s usefulness as a reliable freighting companion and worker.

- 14.2.2 Any dog who sits or lies down while working will be marked as failed.

- 14.2.3 With the exception of harnessing, hitching, and unhitching, any handler who intentionally touches his dog or the equipment to assist in an exercise will be marked failed.

- 14.2.4 This exercise is to be performed over rough ground, incorporating such obstacles as trees, boulders, high grass or snow banks, and small hills to be negotiated.

Draft apparatus suitable to the terrain and/or season should be used as in the draft dog test. Apparatus is not required in this test; a hauling harness may be attached directly to the load if preferred by the handler.

A clear description or a walk through the course shall be given before the judging begins. The course shall be clearly marked.

14.2.5 Exercise 4 – Harnessing/Hitching/Loading

Dog will stand quietly to be harnessed and hitched to draft apparatus. The judges may permit the dog to begin the exercise harnessed.

Dog will remain standing while handler loads the apparatus with a suitable load set by the Test Chair (may be some firewood, brush, tools or some other item which would prove awkward to move without the help of the dog and weighing 18.2 to 27.2 kg (40 to 60 lbs)). The weight for brace competitors will be 36 to 54 kg (80 to 120 lbs). The emphasis in this section is on steadiness to harness, not the weight of the load.

14.2.6 Exercise 5 – Hauling

(82-09-24) Dog and handler will negotiate a course which will be a minimum of 400 m (1312 ft) and a maximum of 500 m (1640 ft).

The course will include at least two (2) 90 degree turns and at least one (1) obstacle which will require the dog to stop and await instruction and/or help from the handler; for example, a gate to be opened or a curb to be negotiated. The course will also include one (1) narrow area through which the dog, **with** apparatus, could move easily. The dog is expected to haul both up and down small hills. Dog and handler are to work at a comfortable working speed, and the dog is to remain willing, under control, and responsive to the handler at all times.

Handlers may determine their own path when negotiating the established course. Handlers will be allowed to manoeuvre on a hill to provide the safest and easiest route for their dog.

The course may be laid out roughly as a square or circle ending at the starting point. Handler may work ahead, beside, or behind the dog.

14.2.7 Exercise 6 – Unloading and Unhitching

At the end of the course the dog will again stand quietly while his handler removes the load and unhitches. The exercise is finished when the dog is unhitched and the lead judge says “Exercise Finished”.

14.3 Backpacking Exercises

14.3.1 Purpose

(27-06-21) The Backpacking Exercises demonstrate the ability of the dog to function as a pack animal, carrying a load over a long distance and rough terrain. Dogs may sit or lie down during the backpacking course, as long as under the control of the handler without penalty.

14.3.2 A clear description or a walk through the course shall be given before the judging begins. The course itself shall be clearly marked.

14.3.3 With the exception of harnessing, hitching, and unhitching, any handler who intentionally touches his dog or the equipment to assist in an exercise will be marked failed.

14.3.4 Judges must be physically fit in order to negotiate the course with each dog.

14.3.5 A handler whose physical condition prevents his taking part in this portion of the test may designate another person to handle the dog through this exercise.

14.3.6 Dog and handler will be judged as a team throughout this section.

14.3.7 Exercise 7—Loading

- (a) Handlers shall provide an appropriate pack for each animal. Tie cords are optional.
- (b) The dog must carry a 2 day supply of dog food (no tins).
- (c) Backpacks should include items which might be required for a 2 to 3 day trip.
- (d) Packs are to be adequately sized to allow for the dog to carry 1/6 of the dog’s weight to a maximum of 11.3 kg (25 lbs).
- (e) Packs will be packed with appropriate items to obtain the required weight and the weight verified with a weigh scale before the backpack is put on the dog.

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- (83-09-24) (f) The dog will stand quietly to have the pack put on, the handler will pay attention to the dog's comfort on the trail.
- (83-09-24) (g) The pack may be put on the dog already loaded. In case of Brace teams, the handler may place one dog in a time out while putting the pack on the second dog.
- (h) Judges will inspect pack and load.

