

Professional Program Requirements Breakdown

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- You may correct your dog during any test at TRS, this will result in a non-qualifying score of zero (unless it is the specific odor detection test) but can be a good training decision to keep your dog from getting test smart since we train and test in the same facilities.
- Appropriate "trial" dress code is required for testing. (TRS branded apparel and closed toe footwear, with the exception of ranch test days/inclement weather).
- Tests marked with an * may be superseded by completing the Professionals/Masters requirement.

AKC Novice Exercises (at TRS)

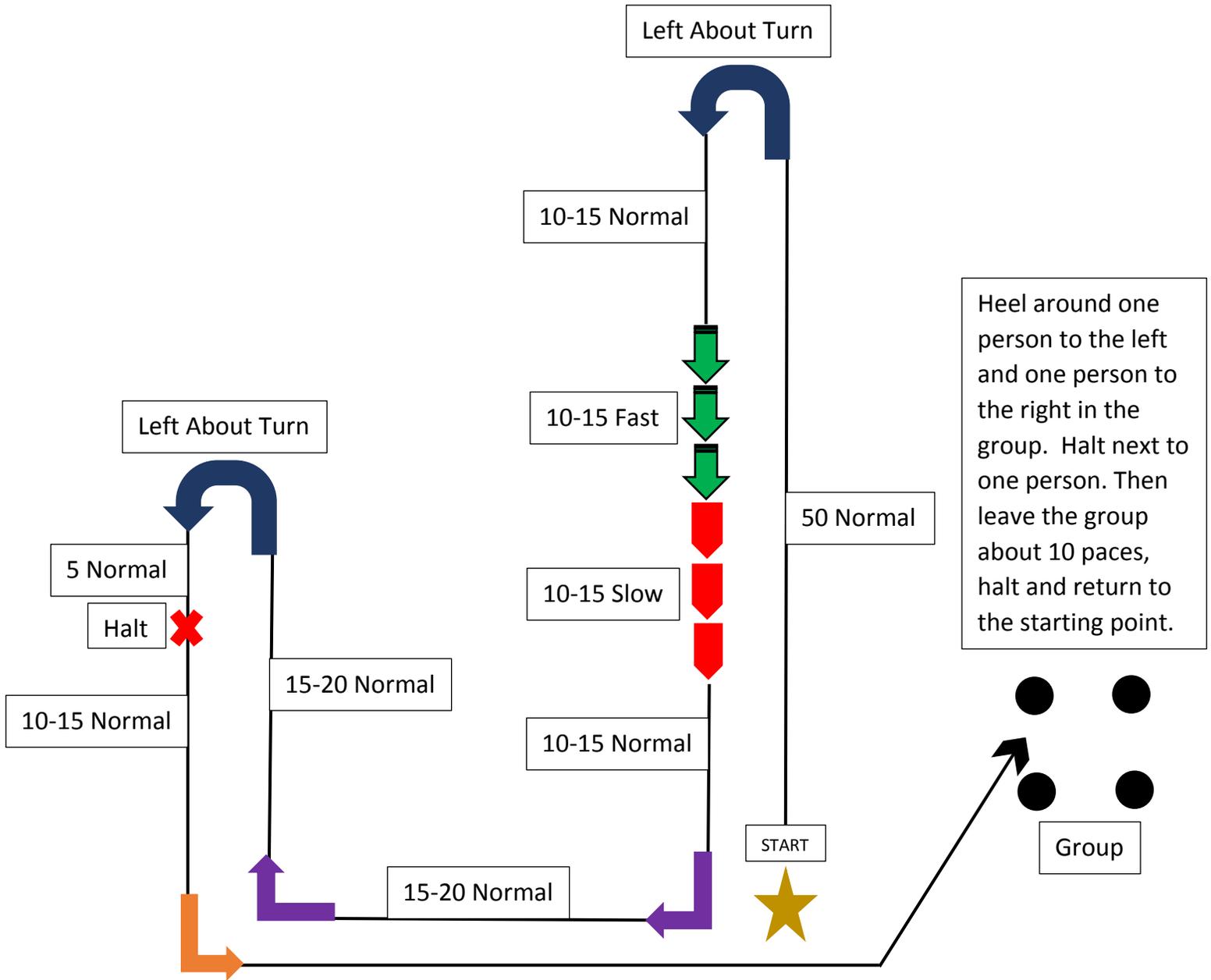
1. Heel on Leash
2. Figure Eight (2 people)
3. Stand for Examination
4. Heel off leash
5. Recall with sit front and finish
6. Sit stay – Get your leash

- Enter the ring *on* leash – Live ring of choke chain/fur saver.
- The judge calls you through all exercises.
- You may lightly pet your dog after each exercise.
- When returning to your dog, you must walk around him to get to heel position in all AKC tests.
- You may help “stand” your dog during the stand for exam. Two feet must remain on the ground at a time.

