



OFFICIAL UNITED KENNEL CLUB RALLY OBEDIENCE 2020 RULE CHANGE GUIDE

WEEK 5 - SIGNS 303, 304, 305, 306 & 307

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Hello! Before we jump into this week's signs, I wanted to answer a few frequently asked questions.

The Shift Sign. This sign is not numbered. It is a directional sign to help the handler navigate to the next sign. It is not to be judged and is just there to help.

We published a comparison chart in Week 2 to compare the old sign numbers to the new, and to list all new sign numbers. We have added an Enter and Exit sign as well as the Shift Right and Shift Left signs that are not numbered.

Sign 206: The directions for this sign have changed and been clarified. Bowls will be numbered in the new rules. The basic performance of the sign has not changed.

Here are the new directions:



Offset Figure 8

Exercise 206. Offset Figure 8. Set up. This exercise requires four dog bowls in which tempting treats or toys are placed as a distraction. When using treats, they must be secured to prevent the dog from eating them as outlined elsewhere in this rulebook. The bowls are arranged in an offset pattern as illustrated on the exercise sign with the two-side bowls (#1 and #3) set 5 feet apart and the two-end bowls (#2 and #4) set 10 feet apart.

Principle Part. The team must execute a figure 8 pattern going either to the left or to the right with the dog heeling. The dog must not attempt to remove the distraction from the bowl.

Instructions. As the team approaches this exercise, they will pass between bowl #1 and bowl #2, with bowl #1 on the team's left side. After entering, the team must complete one full circle around bowl #2 and bowl #4, or around bowl #4 and bowl #2, forming a figure 8 pattern before exiting. The pattern chosen by the handler may depend on the desired direction of the exit.

Here are the signs we will be working on this week:

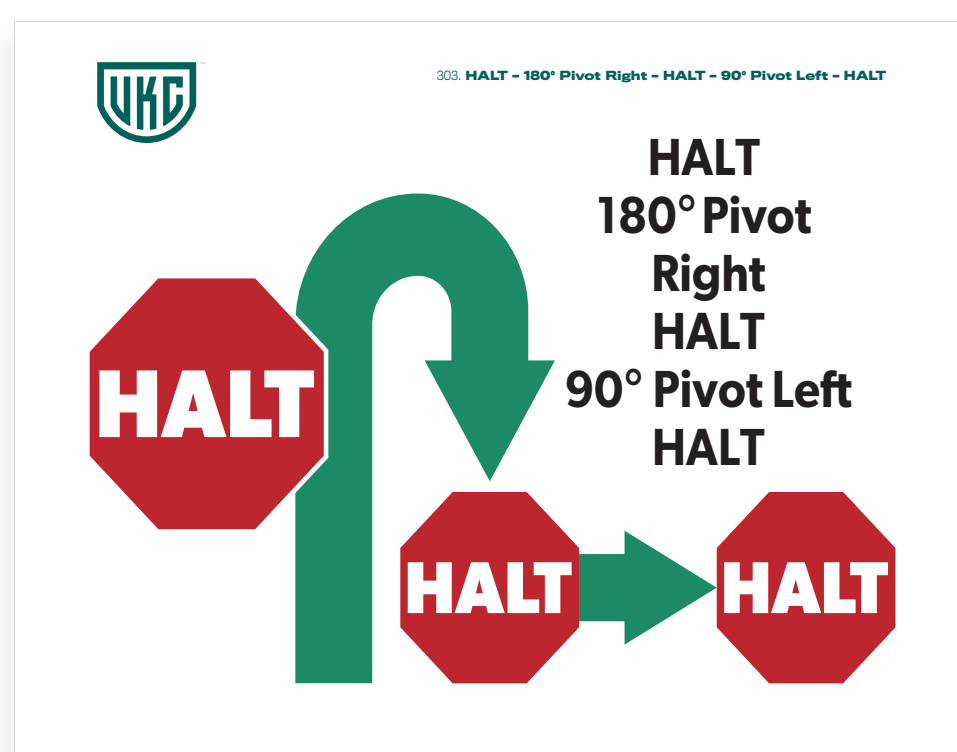
303: Halt - 180° Pivot Right - Halt - 90° Pivot Left - Halt