14.3.8 Exercise 8 – Backpacking

- (84-09-24) The course will be a minimum of 600 m (1968 ft) to a maximum 800 m (2625 ft) over rough terrain. Ideal areas for a course would be a wooded area with natural trail including fording running water (stream) through narrow trails with natural obstruction such as under brush and fallen logs.
- (84-09-24) Dog and handler will negotiate a course of at least 600 m (1968 ft) to a maximum 800 m (2625 ft) over rough terrain and through a variety of obstacles (i.e. fallen trees, fordable streams, steep hills). Dog will remain willing and under control and should remain in view of all the judges at all times. Dog and handler must stop and wait if directed to do so. It is the handler's option whether the dog works ahead, beside or behind the handler.

14.3.9 Exercise 9 – Distraction

- (85-09-24) At some point along the course, dog and handler will meet a distraction such as another dog on leash, a jogger, or a person on a bike etc. Dog is to remain obedient and responsive during this encounter.

14.3.10 Exercise 10–Unloading

Upon completion of the backpacking course, the dog and handler will be asked to halt and then unload. The dog will stand quietly while the backpack is being removed. The backpack is placed on the ground near the dog. The lead judge orders 'exercise finished'.

15 EXERCISES FOR THE DRAFT DOG ADVANCED TEST & BRACE DRAFT DOG ADVANCED TEST

- 15.1 Exercises for the Draft Dog Advanced Test and
(86-09-24) Brace Draft Dog Advanced Test are exactly the same as those for the Draft Dog Test and Brace Draft Dog Test. To earn this title(s) a team must qualify at the Draft Dog or Brace Draft Dog level a total of five (5) times. As per 8.7.1 or for a total of 15 qualifying legs.
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16 EXERCISES FOR THE MASTER DRAFT DOG EXCELLENT TEST & MASTER BRACE DRAFT DOG EXCELLENT TEST

- 16.1 Exercises for the Master Draft Dog Excellent Test
(87-09-24) and Master Brace Draft Dog Excellent Tests are exactly the same as those for the Draft Dog Excellent and Brace Draft Dog Excellent Test. To earn this title(s) a team must qualify at the Draft Dog Excellent or Brace Draft Dog Excellent level a total of five (5) times. As per 8.7.1 or for a total of 15 qualifying legs.
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17 SANCTION MATCH (88-09-24)

- 17.1 Draft Dog sanction matches shall be governed by
(88-09-24) such regulations as from time to time shall be determined by the Board.
- 17.2 A sanction match is an informal event held by a
(88-09-24) club whose approval is given by the CKC Zone Director. Dogs may compete but qualifying scores are not awarded. These matches shall be governed by the same rules as a regular event; it is a training ground for new clubs.
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- 17.3 Prior to holding an approved draft dog test, a club
(88-09-24) must hold at least one (1) sanction match.
- 17.4 All of these regulations shall govern CKC draft dog
(88-09-24) sanction matches except those which state specifically that they apply to approved draft dog tests.
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18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 A protest against a dog may be made by an exhibitor, entrant, or any member of the CKC, or a member of the club or association holding the event in the following manner:
- (89-09-24) (a) A protest should be lodged with the Draft Dog Test Committee Chair of the test-giving club before the closing of the event and must be in writing, on a form provided by the CKC (or facsimile thereof). A hearing shall be held prior to the departure of all parties. No protest will be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit. This deposit shall be returned if the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forwarded to the CKC with the Event Committee's report.
- (b) If the protest cannot be filed at the event because of circumstances requiring medical and/or veterinary attention, or if the dog has been removed from the grounds, or if the owner and the dog leave the grounds immediately following the incident, the protest may be submitted directly to the CKC within 10 days of the event. All such protests shall constitute complaints under the CKC's By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- (89-09-24) (c) If the Protest is filed directly to the CKC, reasons should be provided as to why the Protest could not be filed with the Draft Dog Test Committee Chair.
- 18.2 Where the Draft Dog Test Committee consists of more than 5 persons, the president of the test-giving club shall name 5 members of the Draft Dog Test Committee to act on any protest received by the test-giving club.
- 18.3 Written copies of all decisions on protests must be forwarded immediately to the Discipline Committee of the CKC. The Discipline Committee may take
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such action as it deems fit in connection with such protest, provided no appeal is submitted to the CKC within 10 days of the date on which the decision was rendered. Such action may include barring the dog from future CKC approved events, imposition of an administrative charge, and/or cancellation of awards. The fact that the Draft Dog Test Committee did not sustain a protest in no way inhibits the right of the Discipline Committee to take such action as it deems advisable.

