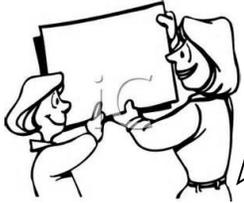


SCRIBING TIPS

It ain't rocket science, scribing, and there is little to fear – a great opportunity to improve your handling skills. It's generally a good way for novice handlers to help out at a trial, have some fun and learn about more aspects of trialing. You have the best seat in the house to watch each handler run and in addition, how the runs are scored. Your job is to run the clock and write down the scores so the judge doesn't need to take his/her eyes off the run. But it is an important task and there are a few things to keep in mind.

You will be provided with a stack of score sheets and a running order. Make sure that the handler and dog approaching the post are what is marked on the running order. Make sure both the handler name and dog name are at the top of the score sheet. Most handlers announce their name and their dog's name. However, if you aren't sure who is coming to the post just ask the handler.



Most likely someone has been assigned to collect the sheets and post the scores and that person will quietly approach you every few runs. Hand that person the sheets of completed runs

United States Border Collie Handler's Association Score Sheet	
HANDLER: _____	DATE _____
DOG: _____	Points Lost _____
Outrun 20	
Lift 10	
Fetch 20	
Drive 30	
Shed 10	
Pen 10	
Single 10	
Total Points Possible	
Total Points Lost	
Score	

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Usually the scribe operates the clock/timer. Some judges like to do it themselves and some run their own clock in addition to the official one. The clock/timer runs down to zero from the maximum time allowed. Start the clock the moment the handler sends his/her dog from the post and don't touch it unless the judge tells you to. If the time runs out before the run is complete, usually the judge (but sometimes the scribe) calls Time. There is no need to record the time if the run is finished before the time runs out,

As soon as a run is complete, reset the clock to be ready for the next handler. Please reset the timer before you do anything else, including tallying the scores of the last run, because the next handler will approach the post promptly. If you aren't ready with the clock when the next handler is at the post, say so and ask the handler to wait until you have it set.



The scribe keeps track of the points off and totals these points at the end of the run. Some judges give the clerk the points off at the end of each phase of work. Some judges will give you the points off with each infraction and rely on the scribe to total them up for each phase. Write big and bold. For any changes, cross out the entire incorrect entry and write in the correct number. A score sheet like the one above will be provided and there is nothing wrong with marking it up to help keep track of points off in each phase. Usually the score sheet shows the maximum points available for each phase



At the end of the run, total up the points off and subtract from the total available for the final score. Double check it, or make sure whoever takes them from you double checks them. Ask the judge if he/she wants to review the score sheet before it leaves the judge's tent for posting. If there is something you aren't sure about in the scores, ask the judge before you give the sheet to the person assigned to collect them.

One more thing...

Judging takes concentration. Some judges like to chat, some don't. Take your lead from the judge and don't initiate conversation during a run. If you have questions, save them for between runs or the end of the day. Don't comment on a run or fill the judge in on a dog and handler you know unless they ask. Judges appreciate the help scribes provide and recognize that it is a learning opportunity