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2020 RULE CHANGE GUIDE

WEEK 10 - SIGNS 416, 417 & 418

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Welcome back! We will be covering three exercises this week and the final exercises will be covered next week. This week we will be looking at the following exercises:

416: Moving Stand - Handler Forward - Face Dog - Dog Down - Sit-Finish Right

417: Moving Stand - Handler Forward - Face Dog - Dog Down - Sit-Finish Left

418: Cloverleaf





416: Moving Stand - Handler Forward - Face Dog - Dog Down - Sit-Finish Right 417: Moving Stand - Handler Forward - Face Dog - Dog Down - Sit-Finish Left

Exercises 416 and 417 have had changes in the description of the performance. It now reads that the handler goes forward instead of rotates to front. The reason for this is to give the handler some space to execute the moving stand portion of the exercise. You will notice the changes to the principle part and the instructions. The principle part will read as follows:

Principle Part. The handler gives the stand command while the dog is moving. The dog must stop in a standing position and stay until commanded to down, then to sit, and finish to the right/left. The instructions for both exercises will be as follows:

Instructions. This exercise will begin as the team is moving forward in heel position. As the dog and handler approach the left of the exercise sign, the handler commands the dog to stand. The handler may slow their pace but is not to come to a full halt prior to giving the stand command. The dog is not to pause or sit but should stop in the standing position. Once the dog is standing, the handler will continue forward approximately 3 or 4 steps and will turn and face the dog. Without bending over, the handler will command the dog to down. Once the dog is in the down position, the handler will command the dog to sit. Once the dog is sitting, the handler will command the dog to finish to the right/left. When the dog reaches heel position and sits, the handler commands the dog to heel forward toward the next exercise station

cise station.

New non-qualifying fault has been added as follows:

Dog moves a significant distance for the down and/or sit commands
 New Major Faults have been added as follows:

Dog moves a slight distance on the down and/or sit commands

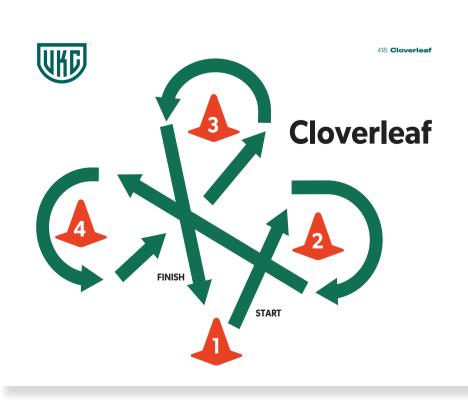


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The basic description of the exercises is included in the instructions above. What the handler wants to remember is that this is a moving stand exercise. So, although they can slow forward motion, they must continue to move forward 3 or 4 steps before turning to face the dog. The handler cannot bend over but may give a command and/or signal for the down, sit, and finish. The dog should perform the exercises without moving forward but can naturally move from the stand to the down by either placing their legs forward or rocking backwards into the down. The same holds true for the sit from the down: the dog can either move their rear legs forward while their front legs remain in the same position while executing the sit, or move their front legs backwards while their rear remains in the same position to execute the sit. The demo dog Magnum moves his front legs forward for the down and moves his front legs backwards for the sit. Both of these executions are correct and should not be penalized. What the dog cannot do is move their entire body forward by taking steps when executing the positions. The dog will be penalized accordingly if they move forward when taking the positions.



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418: Cloverleaf

Two videos have been included for this exercise to show both ways it may be performed. The principle part of this exercise has been updated as follows:

Principle Part. The team must complete a full circle around each cone and cross over in the correct direction to complete a cloverleaf pattern. Once the team has chosen their path, they must execute a full figure 8 around cones 4 and 2 or cones 2 and 4 before completing a full circle around cone 3. A repeat attempt is not allowed once the team is in motion.

To perform this exercise, the team will enter the cloverleaf with the cone that is designated as #1 on their left side. The handler may choose to go to the right and make a complete clockwise circle around Cone #2 first or enter with Cone #1 on their left side and make a counterclockwise circle around Cone #4 first. The team must cross the center line at least four times. Option 1: Cones 2, 4, 3: The team will enter the cloverleaf with Cone #1 on their left. They will make a complete clockwise circle around Cone #2 on their right. This will be counted as the first crossing of the center line. The team will then cross over the center line for the second time while heading to Cone #4. The team will make a complete counterclockwise circle around Cone #4, cross over the center line for the third time, and then head to Cone # 3. The team will make a complete counterclockwise circle around Cone #3, crossing over the center line for the fourth time before exiting the exercise. The team can exit either between Cones #1 and #2

or between Cones #1 and #4. Option 2: Cones 4, 2, 3: The team will enter the cloverleaf with Cone #1 on their left. They will cross over the center line for the first time while going directly to Cone #4 on their left. The team will make a complete counterclockwise circle around Cone #4, cross over the center line for the second time, and then head to Cone #2. The team will make a complete clockwise circle around Cone #2, cross over the center line for the third time, and then head to Cone #3. The team will make a complete clockwise circle around Cone #3, crossing over the center line for the fourth time before exiting the exercise. The team can exit either between Cones #1 and #4.

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