304: Halt - 180° Pivot Left - Halt - 90° Pivot Right - Halt

305: Moving Down - Handler Forward - Face Dog - Call Dog - Finish Right

306: Moving Down - Handler Forward - Face Dog - Call Dog - Finish Left

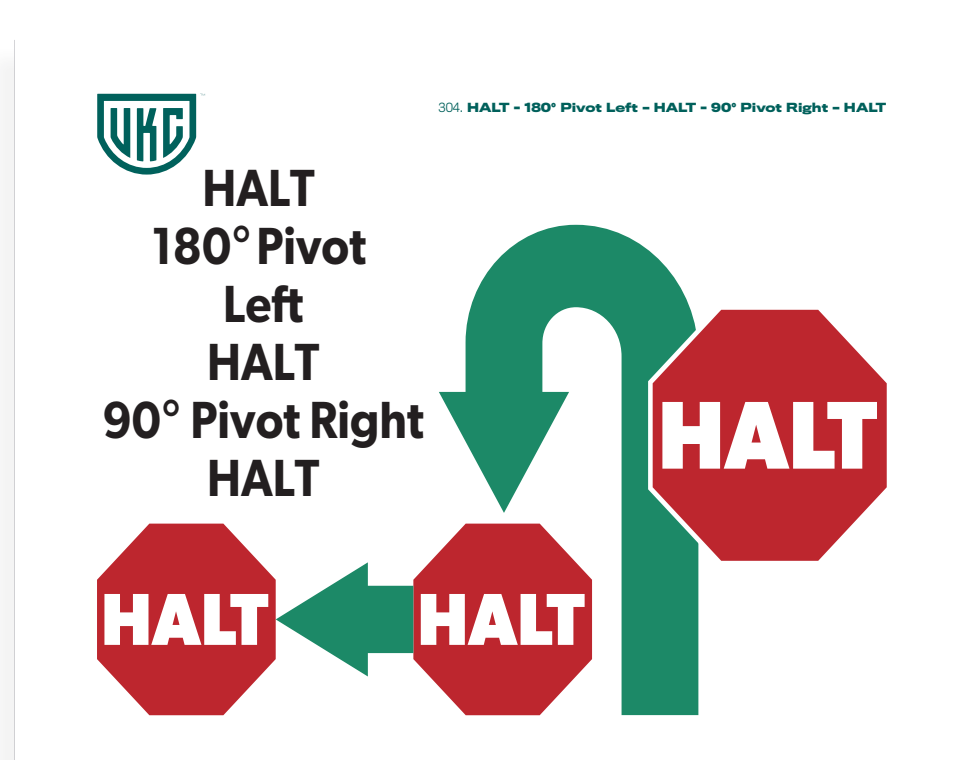
307: Halt - Send Dog Around Front of Handler & Back to Heel - Halt



303: Halt - 180° Pivot Right - Halt - 90° Pivot Left - Halt

To perform this exercise, the team must come to a complete halt with the dog automatically sitting at heel. After the dog has come to a sit, the team will execute a 180° pivot to the right and come to a complete halt. This means, the team will be facing the opposite direction from when they started after the first pivot. The team will make a second pivot together, this time a 90° pivot to the left and come to a complete halt. There is a brief pause after the halt before the team continues forward.