- 18.4 An appeal to the Discipline Committee of the CKC from a decision of the Draft Dog Test Committee where a dog has been protested must be forwarded, along with the required deposit, to the CKC within 10 days of the date on which the decision was rendered.
- 18.5 If a test-giving club fails to hear a protest as prescribed above, or in the opinion of the Discipline Committee improperly handles a protest, the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit and necessary, and it may at the same time take disciplinary action against the officials of the test-giving club concerned.

19 COMPLAINTS

- 19.1 A complaint against a person respecting a violation of the rules and regulations related to draft dog tests must be in writing, on a form provided by the CKC (or facsimile thereof), and must be accompanied by a deposit. A deposit is not required on a complaint alleging that a judge officiating at a draft dog test held under these rules and regulations has been subject to indignities of any kind during the progress of the test.
- 19.2 A complaint should be lodged with the Draft Dog Test Committee Chair of the test-giving club no later than 15 minutes after the completion of judging of the test. Should the complainant choose to do so, a complaint may be submitted directly to the CKC within ten (10) days of the test. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 19.3 Any complaint against the club holding the test or any of its officials must be submitted directly

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- to the CKC within ten (10) days of the test. All such complaints shall constitute complaints under the CKC By-laws and the provisions of same shall apply.
- 19.4 A complaint shall be restricted to any of the following:
- (a) An act of omission or commission on which is based an allegation of a violation of the Draft Dog Test Rules and Regulations;
 - (b) Any act on which an allegation of misconduct is based;
 - (c) The alleged failure of an officiating judge to excuse or remove from competition a dog for which a provision for excusing or removal from competition appears in these rules and regulations.
- 19.5 Where the Draft Dog Test Committee consists of more than five (5) persons, the president of the test-giving club shall name five (5) members to form a Draft Dog Test Committee to act on complaints received by the test-giving club.
- 19.6 Upon receipt of a complaint the Draft Dog Test Committee of the test-giving club shall conduct an investigation and within 14 days of receipt of such complaint, shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the procedures set out in these rules and regulations.
- 19.7 The Draft Dog Test Committee shall then promptly forward the complaint, the deposit and a record of the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the CKC. Copies of the record of the hearing and the Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the parties concerned at the same time.
- 19.8 When a complaint is received against a judge by the test-giving club, the club will hold a hearing while all parties are still in attendance. The report and all statements given by all parties will be forwarded to the Discipline Committee along with the deposit from the complainant. The Draft Dog Test Committee will not render a decision but will collect all pertinent information.
- 19.9 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in these rules and regulations, the procedure specified herein for dealing with complaints shall govern.
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- 19.10 Disciplinary action will be taken against any official and the test-giving club of which he is an official when it is established to the satisfaction of the CKC that an attempt was made to discourage the submission of a complaint.
- 19.11 Disciplinary action will be taken against a test-giving club which fails to properly deal with complaints as provided in these rules and regulations.
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20 DISCIPLINE

