

United States Mondioring Association
Mondioring Obedience Only Program
Obedience Title (OB1, 2, 3)
Obedience with Jumps Title (OBJ 1, 2, 3)
Obedience Champion Title
Junior Program

The United States Mondioring Association (USMRA) Board of Directors has approved an Obedience Title Level 1, 2, 3, Obedience with Jumps Title 1, 2, 3, an Obedience Only Championship program and an Obedience Only Junior program. The purpose of these titles is to encourage participation in Mondioring from other dog sports, allow Mondioring dogs more frequent practice trialing experience, and give USMRA provisional judges and other approved judges more judging opportunities. The rules for the certificate program are the same as for Mondioring Level 1, 2, and 3 rules except as provided for within these specific Obedience Only rules.

Scores are entered in the USMRA scorebooks or in scorebooks of any other recognized organization. Scorebooks are required.

USMRA membership is required. All competitors will abide by USMRA rules of conduct and abide by all policies and procedures.

Certificates will be issued from USMRA upon successful completion of the required exercises to qualifying competitors.

I - Forward

Mondioring was created by delegates from several countries in Europe and America, in hopes of utilizing different portions of already existing national dog sports, and allowing an enriching union of all the enthusiasts of working dogs, beginners or experienced. Its goal is to be entertaining for the spectators, a game of progressive difficulties for the participants, and a competitive sport for the training enthusiasts.

For Mondioring Obedience you will need a fenced field or indoor facility with specific equipment, a dog and handler team, and a judge that will determine the qualifying dogs and the best dog and handler team of the day, under the conditions provided for by the regulations. These regulations concern trial procedures, the points allotted to the exercises, and the penalties related to faults committed. To be accessible to the largest group of enthusiasts, Mondioring Obedience must be concise in its description, simple in its practice, and clear in its judgment. The judges must never forget the intent which motivated the originators of this program, each time there is a discrepancy in the regulations. They must, above all, respect the spirit of these regulations and prohibit any abusive interpretation prejudicial to the dog. Mondioring Obedience consists of two disciplines, obedience and obedience with jumping exercises.

II – Regulations Common To All Exercises

All handlers must be present for the judges briefing and will be dressed appropriately. All use of rewards (food or toy) is forbidden while trialing and will result in exclusion from the competition.

- The handler enters the field or ring with his dog at the invitation of the Deputy Judge and surrenders his/her leash and collar.
- The handler, with the dog at heel, will then follow the Deputy Judge to the Judge's table to present themselves to the Judge. If applicable, the handler will indicate the initial length and heights chosen for the jumps.
- The handler will specify to the Judge if they are calling their dog from distance by voice or with the whistle.
- In Level II & III the handler will choose the piece of numbered wood intended for the Search for an Object with their back to the dog and without showing the wood to the dog. The handler may hold the wood in their hands for a maximum of 5 seconds without any other manipulation or exposure to additional scent. The handler will then slip the little wood into an empty pocket. It is forbidden for the handler to put their hand in their pocket until the wood is placed in the designated spot with the handler's back to the dog

The handler places himself at the disposal of the Deputy Judge who leads the handler to the starting point of each exercise, within approximately 3 meters before the line of departure. Preparation of the dog for the exercise is allowed just before the preparation line at three meters before the Line of Departure. It must be discrete and quick, and cannot be made after the sound of the horn announcing the authorization to take place at the line of departure.

A first sound of the horn by the Judge signals to go to the line of departure. Non-compliance with the first horn signaling the move to the line of departure will result in a 2 point GA deduction. The handler will then have 30 seconds, timed by the Judge, to position his dog and approach the Line of Departure. If the handler is not fully prepared within these 30 seconds, the exercise is cancelled. The handler may give only one position command (sit, down, stand, according to the exercise). The handler may then give an optional stay command, example: not to move, place, or stay. Any repetition of any of these commands (position or stay) is regarded as an additional command and is penalized one point. If the handler has to give 5 additional commands, the exercise is cancelled, even if the 30 seconds granted for the preparation has not passed.

As soon as the handler and their dog are in their respective places at the Line of Departure, the Judge will give another sound of the horn which indicates the start of the exercise and the handler will use the appropriate starting command, which may be preceded by the name of the dog. Any irregular command will involve a penalty.

Recall commands at the end of exercise: There are two types of recall commands, the distance recall and the close recall (1 meter or closer). The close recall is regarded as a recall to heel. All the distance recalls can be made by voice or with the whistle. The handler must inform the Judge at the time of the presentation the type of distance recall chosen and keep to it under pain of penalization. All the close recalls must be made by voice. Whether made by voice or with the whistle, the recalls must be short and be given without hesitation. A non-continuous recall command is regarded as an additional command and penalized as such.

Only one command for recall is allowed. Any additional recall is penalized [see exercise by exercise]. In the case of a disobedient dog, which would require additional recalls, his handler would lose extra points on General Attitude.

General Attitude (G.A.)