IPO I Components (at TRS) (Executed on the IPO field at the TRS Ranch)

- **Report in with the judge (your name, your dog's name, the test you are taking), then start in basic position and wait for the judge's signal to begin.**
 1. Off leash heeling
 2. Heeling through a group
 3. Sit in motion, then return
 4. Down in motion, then recall
 5. Retrieve on flat (at school)
 6. Retrieve over jump (at school)
 7. Send-out with down
 8. Long Down (might be performed before all other obedience)
 9. Retrieve over scaling wall (Agility A-frame at school)
- The order of the exercises and the heeling pattern must be memorized, the judge will not call you through the routine.
- For the retrieves, you must command 'jump'/'frame' *then* 'bring'
- For the long down, you will be out of sight behind a blind. When you report in, the judge will tell you whether you will be performing the long down or the obedience routine first.
- The leash and leash clip must stay on the right side of the body.

IPO I Heeling Pattern (Off leash)



IPO I Send out with a Down

4. Down the dog on judge's signal
5. Return to the dog on judge's signal
6. Wait 3 seconds then call dog up to sit
7. Return to the judge

3. **Send the dog**
then stop walking

10-15 normal

1. **Start** in basic position
2. Wait for the judge's signal to begin

AKC Agility

- Objects with contact points may not be in succession.
- The dog must remain on the pause table until the judge signals to continue (usually 5 seconds).
- The dog must touch every contact point with two paws.
- You will receive a non-qualifying score if the Teeter does not hit the ground, or if an obstacle is skipped and the dog engages another obstacle.

The course must include these 12 obstacles:

- A-frame (contact point)
- Teeter (contact point)
- Bridge/Dog walk (contact point)
- Pause table (contact point)
- Weave poles
- Tunnel
- Tire jump
- Bar jumps (multiple)
- High jumps (multiple)

Canine Good Citizen Test Components

- Accepting a friendly stranger
 - Sitting politely for petting and grooming
 - Walking through a crowd
 - Sit and down on command and staying in place
 - Coming when called
 - Reaction to another dog
 - Reaction to distraction
 - Supervised Separation
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- Up to a 20-foot leash may be used to test but must not get tight at any time.
 - You can re-command and encourage your dog throughout the test.
 - You may test with a dog that has used correctional collars but no correctional collars can be on the dog during the test. You may have ONE of the following: flat collar, choke chain or fur saver on for the test.

Therapy Dog International Test Components

- Greeting and grooming
 - Supervised separation
 - Walking around distractions
 - Group Sit/Down Stay/Recall
 - Visiting a patient
 - Reaction to unusual situations
 - Food refusal
 - Reaction to children
 - Exiting through a door
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- A 6-foot leash must be used and should stay loose throughout the test.