- 20.1 The Discipline Committee may take disciplinary action against any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization which violates any section or sections of the Draft Dog Test Rules and Regulations. Such action will be taken as provided for in the By-laws of the CKC.
- 20.2 Any person who abuses a dog on the grounds or premises of a test or who otherwise conduct themselves in a manner considered prejudicial to the best interests of the test are subject to disciplinary action by the Discipline Committee.
- 20.3 Any club, member, person, partnership, company or organization availing themselves of the privilege of participating in any capacity or manner whatsoever at a draft dog test shall, by such participation, be deemed to have agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board as conferred on the CKC by its By-laws and all other rules and regulations adopted by the CKC.
- 20.4 At its discretion and subject to the appeal process, the Discipline Committee may cancel any or all qualifying scores earned by a dog owned by a person debarred, deprived, suspended or expelled of all privileges of the CKC when such wins were earned following the date on which such act occurred that resulted in disciplinary action.
- 20.5 The administration to a dog competing at a draft dog test of a drug or any substance, in any form, whose action alters the nervous system by stimulation, sedation or tranquillization shall be considered as misleading the judges and will be considered misconduct. The person or persons responsible will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this section.
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- 20.6 Any person, either within or outside the judging area, who does anything calculated to attract, distract or otherwise interfere in any way with the attention, deportment, or performance of a dog under judgement, may be disciplined by the Discipline Committee in whatever way it considers to be in the best interest of the club, or the judge may take summary action.
- 20.7 It shall be the duty and obligation of the test-giving club to see that a judge, club official, steward, volunteer or competitor at a Draft Dog test is not subject to indignities. The Draft Dog Test Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation and the CKC shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred. A copy of this regulation shall be prominently placed in every premium list and catalogue.
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21 PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A TEST COMMITTEE HEARING

- 21.1 It is essential that the defendant be given the opportunity to be present during the whole hearing and to testify and present his own witnesses. If a defendant refuses to attend or defend himself, the hearing may proceed without him. In notifying the defendant of the hearing, it is essential that he be informed specifically of the nature of the charges against him and that a record of such notice be made.
- 21.2 The complainant must also be informed of the hearing and allowed to be present throughout the whole hearing.
- 21.3 Both the complainant and the defendant should be informed that they may be represented by legal counsel or an agent at the hearing if they choose but this is not necessary.
- 21.4 The chair is to call the meeting to order and then announce: "We are proceeding by reason of our appointment to the Draft Dog Test Committee by (name of test-giving club)."
- 21.5 The chair shall identify all persons present and the reason for their presence (e.g. complainant,
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defendant, witness) and then ask the witnesses to withdraw until required to give evidence. After giving evidence a witness may be excused.

- 21.6 The complaint is to be read except that if the complainant and defendant agree, it may be necessary to relate only the substance of the complaint as set out on the Official Complaint form.
- 21.7 The chair is to ask the defendant whether he admits or denies the complaint as it has been read or stated.
- 21.8 The complainant is to give evidence on the complaint. He may then be questioned by the defendant. At the chair's invitation, any member of the Committee may question the complainant. If the complainant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the defendant or any member of the Committee. Each witness is to leave the hearing after evidence has been given.
- 21.9 Upon completion of the evidence given by the complainant and any witnesses appearing on his behalf, the defendant may then give evidence and may then be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee. If the defendant has brought witnesses, such witnesses may then give evidence individually. Each witness may be questioned by the complainant or any member of the Committee.
- 21.10 The complainant may then have the opportunity of summing up the complaint and the evidence presented in support thereof. The defendant shall have an opportunity of summing up their defence and any evidence presented in support of his defence.
- 21.11 The chair shall announce that the Committee will be submitting a report on the hearing together with its recommendation on the disposition of the complaint to the Discipline Committee of the CKC and the parties concerned. All but the Committee members shall be dismissed so that the matter may be considered.