If the Judge believes the execution of an exercise leaves something to be desired, he will apply a penalty of up to 10% of the points obtainable in the exercise in question. This applies as well to any inappropriate behavior of a competitor before, during, or after each exercise. The severity of the penalty will be at the Judge's discretion

All intervention of a competitor in front of the Jury during the exercise, **other than informing the Judge or Jury of themselves or their dog being ill**, is strictly forbidden. This is punishable by a penalty of 10 points in General Attitude, and expulsion from competition if the violation is repeated. The penalties toward General Attitude are applied as a deduction from the total points gained by the competitor. In case of a serious incident, the Judge can expel the competitor and confiscate his or her score book. The judge will also furnish a detailed fact-finding report that the judge will forward to the National committee.

Conditions for participation in Mondioring Obedience Only competition

The handler must have a score book issued by the responsible Mondioring authority of his or her country. Any breed or mixed breed of dog will be admitted to the Obedience Only program. To begin Mondioring Obedience competition, a dog must also be at least 12 months of age if doing the jumping exercises, or 8 months of age for obedience only without jumps. Dogs that are spayed or neutered may compete in Mondioring Obedience Only.

All dogs must have completed one of the following recognized sociability tests:

- AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC),
- Begleithund (BH),
- Certificat de Sociabilite et d'Aptitude a l'Utilisation (CSAU),
- Mondioring sociability test),

and have a health record showing proof of rabies vaccination. If the handler wishes, a dog may remain in a particular level as long as the handler desires. Once a dog completes a Qualifying score within a level the dog may continue to participate in that level for Championship points in the Obedience Only program.

Levels must be passed consecutively in the following stages:

- Qualify in Level I by obtaining at least 40 points out of 55 without jumps or 50 out of 70 with jumps
- Qualify in Level II by obtaining at least 65 out of 85 points without jumps or 90 out of 120 with jumps.
- Qualify in Level III by obtaining at least 65 out of 85 points without jumps or 105 out of 140 with jumps.

As soon as the competition field/ring is laid out, access will be forbidden to all competitors under pain of exclusion from competition. The use of electric collars, prong collars, corrective collars etc., within or on the competition field, ring area, parking lot, etc. is subject to disqualification.

Organizations must apply for a Mondioring Obedience Only trial **if being held separately from a regular Mondioring Trial**. Organizations may apply for all levels or only the levels they choose to host and may also choose to offer obedience only without jumps, obedience only with jumps, or both obedience only with or without jumps. **Clubs are not required to have the alternative A-Frame, broad jump, or solid jump at any trial, this equipment is optional for lower jumping requirements for dogs who measure less than 22” at the shoulder.**

Organization of competition

Jury for competition

The Jury will consist of one or more qualified Judges, aided in their functions by a Deputy Judge. Maximum judging time for a single Judge is 8 hours per day. The organization must choose a Deputy Judge, who must be current on the program and rules of the trial. One or two competent secretaries are indispensable for the competition to run smoothly. A scoresheet for the Judge will be provided in such a manner for the judges to be able to access it while continuing to watch the work executed in the ring. The organizer should provide a minimum of 2 field/ring helpers, for moving the various obstacles, throwing of food, setting jumps, etc.

Competition field/ring

Inside or Outside:

The dimensions of the competition field must meet the minimum requirements below in regards to Obedience Only trials **when they are not** hosted in conjunction with a regular Mondioring trial. (Maximum size for all field/rings: 5,000 sq meters).

Level I: Minimum: 80 x 100 feet

Level II: Minimum: 100 x 150 feet

Level III: Minimum: 100 x 200 feet

The ground, if outside must not be hard, that is, neither paved nor gravel, and if grass, must be mowed. If inside, concrete floors must be matted or cannot be slippery. If jumping is done inside, matting must be sufficient in the jumping areas to prevent injury to the dog. Care must be taken that there are no objects on the field or inside the ring that could injure the dog. If outside, the field must be appropriately fenced all the way to the ground. The field/ring can incorporate decorations that correspond with the theme of the trial. The theme is chosen by the organizing club.

The organizer is in charge of marking the field/ring. A starting point for each exercise must be marked.

- For the jumps, the squares must be clearly marked on the ground by the palisade, by the long jump, and by the hurdle standards.
- For the Absence of Handler and Refusal of Food, an opening in the hiding area so the handler may see his dog during the exercise must be provided.

- For the Send Away exercise, a line 20 m in length will be marked parallel to the starting point and marked by 2 posts (or flags) placed at each end. At 5 m inside the flags will be 2 perpendicular lines 1 m in length, which define the optimal zone of travel. The axis of the trajectory (center line) needs to be in the center of the field; diagonals are not allowed; and should be free of all objects that could distract the dog. The cone markers can be replaced with items of decoration that match the trial theme.

Competition logistics

The organizer will place at the disposal of the Judges:

- 3 jumps (according to the plans in the rules)
- 6 Retrieve objects (see list in the rules)
- food (see rules)
- wooden objects for search (according to the rules)
- 1 or 2 distractions for the Absence of Handler

The Judge will choose the retrieve object on the morning of the competition. For Obedience only, the organizer may also provide a Dog in White for each level and for each day of the competition. For the starting signals, the organizer will provide a horn. A whistle may not be used, being used solely by the handlers for recalls.

Dog in White

A Dog in White (DIW) is not required, but optional, for obedience only trials. If a DIW is not present, the judge must walk the handlers through the course during the judges briefing and allow the handlers, as a group, to walk the course after the briefing for a time allotted by the judge.