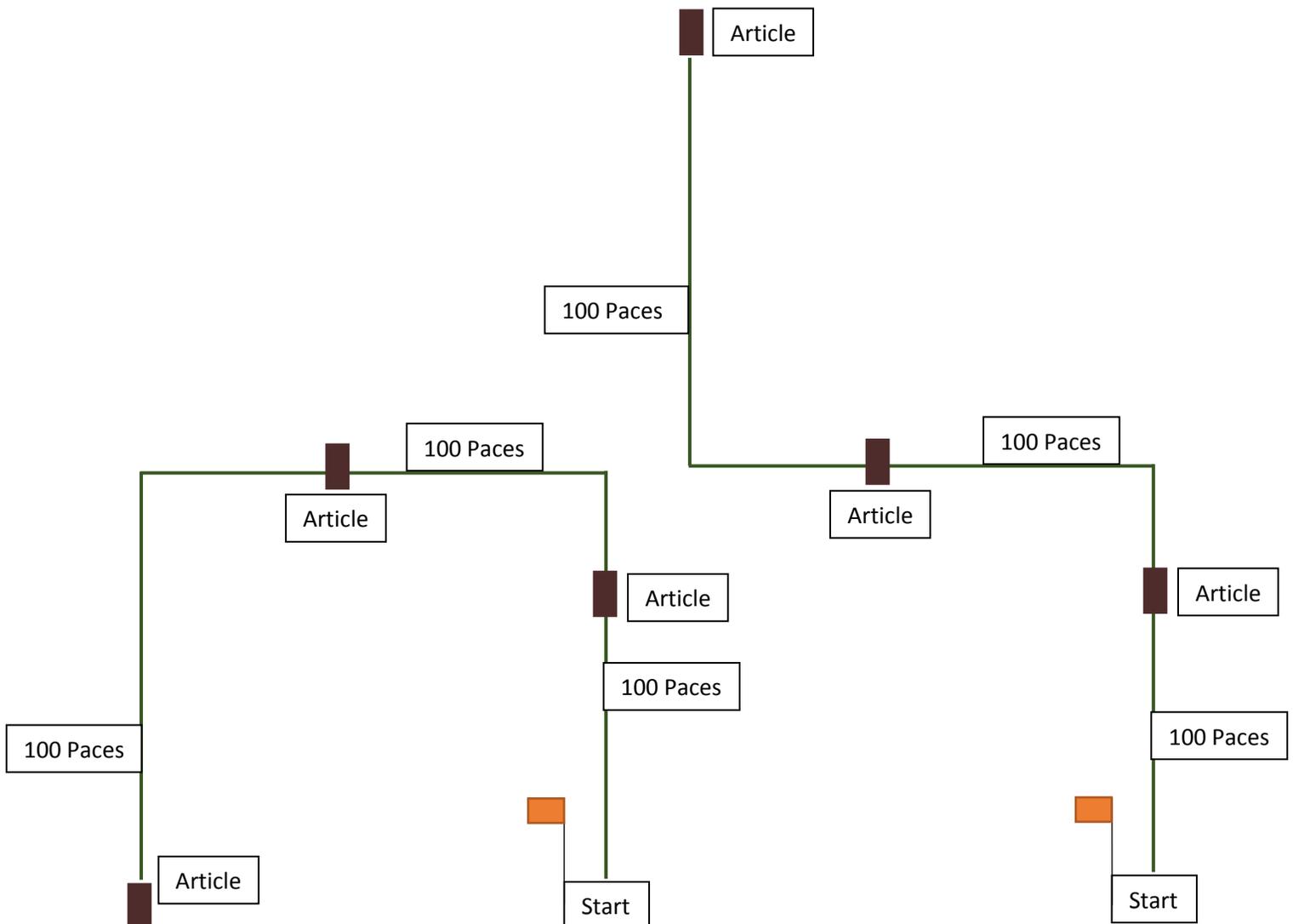
AKC Novice sits and downs

- Handlers enter the ring with their dogs on loose leashes (6ft.) and have their dogs sit in heel position on marked spots on the floor, then wait for the judge to tell them to leave their dogs on the judge's signal.
- On the judge's signal, handlers will leave their dogs and walk to the end of their leash, then turn and face their dogs – *dogs must remain in the **sit for 1 minute.***
- On the judge's signal, handlers return to their dogs, go around their dogs back to heel position, then on the judge's signal, handlers will command their dogs to down.
- On the judge's signal, handlers will leave their dogs and walk to the end of their leash, then turn and face their dogs – *dogs must remain in the **down for 1 minute.***
- A Non-Qualifying score will be given to dogs that bark or whine excessively or break positions before returning.

IPO I Track

- The track is laid by you. You must supply a flag and three different articles, an instructor will call you through laying the track and the length of the track is a minimum of 300 paces (100 paces in each leg). The track must have three legs and two corners (approximately 90 degrees). The track is allowed to age for a minimum of 20 minutes.
- You must approach the judge with your dog, track ready, and report in (handler's name, dog's name and the test name).
- You must remain at the end of a 33ft/10m line for the entire track.
- A maximum time of 15 minutes is allowed for working out the track.

The typical IPO I track layouts used at TRS are:



Specific Odor Detection

- The final narcotics exam is comprised of five finds (two finds of one scent and three finds of a different scent) hidden inside the rock wall by the small training building.
- The dog must find 4 out of 5 scents within a five minute time limit (time limit may be extended at instructors' discretion)
- Students are allowed one false "mark", if a student has a second false "mark", the test is over.
- This is a practical test so you may use whatever motivation you need to for your dog.
- A Non-Qualifying score will be given if your dog eliminates during the test, gives up searching after the time limit or false indicates twice.

Note - An alternative grade can be obtained by passing the NNDDA certification – an automatic score of 100 will be awarded.

Two Tricks

- Be original, be creative!
- "Tricks" that don't count:
 - Roll Over
 - High Five
- If you're not sure if it counts, ask an instructor.

Stick Jump

- The handler holds a bar jump out for the dog to jump over, and the dog must jump over the bar two times on command.

In Kennel Training Dogs (IKT'S)

- Students' IKT grades will be assessed by the Training Coordinator and other staff members. Maintenance of dogs' training, students' ability to problem solve, consistent training, attention to detail, private lessons with clients, and meeting training goals will all be considered in students' grade. If a student refuses to work with IKT's, they will be graded down.
- It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the Training Coordinator, or an instructor, if they need assistance with an IKT or for any other concerns with IKT dogs.

Note - This requirement will differ from class to class according to the availability of IKT dogs.

Group Classes and Private Lessons

- Students will be graded based on attendance, performance, attitude, professional appearance, and participation on Saturdays. If TRS staff feels that a student does not meet the above requirements, the privilege of being part of group classes and private lessons will be revoked and the student will be graded down.
- A student is required to teach a minimum of 5 Private lessons with different clients.

Written Exams

- Written exams will be based off of class lectures, electronic media presentations, practical training, field trips, and dog show/trial rules.