



INTERMEDIATE – Class 4

The judge will call, “Intermediate, exhibit {number}.”

Handler will enter the ring and take their position to the left of the cone.

The judge will ask, “Are you ready?”

Handler will check their dog is in the *ready* position and indicate with a verbal, “Yes”

The judge will say, “forward.”

The handler will be asked to perform the following heeling exercises up to 3 times each:

Sit – stand – drop – right turn – left turn – right about turn – left about turn – fast pace – slow pace

The handler has a maximum of 5 seconds to perform each task before the judge continues the session.

When the judge says, “exercise finished” the handler must return to the starting position at the cone.

The handler will be asked to perform the following stationary tasks:

Recall

The judge will say, “forward and halt.”

The handler will take 3 steps forward and sit their dog.

The judge will say, “for a recall, leave your dog”

The handler will drop the lead and command their dog to wait, walk forward to the marker, turn and face their dog.

The judge will say, “Call your dog”

The handler will call their dog once.

The judge will say “return to your dog”

The handler will step back to their dog (NOT around their dog)

Change of Position

The judge will say, “for change of position, leave your dog”

The handler will command their dog to wait and take 3 steps forward, turn and face their dog.

The judge will say, “down your dog”

The handler will command their dog to drop.

The judge will say, “sit your dog”

The handler will command their dog to sit.

The judge will say, “stand your dog”

The handler will command their dog to stand.

The judge will say, “return to your dog”

The handler will step back to their dog (NOT around their dog)

Stand for examination

The judge will say, “forward and stand your dog.”

The handler will take 3 steps forward to put their dog in a stand.

The judge will say, “leave your dog”

The handler will command their dog to stay and step in front of their dog.

The judge will approach and touch the dog from shoulder to hip.

The judge will say, “exercise finished, you may leave the ring.”

The handler walks their dog out of the ring before releasing/praising their dog.



Sit stay

Once all exhibits from Class 3 and Class 4 have been assessed, the judge will call, “All intermediate exhibits to the ring”.

Each handler is to enter the ring in order of their number from lowest to highest.

The judge will say, “Are you ready?”

All dogs must be in a sitting position before the handlers answer, “yes”

The judge will say, “For a two-minute sit stay, leave your dog”

Class 4 handlers are to move to the **second** marker, turn and face their dog.

The judge will say, “Return to your dog”

The handler will step back in front of their dog (NOT around their dog)

The judge will say, “finish to the right”

The handler will command their dog to finish.

Down stay

The judge will say, “Down your dogs”

Handlers will command their dogs to drop.

The judge will say, “for a two-minute down stay, leave your dog”

Class 4 handlers are to move to the **second** marker, turn and face their dog.

The judge will say, “Return to your dog”

The handler will step back to their dog’s side (NOT around their dog)

At the conclusion of the down-stay the judge will say, “exercise finished, you may leave the ring”

Handlers are to leave the ring in single file.



WHAT IS BEING JUDGED FOR CLASS 4

All heeling exercises are performed on lead.

Recall, stays and change of position are done off lead.

Heeling – lead is loose and held in **one hand** only. Left arm is firm by the handler's side, Right arm is either at the handler's side or across their mid-section.

Fast pace – Slow pace – When prompted the handler will adjust their walking speed until instructed to return to *normal* pace.

Sit – Stand – Drop – handler gives a hand signal. Focus on, “command once, then correct”. Corrections allowed: verbal command and hand signal.

Right Turn – Turn must be sharp and not rounded, handler to give a verbal command, “heel” or “come right”, dog to turn in a reasonably sharp arc. Corrections allowed: small check, verbal command repeated once.

Left Turn – Turn must be sharp and not rounded, handler to give a verbal command, “heel” or “to the left”, dog to almost pivot. Corrections allowed: small check, verbal command repeated once.

Right About Turn – Handler must pivot 180° to their right and give a verbal command, “heel” or “come around”, dog to turn without exaggerated arc. Corrections allowed: small check, verbal command repeated once.

Left About Turn – Handler must pivot 180° to their left and give a verbal command, “heel” or “come around”, dog to turn without exaggerated arc. Corrections allowed: small check, verbal command repeated once.

Finish – at the conclusion of a stationary (off lead) exercise, the instructor may direct a handler to “finish to the left” or “finish to the right”.

A finish to the right; the handler will give a verbal command, “finish” and a hand signal to their right.

A finish to the left; the handler will give a verbal command, “finish” and a hand signal to their left.

Recall – off lead. Handler must wait for instructions. When prompted, the handler will remove the lead and command their dog to **wait**, then step away from their dog a distance of 5 meters. Then when prompted, the handler calls their dog, “{name}... come!”. The exercise is complete when the dog is sitting in front of their handler.

Stand for Examination – Handler must wait for instructions. When prompted the handler will remove the lead and command their dog to **stay**, then step away from their dog a distance of 2 meters. Examiner will approach and touch the dog from shoulder to hip. The dog should not sit or step off their position.



Sit Stay – 2 minutes. Handler must wait for instructions. When prompted, the handler will drop the lead and step away from their dog a distance of 5 meters. Then when prompted the handler steps back to their dog's side.

Down Stay – 2 minutes. Handler must wait for instructions. When prompted, the handler will drop the lead and step away from their dog a distance of 5 meters. Then when prompted the handler steps back to their dog's side.

Bridge and Reward – handler is permitted to bridge and reward their dog ONLY when the examiner says, “exercise finished”.

NOTE: The use of treats and clickers are permitted, however, point penalties apply for each use, except when told the exercise is finished.

Example scoring for a dog that drops on command

1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
refused	Reluctant keeps breaking position	Required treat	Required correction	Performed task un-aided

Example scoring for a dog that drops only when lured with a treat

1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
refused	Reluctant keeps breaking position	Required treat	Required correction	Performed task un-aided