Food

Food must be varied and of a reasonable size (maximum of fist-size). It will consist of raw or cooked meat, fish head, cheese, dried cake, etc. All bones and raw pork are forbidden.

Commands

Commands are to be given according to the rules and may be given in the native language of the handler. Any commands separated by a pause, recall or to make the dog stay will be considered an extra command.

Score sheets

The score sheets must conform to the official model and include all instructions relative to the competition. A score sheet is provided for each dog and each level. At the time of the trial, 3 sheets will be provided per dog, 1 is an original and 2 are duplicates. The original is given to the Judge, a duplicate is given to the competitor when the results are announced, and the second duplicate is reserved for the organizing club. Score sheets may also be provided through the MyMRT Software program available at: <https://beezley.wixsite.com/rykris/store>.

Judges, Functions, and duties of Judges

The Judges assigned to officiate in a trial must be approved by the United States Mondioring Association. Judges for the Obedience only program must meet the following criteria:

- Regular approved Mondioring judges
- AKC, or UKC licensed Obedience judges with the following requirements:
 - Approved to judge the Utility level in regular obedience classes
 - Titled a dog to at least Mondioring Obedience Level 1 (with or without jumps) or to a Mondioring Level 1
 - Attended and scribed for a regular Mondioring judge at a regular trial in all levels at least twice.

If AKC or UKC judges are used, a copy of the judges license number and organization they are licensed with, as well as proof of the additional requirements, must be submitted to USMRA before they will be approved to judge any trial. USMRA will publish a list of approved Obedience only judges.

The Judges must thoroughly master the rules and conform to them. The Judges will have total control and are responsible for the deployment of all activity of the competition. They must apply the penalties described by the well-defined faults, with the strictest observance of the rules. Each penalty corresponds to a fault, to an insufficiency of the dog, or an infraction committed by the handler. All the handlers, even beginners, must know the rules and regulations, and know these penalties. The decisions of the Judges are final in every case not described in the rules. Only the Judges have the leadership of the trials. All the exercises must be executed under their direction. With the aid of a horn, they will give the signal for the beginning and end of each exercise. The Judges must take care that all exercises proceed in the same manner for all dogs. The trial conditions must be the same for all competitors. The Judges will total the points obtained by the dog and sign the score sheets. The score sheet will be posted within 15 minutes following the passage of the competitor.

III – Obedience Only Exercises

1. Heeling without Leash

6 points

Account of the exercise - See “Instructions Common To All Exercises”.

The handler will follow from memory a pattern (the pattern must be simple) indicated by the Judge or Deputy Judge during the judges briefing or Dog in White, with 3 changes of direction, a right angle or acute angle turn, an about turn, and two stops. Any position may be taken at the stops. These changes and stops will be done at the Judge’s signal. If the handler does not execute the pattern correctly there is an error on the exercise, which will be penalized in General Attitude. If the handler makes a mistake that avoids a difficulty, the handler will lose all the points. The handler should not be given anything to hold in their hands during the heeling.

Penalties

Dog Forges, lags, or goes wide (whether in a straight line or on an angle, at a halt, Or during an about turn (per mistake)	-0.5
Dog abandons or does not follow the handler	-6
Handler makes a minor error in the pattern	-G.A
Handler makes a mistake that avoids a difficulty	-6

2. Absence of Handler

10 points

Account of the exercise - See “Instructions Common To All Exercises”.

The dog will be placed on the ground or on a stable and fixed surface big enough for the dog at a place indicated by the Judge, in a “down” position for Level I and II. In Level III, the position (sit or down) can (optional) be determined by a drawing. The Judge may change the position during the competition according to the condition of the field and the weather. This exercise will last 1 minute, which starts when the handler enters the designated blind or hiding area. The handler must not look back when he leaves his dog on the way to the blind, nor when entering the blind or hiding area. During the Absence of the Handler, a distraction occurs (sudden noises are allowed), to which the dog must remain indifferent, without moving or changing position. The diversion will depend on the level. It must never take the form of aggression or provocation. The distance from the distraction to the dog shall be at least 10 m in Level I and II and 5 m away from the dog in Level III.

Penalties

Dog changes position during the 1 minute absence	-10
Dog changes position when the handler is going to the blind/hiding area	-10
Handler looks back towards the dog while they walk to, or enters the blind/hiding area	-10
Dog moves without changing position (penalty per meter)	-1
Dog changes position when the handler returns	-2
Handler shows themselves during the exercise	-10
Any irregular or disallowed command	-10

3. Send Away

Points awarded

In the optimum zone between inside markers	12 points
Between the outside markers and inside markers	8 points
Outside the outside markers	4 points

12 points

Description of the exercise

The dog must cross a line (20m long), parallel to the starting line, marked by 2 outside markers placed at each end. At 5 meters inside the outside markers, there will be 2 perpendicular lines 1 meter in length to indicate the optimum zone. The markers can be decorative objects (that are part of the theme.)

The distances are:

- Level I – 20 meters
- Level II – 30 meters
- Level III – 40 meters

The path should be free from any obstacle or object and in accordance with the orthogonal axes. Avoid using markers that could be regarded as provocation and likely to attract the dog (example: balls/toys).

