

## Summing up the changes in the FCI obedience rules and guidelines

### General rules and guidelines

- Class 1: A second command is only -1 in all exercises, if not otherwise stated in the exercise.
- Class 1: It is recommended that the dog wears a collar during the exercises.
- In all classes: it is obligatory in all group exercises to wear a collar.
- Collars against ticks and insects are allowed in addition to normal collars.
- It is a national decision when a dog
  - may move up to the next class; at least 1x excellent should be required
  - has to move up to the next class
  - may perhaps move downwards.
- No metal dumbbell anymore, the jump + metal retrieve exercise in class 2 is replaced with an exercise preparing for class 3: Run around a cone, stop and jump.
- In all classes the cone (Run around a cone...) is replaced with a group of cones (3-6), height 40-50 cm and diameter 70-80 cm or a corresponding barrel.
- In all exercises the handler must give a vocal command. A mere hand signal is always a mistake. The judge has to hear the command. In some exercises a hand signal is allowed in addition to a vocal command, but they have to be simultaneous. If a hand signal is allowed, this will be mentioned in the exercise. The hand signal may not outlast the vocal command.
- In directing exercises, in which it is stated that touching the dog (and showing directions at the starting point), fails the exercise, one "hand touch" (the palm) is however allowed. It must be the dog touching the handler and not the handler touching the dog. It may not give the impression of showing directions.

### Class 1

- EX 1.1 Sitting in a group for one minute, the handlers in sight.  
The handler walks to a distance of 15 metres from the dog. In the old rules it is 25 metres.
- EX 1.2 Heelwork  
Coefficient changes to 4 (from 3)
- EX 1.3 Positions (stand / sit / down) under march. New exercise that replaces exercises 1.3 and 1.5 The judge decides the position for the day. It can also be drawn before the competition/ class starts.  
  
A second command on a position (stand/sit/down) fails the exercise. If the position is wrong, but the stop and all other elements are perfect 6 can be awarded, but no more.  
  
Body language drops 1-5 points (earlier 3-5), depending on strength and duration.
- Ex 1.4 Recall  
Coefficient changes to 4 (from 3)

- ~~EX 1.5~~ Deleted and replaced by including stand or sit or down (one position) under march in exercise 1.3
- ~~EX 1.6~~ Send away into a square and lying down  
-> 1.5 The second command drops 1 point (only in class 1). Now 2 points. The exercise is failed if the stop or down command is given a third time.
- ~~EX 1.8~~ Distance control  
-> 1.6 Coefficient changes to 4 (from 3)  
If the dog misses two positions out of four, no more than 5 can be awarded. The exercise has before failed if the dog misses two positions of the four.
- EX 1.7 The retrieve exercise is changed to jump & retrieve. Like in ex. 2.9 now, but a wooden dumbbell.
- EX 1.8 Run round a group of cones / a barrel  
Coefficient changes to 4 (from 3)

## Class 2

- EX 2.1 Lying in a group for 2 minutes, handlers out of sight  
Coefficient 3 (From 2)
- EX 2.2 Heelwork, appx. 1,5-2 minutes  
Coefficient 4 (from 3)
- EX 2.3 No changes.
- EX 2.4 Recall with stop  
Coefficient 4 (from 3)  
Vocal commands (all commands). Hand signal in addition to vocal on the stop is allowed.  
Now it's is a vocal command or hand signal on stop.
- EX 2.5 No changes
- EX 2.6 No changes
- EX 2.7 Scent discrimination  
Coeff 3 (from 4)
- EX 2.8 No changes
- EX 2.9 Deleted exercise "Jump and retrieve metal dumbbell".  
Replaced by a new exercise, preparing for class 3.  
Send round a group of cones/barrel, stop and jump. Coeff. 4
- EX 2.10 No changes

## Class 3

EX 3.1 No changes

EX 3.2 No changes

EX 3.3 Heelwork (no changes, but coefficient now 4) & EX 3.4 Stand – sit – down are combined. The exercises 3.3 and 3.4 are, however, judged separately.

EX 3.5 Recall.

Two positions out of three (stand-sit-down). The judge decides the positions and their order for the competition. Voice commands are obligatory. Hand signal is allowed in addition on the stops.

EX 3.6 Send away with directions, down and recall

No essential changes in performance. Changes in directions for judging towards more leniency.

