

## **Non-Regular Classes**

Non-regular classes are special performances and arrangements of certain obedience exercises. There are no qualifying scores in these classes; placements are determined by the overall scores. Teams which are excused from the ring are not eligible for placements. No titles are awarded for any of the non-regular classes. These classes do not require submission of the Judge's Certification Form.

### **Pre-Novice**

The Pre-Novice (also referred to as "Sub-Novice") class is open to any dog which has not earned a Novice leg. All exercises in this class are performed on leash. The exercises and points in this class are:

Heel on Leash and Figure 8	40 points
Stand for Exam	30 points
Recall	30 points
Long Sit, 1 minute	30 points
<u>Long Down, 3 minutes</u>	<u>30 points</u>
Maximum total score	160 points

### **Graduate Novice**

The Graduate Novice class is open to dogs with an MB-CD or comparable degree but without a first leg in Open. The exercises and points in this class are:

Heel On Leash	40 points
Stand for Exam	30 points
Heel Free and Figure 8	40 points
Drop On Recall	30 points
Open Sit, 3 minutes	30 points
<u>Open Down, 5 minutes</u>	<u>30 points</u>
Maximum total score	200 points

## **Veterans Novice, Open, and Utility**

1. The Veterans classes shall be for all dogs six years or more of age on the date of the trial.
2. A dog entered in the Veterans classes may also be entered in any other class for which it is eligible.
3. Veterans Novice: the exercises and scoring shall be the same as for the regular Novice class.
4. Veterans Open: the exercises and scoring shall be the same as for the regular Open class EXCEPT:
  1. There are no group exercises (60 points are automatically added to the score).
  2. The jump heights may be set at any height which the handler feels is safe and comfortable for the dog.
5. Veterans Utility: the exercises and scoring shall be the same as for the regular Utility class EXCEPT the jump heights may be set at any height which the handler feels is safe and comfortable for the dog.

### **Brace Class**

1. The Brace class shall be performed by two dogs working together, unattached or attached at the collars by a couple not more than 12" long.
2. The exercises and scoring shall be the same as for the regular Novice class.
3. The emphasis shall be on the ability of the dogs to perform the exercises in unison.
4. Brace dogs must be handled in all exercises by one handler.
5. At least one dog of the brace must be registered with MBDCA.

### **Team Class**

1. The team class shall be performed simultaneously by four dog and handler teams.
2. The exercises shall be the same as for the regular Novice class EXCEPT that the Open Drop On Recall shall be substituted for the Novice Recall exercise.
3. Scoring shall be the same as for the Novice class EXCEPT for the Drop on Recall, which shall be scored as for the Open class.

Each dog's score shall be added up, and the total maximum possible score shall be 800 points.

4. The emphasis shall be on the timing and coordination of the dogs and handlers.
5. The ring size for this class shall be a double ring, or 80'x100'.
6. Posts for the Figure 8 exercise shall require 5 stewards standing in a row and spaced 8' apart.
7. There shall be 2 judges in the ring, one calling orders while the other one scores the team.
8. The Long Sit and Long Down exercises shall be done with no more than four teams (16 dogs) in the ring at one time.

### **Versatility Class**

1. The Versatility Class shall be open to any MBDCA registered dog. The dog may be entered in any other class at the trial for which it is eligible.
2. Each dog will perform two Novice, two Open, and two Utility exercises. Both scent articles shall be considered as one exercise. The lists and combinations of exercises shall be prepared by the hosting club and selected by drawing. As the dog and handler enter the ring, he/she shall be given a list of the exercises to be performed. Each handler shall be expected to provide his/her own dumbbell, scent articles, and gloves.
3. Maximum number of points shall be 200. Scoring shall be as follows:

Novice Exercises	25 points each
Open Exercises	35 points each
Utility Exercises	40 points each