Account of the exercise - See “Instructions Common To All Exercises”

The dog will be placed behind the starting line, on a central point marked by a perpendicular line. At the Judge’s signal, the handler will give the dog a command to go away. The dog must go straight ahead and cross the finish line. When the dog has crossed the finish line, the handler will recall the dog back to heel. The dog must return within 20 seconds. **If there is a command before the dog crosses the finish line, and the dog continues to go forward and crosses the finish line, it will be considered an extra command (-4). If the dog has crossed the finish line and the handler is waits too long to recall the dog, a G.A. deduction will be made.**

Penalties

Commands given by voice and gesture	-2
Any extra commands to send the dog forward (each)	-4
Dog zig-zags, for each change of direction	-1
Dog returns before command, each time	-2
Dog starts	
a) before the signal from the judge	-4
b) after the signal from the judge	-2
Dog does not pass the line	-12
Extra commands to recall the dog (only one)	-2
Dog does not return within 20 seconds	-12
The dog returns, but wanders “loosely” back to the handler	-1 G.A
Handler waits too long to recall the dog	-1 G. A

4. Positions

Level 1	10 points
Level II and III	20 points

Points awarded

Levels	1	II & III
-for the 3(3 x 3) or 6 (3 x 6) changes of positions	9 points	18 points
-for the command “heel” at the end of the exercise	1 point	2 points

Example: A dog in Level III

- Sit, Down, Stand good = 9 – 1 meter advanced = 8
- Down good, then return to heel = 3
- Point total = 11

Description of the exercise

The exercise will take place with the dog on the ground. The dog and the handler must be able to see each other from a distance of 5, 10 and 15m, depending on the level. It is permitted to call the dog by name before giving the positioning command, but it must be spoken only once along with the command **and without pause**. If not, it is a double command). **The judge must distinguish between moving forward during positions (-1 per meter), and an early return to heel sanctioned by all points remaining in the exercise.**

For each position, the handler is entitled to 2 additional commands. If the dog has not executed the position after the 2 additional commands, the exercise is ended and all points already awarded are kept. For the initial position when the handler leaves the dog, if the dog changes that position, the handler must re-command the dog (2 extra commands allowed) to the original position. If a dog anticipates the position, at one position at least (that which it has just left), the dog may eventually lose another one, if it takes the following position. To avoid a situation where the dog obeys the Deputy Judge’s signal, we propose a “triangle” system of signals (the dog faces away from the Judges and each of the three positions are illustrated on a moveable three sided board.

It is stated that as long as the deputy judge or the judge did not indicate the next position, the dog must maintain its position. If the dog leaves, the handler must re-command. If the next position is indicated and the dog is moving taking the following position (indicated) before command, he loses this position because it is too early.

Account of the exercise – See “Instructions Common To All Exercises”.

The handler positions himself with his dog sitting at the line of departure. He commands the initial position upon the Judge's signal, and then leaves his dog after a stay command. **If the handler does not respect the Judges signal there will be a -1GA deduction.**

- The handler must always be able to see his dog during the execution of the exercise.
- At the start, the dog will be placed in a stand, sit or down, at the direction of the Judge.
- In Level I each position is taken once. In Level II and III each position will be taken twice, at the signal given by the Deputy Judge.

Penalties

Levels	I	II & III
Dog changes from the initial position	-2	-2
Handler does not sit dog first and/or who disrespects judges signal	-1GA	-1GA
Dog does not execute the position indicated	-3	-3
Dog moves toward the handler, each meter	-1	-1
Dog returns to the handler before the end of the exercise; it loses the points for recall, but keeps the points awarded for the changes of positions (deduction made by the distance advanced from the point of positions).	-1	-2
Dog rotates on itself during positions	-GA	-GA
Dog moves forward ½ meter (exercise is not perfect)	-0.5 -GA	-0.5 -GA
Dog moves forward ½ meter and then returns to its place	-GA	-GA

No diversion is allowed during this exercise

5. Refusal of Food

Level 1	5 points
Level II and III	10 points

Description of the exercise

In Level I, nothing is placed on the ground. In Level II and III, six different pieces of food, chosen by the Judge, are placed on the ground. Bones and raw pork cannot be used. It is forbidden to place food closer than 5 m to the small pieces of wood during the Search for Object or the Retrieve exercises. The Refusal of Food is an exercise, which cannot be executed during another exercise.

Account of the exercise - See "Instructions Common To All Exercises".

At the beginning of the exercise the dog is placed in a down position. If the dog sits after first piece of food is presented there is no penalty. In Level I, only one piece of food is thrown during the obedience exercises, at the place and moment chosen by the Judge. In Level II and III, two pieces are thrown or presented (at the same time or separately).

- The food must be the same for all dogs.

- The goal is not to set up the dog deliberately, so food is not to be placed in working zones, landing area of the jumps, or start line of Send away.
- If the food is thrown and falls into the dog's open mouth, and the dog spits it out there will be no penalty. If the dog eats or licks the food, the exercise is lost and the dog receives a zero.