22 *PARTICIPATION*

- 22.1 The participation in any manner or in any capacity at a competitive event held under these rules and regulations shall be considered a privilege accorded to any person by the CKC and such privilege may be extended and withdrawn by the Discipline Committee.
- 22.2 It shall be deemed that any person participating in any manner, including that of spectator at a competitive event held under these rules and regulations has agreed to the authority of the CKC and its Board of Directors.
- 22.3 No person who has been expelled, deprived of privileges, suspended or debarred by the CKC may enter a dog, compete, exhibit, judge, act as agent or handler for any competitor, take a dog into any competition or be connected in any capacity with competitive events held under these rules and regulations.
- 22.4 A club holding a test under these rules and regulations shall not engage in any capacity a person who is under suspension or expulsion, debarred or deprived of privileges by the CKC.
- 22.5 Any person who has lost the right to participate in events in their country of residence shall not, while such a loss of privilege is in effect, participate in any Canadian Kennel Club approved events. Any wins by a dog that is exhibited or handled by such individual shall automatically be cancelled.

23 *LIABILITY*

- 23.1 The CKC shall not be responsible to any member, person, partnership, club or corporation for any loss or damage arising at or by reason of any event held under any rules adopted by the CKC.
- 23.2 Every owner or authorized agent for the owner of any dog entered in a CKC event is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the dog behaves

properly at the event, and in particular to prevent the dog from threatening, menacing or biting a judge, another dog, or any other person in attendance at the event. Failure to take such reasonable steps may result in disciplinary action against such owner or authorized agent under the By-laws, which may result in the imposition of any of the penalties provided for in the By-laws.

24 AMENDMENTS

- 24.1 These Rules are subject to amendment by the Board.
- 24.2 Amendments to these Rules may also be proposed by any person, association, club, representative group or body by presenting such proposal to the Board for its consideration. In such circumstances, the Board will forward the proposal to the Council for its consideration and input, prior to the Board making its final decision.
- 24.3 Any amendment to these Rules shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- 24.4 The effective date of any approved amendment shall be set by the Board.
- 24.5 The Board, at their sole discretion, may choose to perform a non-binding poll of the membership to attain general input prior to making a final decision on any proposed amendment to these Rules;

Upon the Board making its final decision with respect to any amendment to these Rules, the membership shall be advised by placing a notice in the Official Publication as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

25 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

“Brace” A team of 2 dogs coupled together in a single drafting apparatus and acting as a single unit in all exercises. The backpacking exercises do not require that the dogs be coupled together.

(91-09-24) **“Draft Work”** A time when a dog is harnessed and hitched to a vehicle or, during field exercises, directly to a load.

“Halt” On the judge’s command, the handler must command the dog to stop. The dog should start to respond to the handler promptly. The dog or brace and drafting apparatus should stop within 2 body lengths of the dog being tested.

“Place” – refers to location where dog was left

“Position” – refers to stand, sit or down

“Slow” – shall mean a pace distinctly slower than the normal working speed of the dog or brace being tested.

“Solid Vertical Object” – a three dimensional object which keeps its shape and is considered to be fixed where placed. It may be hollow but not liquid.

“Stay” Dog remains in the location and position indicated by the handler. Minor movements such as adjusting of feet or rolling to the opposite hip are acceptable.

(28-06-21) **“Time Out”** A specified time indicated by a judge
(93-09-24) where the dog and handler are not being judged. The dogs may sit or lie down during this time. Handlers can request a timeout and will be granted or denied at the judge’s discretion.

(92-09-24) **“Vehicle”** means a wheeled cart or wagon

“Working Speed” The dog and handler are to work at a comfortable working speed and the dog is to remain willing, under control, neither too slow nor too fast that demonstrates the ability of the team to be under control at all times.

“While Working” the time between the handler answers ‘yes’ to ‘Are you ready’ and when the lead judge says ‘Exercise finished’.