EX 3.7 Directed retrieve

No circle, no cone. An imaginary line between two markers or cones (clearly visible to handler) 10 metres from starting point (and from middle dumbbell). The dog is stopped after 10 meters. Then handler is told which dumbbell should be retrieved. Also the middle-one possible.

EX 3.8 Send round a group of cones, stop (stand/sit/down), retrieve and jump

The cone is replaced with a group of cones (3-6), height 40-50 cm and diameter 70-80 cm or a corresponding barrel.

Starting point 5-7 m from hurdle/jump (handler's choice), dumbbells 6 metres from jumps. Max height for hurdle/jump is 60 cm.

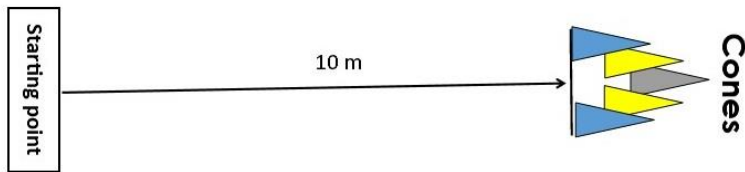
EX 3.9 No changes

EX 3.10 No changes

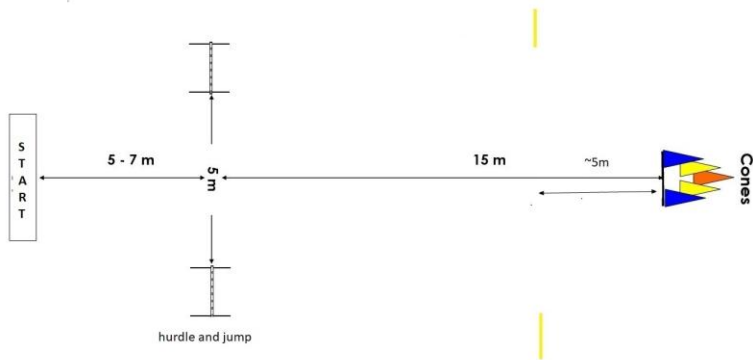
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<p><b>Group of cones / barrel</b></p>	

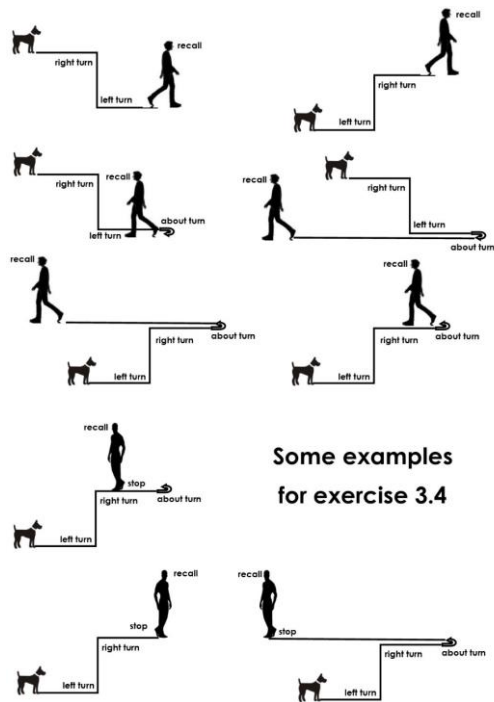
## EX 1.8



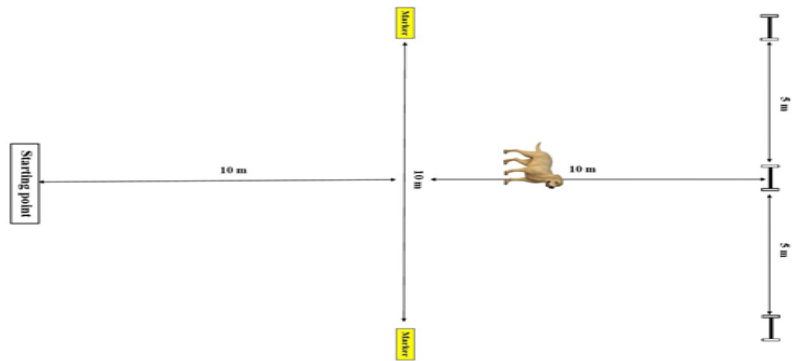
## EX 2.9



EX 3.4



EX 3.7



EX 3.8