Penalties

	Level 1	Level II & III
Dog licks, eats, or takes food in its mouth (either thrown or on the ground)	-5	-10
Dog moves when food is thrown (per meter)	-2	-1
Handler breaks in or interferes	-5	-10
Dog moves during the throwing of the food: 1 point per meter, up to 3 meters; beyond that: 0		
Moving upon the handler's return: at the discretion of the judge.	-2	-2

6. Retrieve of a Thrown Object

12 points

Description of the exercise

The time allowed for the Retrieve of the Object is 15 seconds. The object will be chosen by a drawing or chosen by the judge prior to the start of the trial from a list given to the Judge. (examples of items can be, but are not limited to: dumbbell, ninepin, cylinder, plastic bottle, solid bottles if they contain water are ok, small bag, stroller wheel, etc.). The dog must be able to hold the retrieve item in his mouth, and the maximum weight is 1 kg. All glass or metal objects are forbidden. No other object can be within 5 m because it would turn the exercise into an identification one; also no food can be nearby. The handler cannot move his feet as long as the handler does not have the object in their hands. The rules say one object yet a pair of shoes tied together is OK as long as it is reasonable. The dog has three changes to hold the object in the mouth before chewing points are deducted. The object must be size appropriate for all entries. A change of object may be made for a smaller dog as long as the objects are similar to one another.

Account of the exercise See - "Instructions Common To All Exercises".

- On the Judge's signal, the object must be thrown at least 5 m.
- After the Judge's signal, the handler may command the dog to retrieve the object. Only one retrieve command is allowed.
- The handler will wait for the horn at the end of the exercise before leaving his place.
- A brief command to ask the dog to release the object is allowed – example: 'give'.
- There is no penalty if the handler moves their feet after the dog leaves to retrieve, but before the dog returns
- If the handler moves as the dog returns this will be considered an extra command with a loss of all points.

Penalties

Extra command or irregular command	-12
Command given by voice and gesture	-2
Object is not retrieved within 15 seconds	-12
Dog starts:	
a) before the Judge's signal	-4
b) after the Judge's signal	-2
Dog plays with or chews the object	-1
Dog drops the object while he returns to the handler, each time	-1
Object is returned but the dog is not in sitting position when the handler takes the object	-1
Dog drops the object at the handler's feet and handler has to pick it up	-2 & -1 GA (= total -3)
Handler moves as dog returns	-12
Handler has to move his/her feet to get the retrieve object	-12

7. Search for an Object

Level II & III 15 points

Description of the exercise

Time allowed for the exercise: 1 minute.

The object must be a small, unused piece of wood, numbered, 15 cm long and 2 cm in diameter. (This size is for all dogs except for toy dogs that may have a smaller little wood, but not smaller than 10 cm long and 1 cm in diameter.) It will be chosen by the handler from several identical pieces, all numbered. At the time of presentation at the Judge's table, the handler takes the wood and can hold it in his/her hands for a maximum of 5 seconds.

The handler then puts the little wood into his /her empty pocket without any other manipulation or exposure to additional scent and without showing it to their dog, and informs the judge of its number. All the handlers must carry the wood for the same time period. Identical, unnumbered objects are to be placed near that of the wood of the competitor. The object must be placed with the handler's back to the dog and without showing it to the dog. It is forbidden to put one's hand in one's pocket until the handler places the wood with his back to the dog. During this exercise, the object used as thrown object must be out of the reach of the dog. The wood must be reasonably accessible. No distraction is permitted during this exercise. Like with the retrieve, no other objects should be within 5 m unless part of the theme décor. Unnumbered "distraction" pieces of wood, picked up by another dog, must be exchanged, and "distraction" pieces of wood are put into a plate at the end of exercise to avoid being handled too much.

Account of the exercise See "Instructions Common To All Exercises".

- Each handler puts his dog in a spot indicated by the Deputy Judge. The handler will then place the object, in view of the dog, 30 meters away in a fictitious square, 1 m x 1 m. The handler will place the little wood with his back to the dog.
- While the handler returns to his dog, other identical pieces of wood (non-numbered) are placed nearby the first one (min. 25 cm) inside the square. There are 3 objects for Level II and 4 for Level III.
- At the Judge's signal the handler sends his dog in search of the object with a single command given by voice. The handler is allowed to let the dog sniff his hands before he gives the command, to make the dog understand the nature of the exercise.
- **The handler moves after the dog has left: no penalty**
- **The handler moves as the dog is returning or upon return of dog: this is considered as irregular command and all points will be lost.**
- **Dog that brings 2 woods (1 good, 1 other) will get points earned (deduction for the possible faults committed) minus a GA for the second wood.**
- The handler will give the returned object to the Deputy Judge, for verification by the Judge

Penalties

Handler shows dog the little wood	-15
Commands by voice and gesture	-2
Additional send commands	-15
Object not brought back or not within 1 minute	-15
Dog starts:	
a) before the judge's signal	-4
b) at the judge's signal	-2
Dog chews the little wood	-1
Dog drops the little wood during the return, each time	-1
Dog drops wood in front of handler and handler has to pick it up	-2 & -1 GA (= -3)
Object is retrieved but the dog is not sitting when the handler takes the object	-1
Dog leaves his place before the return of the handler (more than a radius of 2 meters)	-15
Dog moves within a radius of 2 meters (each meter)	-1
Dog selects the wrong object	-15
Handler moves as the dog returns	-15
Handler has to move his/her feet to get the little wood	-15
Handler puts his/her hand in his/her pocket before he/she gets to the place where he/she drops the little wood or he/she shows the object to the dog	-15
Handler places wood with his/her back NOT to the dog	-15
Handler manipulates the little wood in a way that is not allowed or gives and additional scent	-15

IV – Jumping Exercises

In Level I the handler must choose 1 of the 3 jumps. The handler must notify the Judge of their choice at the presentation. In Level II, the hurdle is mandatory, and the handler must choose between the palisade and the long jump for the second jump.