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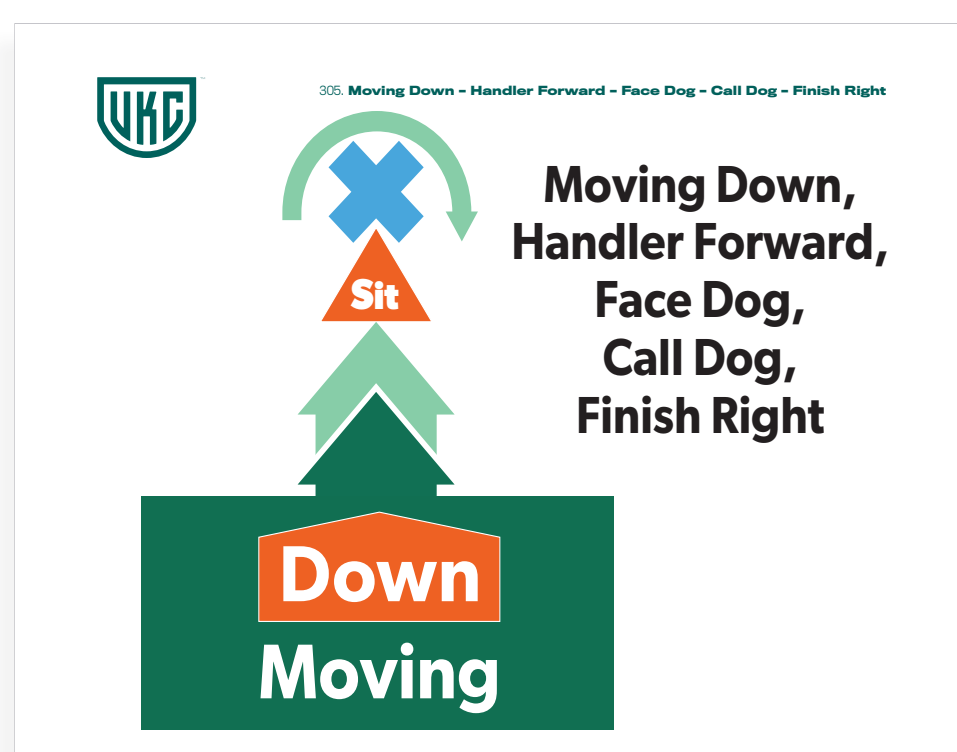


304: Halt - 180° Pivot Left - Halt - 90° Pivot Right - Halt

This exercise is very similar to Exercise 303, except the first pivot will be performed to the left instead of the right, and the second pivot to the right instead of the left.

To perform this exercise, the team must come to a complete halt with the dog automatically sitting at heel. After the dog has come to a sit, the team will execute a 180° pivot to the left and come to a complete halt. This means, the team will be facing the opposite direction from when they started after the first pivot. The team will make a second pivot together, this time a 90° pivot to the right and come to a complete halt. There is a brief pause after the halt before the team continues forward.

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305: Moving Down - Handler Forward - Face Dog - Call Dog - Finish Right

The released Principle Part, Instructions, and Scoring for this sign will be slightly modified as follows: **Principle Part.** The principle part of the exercise will now include the clarification that the dog **must** come when called. The dog **should** come to front position and finish to the right.

Instructions. The dog **must** come to the handler when called.

Scoring. Under non-qualifying faults, the following will be added:

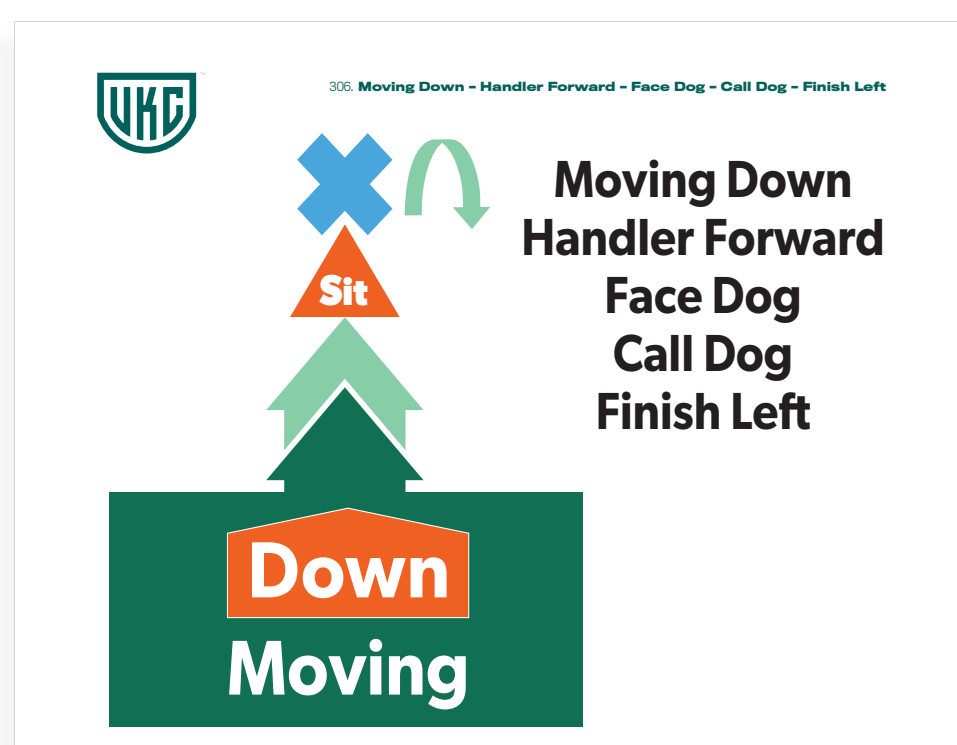
• Failure of dog to come when called **after the second command and/or signal**

Under Major Faults, the following will be added:

• **Dog does not come on the first command and/or signal**

To perform this exercise, the handler will give a down command to the dog while they are heeling. When the team approaches the exercise sign, the handler will continue a few steps forward from the sign and give the dog a command and/or signal to down while the handler is in motion. The handler may slow their pace while they give the command and/or signal. The dog must move into a down position without the handler stopping forward motion or touching the dog. The handler will then continue forward approximately 6 steps and will turn and face the dog. After a brief pause, the handler will call the dog to the front position. The handler may use their hands to guide the dog into a front position and may also use a command and/or signal to call the dog. The dog must come on the first command and/or signal for the recall. Should the dog not come to the handler on the first command, the handler may repeat the come command but will receive a major deduction. Once the dog is sitting in front, the handler will command/and or signal the dog to finish to the right. When the dog reaches the heel position and sits, the team will then continue forward to the next exercise.

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306: Moving Down - Handler Forward - Face Dog - Call Dog - Finish Left

This exercise is identical to Exercise 305, except the dog will be finishing to the left instead of the right. The released Principle Part, Instructions, and Scoring for this sign will be slightly modified as follows: **Principle Part.** The principle part of the exercise will now include the clarification that the dog **must** come when called. The dog **should** come to front position and finish to the right.

Instructions. The dog must come to the handler when called.

Scoring. Under non-qualifying faults, the following will be added:

• Failure of dog to come when called **after the second command and/or signal**

Under Major Faults, the following will be added:

• **Dog does not come on the first command and/or signal**

To perform this exercise, the handler will give a down command to the dog while they are heeling. When the team approaches the exercise sign, the handler will continue a few steps forward from the sign and give the dog a command and/or signal to down while the handler is in motion. The handler may slow their pace while they give the command and/or signal. The dog must move into a down position without the handler stopping forward motion or touching the dog. The handler will then continue forward approximately 6 steps and will turn and face the dog. After a brief pause, the handler will call the dog to the front position. The handler may use their hands to guide the dog into a front position and may also use a command and/or signal to call the dog. The dog must come on the first command and/or signal for the recall. Should the dog not come to the handler on the first command, the handler may repeat the come command but will receive a major deduction. Once the dog is sitting in front, the handler will command/and or signal the dog to finish to the left. When the dog reaches the heel position and sits, the team will then continue forward to the next exercise.

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307: Halt - Send Dog Around Front of Handler & Back to Heel - Halt

To perform this exercise, the team will come to a complete halt and the dog must sit in heel position next to the handler. When the halt has been completed and the dog is sitting at heel, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go around the handler clockwise to the right and return to heel position. When the dog returns to the heel position, the dog must sit. There must be a distinct halt from the dog in heel position, sitting next to the handler, before the team continues forward to the next exercise.

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