APPENDIX A - METHODOLOGY FOR GROUP EXERCISES

DDX FREIGHT HAUL EXERCISE

The course is set by the test committee. The loading and unloading area is large enough to accept three teams side by side or in a row. In either case no team shall be closer than five feet from another team.

3 Teams (DDX Freight Haul Exercises)

Three teams would be presented harnessed at three loading areas. There are three approximately identical loads. Each team is asked if they are ready, once all teams acknowledge affirmatively the exercise will begin. The lead judge will ask the entrants to hitch and load their apparatus. Once an entrant has completed loading he will stand quietly beside the cart until the lead judge has inspected the load. The team is then given a 'time out'. This process continues until all of the entrants have had their load inspected. The lead judge will then instruct the lowest numbered team to proceed. The other teams would follow. A maintained distance of 5 to 10 feet (1.5 to 3 metres) between teams is acceptable. At a prearranged area (approx 1/3 of the total distance) the first leader will pull slightly to the side and allow the other two teams to pass. The first leader would now be in the third position.

At a second prearranged area (approx 1/3 of the total distance) usually the area where there is a movable obstacle the second leader would halt remove the obstacle move forward then replace the obstacle and pull slightly to the side. The second and third teams would individually perform the same portion of the exercise. Each team would be on a 'time out' when they are waiting for their turn to perform as well as after performing this part of the exercise. The second leader would now be in the third position. The third leader would now return to the load/unload position where the exercise began. Once all three teams have arrived the lead judge will order the teams to unload and unhitch. An exercise finished is given to each entrant individually upon completion (each entrant may be required to wait quietly as the other teams are still being tested). After all the teams have received an exercise finished the exercise is complete.

2 Teams (DDX Freight Haul)

The only difference would be that each team would lead for approximately half the exercise. In this case a possible position to change the lead would be at the moveable obstacle.

DDX BACK PACKING

3 Teams Back Packing

The course would be set by the test committee. Three teams will be presented at a prescribed loading area. Each team is asked if they are ready, once all teams acknowledge affirmatively the exercise will begin. The lead judge will instruct each handler to stand their dog and then load their dog. Once an entrant has completed loading he will stand quietly until the lead judge has inspected the load. The lead judge will inspect each load and then put the team on a 'time out'. Once all teams have completed this part of the exercise, the lowest numbered team will lead the first part of the backpacking exercise. At approximately 1/3 the distance the teams will change the lead. The second team is now in the lead and the first lead team is now in the third position. At approximately 2/3 of the distance the teams will again change the lead. The team that started in the third position is now in the lead and the second leader is now in the third position. The teams will proceed to the unload area. The teams will be asked to halt and unload. After each team has completed the unload portion of the exercise they are given an exercise finished by the lead judge (each entrant may be required to wait quietly as the other teams are still being tested). After all the teams have received an exercise finished the exercise is complete.

2 Teams Back Packing

The only difference would be that each team would lead for approximately half the exercise.

DD FIELD WORK

3 Teams Field Work

All teams are presented harnessed and hitched. Each team is asked if they are ready, once all teams acknowledge affirmatively the exercise will begin. The lowest numbered team will then proceed on the course as outlined to the load area. The load area must be large enough to accommodate three loading positions with three identical loads. The teams will halt and then proceed to load their apparatus. The lead judge will examine each load and then put the team on a 'time out'. Once all teams have completed the loading and each has been inspected the teams will proceed. The team that initially began in second position will now be the lead team and the original lead team will move to the third position. Teams will continue the course and after approximately 100 meters (330 feet) will once again change leads. The team that started in the third position is now in the lead and the second leader is now in the third position. A possible place to change the lead would be at the 180 degree turn. The teams would now return to the load area and unload their apparatus. As each team completes the unload and unhitch portion of the exercise they are given an exercise finished. (each entrant must now quietly wait as the other teams are still being tested). After all the teams have received an exercise finished the exercise is completed.

2 Teams Field Work

The only difference would be that each team would lead for approximately half the exercise.

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