See “Instructions Common To All Exercises”.

The following directions are good for the palisade, long jump, & hurdle. For dogs less than 22” at the shoulder, clubs may (but are not required to) use an agility or Schutzhund A-Frame as described within this section in place of the palisade. Clubs do not have to provide an A-Frame, smaller broad jump, or solid jump, but they must state this when the trial is posted. For Level II if no A-Frame is present, dogs less than 22” at the shoulder must use the long jump and hurdle as described. For Level III, if an A-Frame is **not** present, dogs under 22” at the shoulder may successfully do either the long jump or the hurdle twice.

The handler puts his dog into position at a convenient distance from the obstacle
The handler can count paces during the judges briefing or dog in white but not after without losing points
The handler takes his place immediately in the marked square, to the left or right, near the jump
The handler cannot touch the jumps or lean on them
If the dog leaves his place before the start command, so that the handler must reposition the dog, he is penalized one attempt plus points.
The dog is allowed 3 attempts for all the exercises – palisade & long jump – 1 way only
For the hurdle, the dog is allowed to try a total of 3 times forward and 3 times return. If the dog fails or refuses to return, the handler will reposition the dog in the place from where the dog can jump. The handler will then return to his position in front of the hurdle and wait for the signal from the judge. For the hurdle, a stabilization command is only allowed after the first jump and before the return jump. On the return, no stabilization command is allowed, the dog has to return to heel.
If the dog fails any jump, no matter which, the handler may not ask to raise or lower the height or length
The jump command shall be given only by voice. Every gesture or movement of the body will be penalized, but the handler may watch his dog in a natural manner, without staring. All two-word commands must be said without pause between the words, otherwise it will be considered an extra command (-5)
If, before stepping into the box area, the handler makes a gesture like throwing a ball, it will be considered as training and result in a loss of all points
After authorization from the judge for the jump, if the handler gives a command by voice and makes a short gesture there will be a -2 point deduction
A sustained gesture will be considered as a supplementary command resulting in a -5 point deduction
After each jump, the handler may give one command of his/her choice to recall the dog to heel or to make it stay behind the jump. If the handler commands the dog to stay, the handler must go to their dog. If a recall, the dog has ten seconds to come to heel, with or without a command, otherwise there will be a penalty. If the dog is recalled by the handler, it can be done with voice or whistle. In the Obedience Only program, the handler may use a voice command to recall the

dog for the hurdle if a whistle recall is used elsewhere.
There will also be a penalty if the dog does not stay behind the jump despite the command. The handler will wait for the sound of the horn announcing the end of the exercise, before leaving the jump. If the dog is given a stabilization command after the jump designating a certain position and the dog does not take the given position but does not jump until commanded to, the dog will not lose points.
The handler must not show his/her dog the jump before the exercise

Palisade

Maximum 15 points

Regulation heights and points

Height (m)	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3
Level I	15					
Level II	12	13	14	15		
Level III	5	7	9	11	13	15

In Level I for dogs 22 inches or over at the shoulder/withers only one height: 1.8 m = 15 points

Description of the exercise

The palisade is made of a fully attached panel at the bottom, up to 1 m in height; then a stack of rough boards 10 cm in height and 27 – 30 mm in thickness, unfinished. The palisade may be 1.5 m – 1.9 m in width. To allow the dog to jump down, it has an incline fixed to the posts at 1.7 m high, and on the ground about 1.2 m from the wall. Slats are placed every 30 cm to break the dog’s descent. The incline also supports the palisade. In order to move it easily, the palisade is mounted on beams, in the form of a reverse T. It does not have a reverse jump, so there is no fence behind it.

A-Frame Option to replace Palisade for dogs less than 22” at the shoulder/withers: 15 Points

This option is not mandatory. The handler can choose to do the standard palisade in place of this option if he or she desires. Once a handler chooses this option for a trial, they cannot change their option once they have declared which jumps they will be performing at presentation. Schutzhund, AKC or UKC regulation Agility A-Frames may be used in place of a palisade for dogs that measure under 22” at the shoulder/withers for Obedience Only competition. Contact zones may be present but are not required and do not have to be performed in the normal contact zone of a regulation AKC/UKC Agility A-Frame. The apex will be set at 70” for all dogs under 22 inches at the shoulder.

Long Jump

Level I 15 points
Level II & III 20 points

Regulation lengths and points

Length in meters	3.0	3.5	4.0
Level I	15		
Level II	10	15	
Level III	12	16	20

Description of the exercise

This exercise does not involve a ditch. It is made up of a frame of 3 planks. The first is 2 m long and 10 cm high, placed in the front, connected with two boards on the sides, each 3 m long and 10 cm high in front, and 20 cm high at the other end and fastened to the ground with a metallic square, to prevent it from swaying. This frame has colored elastic bands, light metal bars, or PVC pipes, which are fastened to the side boards every 30 cm along the length of the sides. Without going into the frame, the dog shall jump over a moveable seesaw ‘key’, 1.95 m long and 1 m wide at the center, which can move up or down in the frame without touching the sides. Jumps of 3 m to 3.5 m can be obtained. To create a jump of 4 m, simply detach the key from the frame. The key must be constructed so that when the low side touches the ground, the high side is 30 cm from the ground. A dog that steps within the frame is penalized 4 points, plus the loss of an attempt equivalent to a refusal. It must then restart the jump

Broad Jump Option for dogs under 22” at the shoulder/withers

15 points

This option is not mandatory. The handler can choose to do the standard long jump in place of this option if he or she desires. Once a handler chooses this option for a trial, they cannot change their option once they have declared which jumps they will be performing at presentation. AKC or UKC regulation Broad Jumps may be used in place of the long jump for dogs that measure under 22 inches at the shoulder/withers for the Obedience Only competition. There will be no key at the end of the broad jump. The jump will be performed just like the long jump.

Jump Height Table for Broad Jump

Height at Withers	Jump Length	Number of Boards
Dogs 18 inches and under 20”	72 inches	4 boards
Dogs 16 inches and under 18”	64 inches	4 boards
Dogs 14 inches and under 16”	56 inches	4 boards
Dogs 12 inches and under 14”	48 inches	4 boards
Dogs 10 inches and under 12”	40 inches	3 boards
Dogs 8 inches and under 10	32 inches	3 boards
Dogs up to 8 inches	24 inches	2 boards

Hurdle

Level I 15 points
Level II & III 20 points

Regulation heights and points			
Height in meters	1.0	1.1	1.2
Level I	15		
Level II	16	20	
Level III	12	16	20

In Level I for dogs 22 inches and over at the shoulder/withers only one height: 1m = 15 points

Description of the exercise

The hurdle is made of a moveable panel, 1.5 m wide and 60 cm high, equipped with pivots welded to the supports. The panel is topped with a turnstile of the same width and 30 cm in height. It must fall at the slightest impact and present no danger whatsoever to the dog. It must be adjustable to the required height. There will be no ditch in front of, or behind, the hurdle.

Account of the exercise

- As soon as the dog clears the jump, the handler may give only one command to keep the dog in the specified position upon landing. If the command is given by voice and gesture, there will be a 2 point penalty.
- At the Judge's signal authorizing a return jump, the handler may give only one command for this, though it may be given by voice or gesture. All additional commands for the position or to keep position will be penalized.
- After the return jump, the dog must return to heel within 10s. The handler may give one single command (optional) to call the dog to heel.

High Jump (Hurdle) Option for dogs under 22" at the shoulder/withers. 15 points

This option is not mandatory. The handler can choose to do the standard hurdle in place of this option if he or she desires. Once a handler chooses this option for a trial, they cannot change their option once they have declared which jumps they will be performing at presentation. AKC or UKC regulation solid High Jumps (painted or not painted) may be used in place of the hurdle for dogs that measure under 22 inches at the shoulder/withers for the Obedience Only competition. There will be no key added for dogs measuring under 22 inches at the shoulder/withers. The jump will be performed just like the normal hurdle jump with the dog jumping over once, stabilizing, jumping back over and returning to the handler as described in the account of the exercise above.

Jump Height table for High Jump (Hurdle)

All dogs that measure 20” and under 22” at the shoulder/withers will jump the normal hurdle at the Brevet height (.8 meters) without the key.

Height at shoulder/withers	Jump Height
Dogs 18 inches and under 20 inches	26 inches
Dogs 16 inches and under 18 inches	24 inches
Dogs 14 inches and under 16 inches	22 inches
Dogs 12 inches and under 14 inches	18 inches
Dogs 10 inches and under 12 inches	16 inches
Dogs 8 inches and under 10 inches	14 inches
Dogs under 8 inches	12 inches

Penalties (common to all three jumps)

Start before signal (plus loss of 1 attempt)	-4
Start after signal but before command	-2
Command by voice and gesture	-2
Refusal or going around, forward or return jump	-4
Knocking down the boards, forward or return jump	-2
Missing (attempt failed) forward or back	-2
Failure to take position behind the obstacle (if command is given)	-2
Any additional command for position, placement, recall	-2
Any additional send command	-5
The dog does not return to heel within 10 seconds	-2
Any irregular command results in a penalty to the corresponding points	

Penalties (hurdle only)

Position command by both voice and gesture, after forward jump	-2
Dog touches hurdle or high jump, forward or return	-1
If the dog pushes the hurdle and it does not fall, each time	-2

V- Table of Points

To take into account a necessary progression and to increase the difficulties gradually, it is logical to view the organization of trials in 3 Levels, giving to each a maximum of points:

Points in Level I

Without jumps – 55

With jumps - 70

Points in Level II

Without jumps – 85

With jumps - 120

Points in Level III

Without jumps – 85

With jumps – 140

The table below presents a convenient notation for the proposed totals.

Exercises Levels:	I	II	III
Heel (without leash)	6	6	6
Absence of Handler	10	10	10
Refusal of Food	5	10	10
Send Away	12	12	12
Retrieve of a thrown object	12	12	12
Positions	10	20	20
Search for an Object – Little Wood		15	15
Palisade	15*	15*	15*
Hurdle	15*	20*	20*
Long Jump	15*	15*	20*
Total	70*	120*	140*

Qualifiers

Without Jump	With Jump	Level I	Level II	Level III
40 out of 55	50 out of 70	x		
65 out of 85	90 out of 120		x	
65 out of 85	105 out of 140			x

* Points calculated for different jump heights

V. Mondioring Obedience Only Championship Titles (with or without jumps)

Dogs that may compete: Mondioring Obedience Only Championship points will be recorded for dogs that have already earned a Level title. Once the dog earns the level title, it may then compete for Championship points. The original title will not be counted in total legs for the Championship title. Championship titles must be earned consecutively. A dog must finish a Level I Championship before working on Level II Championship. Level II Championship must be completed before working on Level III Championship. The dog may possess a Level III Obedience Only title while working on any level Championship points but Championship titles must be earned in this order: Level I, followed by Level II, followed by Level III. Scores must be entered into the official score/record book. Upon completion of the required number of trials, a copy of the scores from the score book, along with a Championship title application must be submitted to USMRA before a title will be issued.

Mondioring Obedience Only Championship Titles will be offered in all levels as follows:

Level I

Level I Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, without jumps (OBChI) – Qualify at 10 trials.

Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level I Mondioring Only Obedience Champion with jumps (OBJChI) – Qualify at 10 trials. Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level II

Level II Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, without jumps (OBChII) – Qualify at 10 trials.

Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level II Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, with jumps (OBJChII) – Qualify at 8 trials.

Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level III

Level III Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, without jumps (OBChIII) – Qualify at 10 trials. Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level III Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, with jumps (OBJChIII) – Qualify at 6 trials.

Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Mondioring Obedience Only Elite Champion title

Without Jumps: OBECh), with jumps: (OBEJCh)

Any dog who fulfills all three levels of Obedience Only Championships will automatically earn the Mondioring Obedience Only Elite Championship title.

VI. Mondioring Obedience Only Junior Program

The purpose of the Mondioring Obedience Only Junior Program is to encourage young handlers to become fully involved in the sport by participating in obedience and promoting responsible dog ownership and training. The program is intended to promote the achievements of junior members to reward sportsmanship, participation and excellence in the sport of dogs. When competing in any Mondioring event, all juniors are subject to the rules and regulations of that event and all other applicable USMRA rules unless specifically noted. Good sportsmanship is an integral part of dogsports and poor sportsmanship will be penalized. Proper and humane training methods will also be emphasized in all aspects of competition. Juniors are encouraged to seek guidance from experienced trainers and handlers to further their education in regards to dogsports. Juniors are strongly encouraged to get involved with a local Mondioring club and clubs should be willing to help Juniors understand and compete in the Obedience Only program.

Participation in Mondioring Obedience Only Junior Program

In order to participate in the Junior program, handlers must be up to and including 18 years of age and have trained the dog themselves. The age of the Junior as of January 1 of each year shall determine the age for the entire year. Juniors can compete in any level and are subject to the same rules and regulations as stated within this program. The highest scoring Junior with a qualifying score in each Level I, II, and III with and without jumps will receive a recognition certificate and a one year membership to the USMRA.



Obedience Only Championship Title Certificate Application

Effective August 20, 2018 an Obedience Only Championship title may be earned for the following:

Level I

Level I Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, without jumps (OBChI) – Qualify at 10 trials. Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level I Mondioring Only Obedience Champion with jumps OBJChI) – Qualify at 10 trials. Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level II

Level II Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, without jumps (OBChII) – Qualify at 10 trials. Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level II Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, with jumps (OBJChII) – Qualify at 8 trials. Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level III

Level III Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, without jumps (OBChIII) – Qualify at 10 trials. Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Level III Mondioring Only Obedience Champion, with jumps (OBJChIII) – Qualify at 6 trials. Each qualifying score will be a leg toward the ten required to obtain the Championship title.

Mondioring Obedience Only Elite Champion title: Without Jumps: OBECh), with jumps: (OBEJCh)

Any dog who fulfills all three levels of Obedience Only Championships will automatically earn the Mondioring Obedience Only Elite Championship title.

The record of each qualifying leg will be recorded in the score book. Once the required passes have been completed, this form is submitted to the USMRA Upon verification, the appropriate title will be issued.

Owner Name: _____ Book Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Dog Name: _____ Breed: _____

Please check which title you are applying for:

Level I _____without jumps _____with jumps

Level II _____without jumps _____with jumps

Level III _____without jumps _____with jumps

(a copy of the qualifying scores written in the scorebook must accompany this application. Copies can be digital or paper)

Mondioring Obedience Only Elite Champion: _____without jumps _____with jumps

(a copy of all three Championship certificates must accompany this application for OBECh and OBEJCh. Copies can be digital or paper)