

HOW TO SCRIBE

You sit at the side of the ring and don't take your eyes off the judge!! You have a pen and paper. The handler will tell you their name and their dog's name. You write this at the top of the paper and then look at the judge. If she nods to indicate she is ready you say to the handler "go when you're ready" and then watch the judge for the duration of the run. If the judge holds up a hand (open) you write down "5" (which means 5 faults, for example if the dog knocks a pole down or misses a contact). If the judge raises a hand in a fist you write down "5R" (which means refusal). If the judge makes a signal with both hands crossed you write down "E" (which means eliminated). If the judge makes no signal it is a clear round and you write "C" on the sheet. The timekeeper will then come over to you at the end of the round and you will write down the dogs time.

HOW TO TIMEKEEP

This is pretty simple!! You have a stopwatch and time the dog from the start to the finish and then tell the scribe the time so that they can write it down.

HOW TO DO POLES

Again, a nice easy one. If a pole gets knocked down during competition you put it back up!

HOW TO COURSE BUILD

I'll teach you this as we go but basically you listen to the judge and move the equipment wherever needed.

HOW TO DO SCORE TABLE

You will have help with this. As each dog finishes a run you will collect the sheet from the scribe and fill in a table so that at the end of the day we know the results. Briefly, if a dog has an "E" he is eliminated. If he has "5" or "5R" once or several times you add these up and write them on the table. You also note the time. Each course will have a time limit so there may be time faults.

So!! If a course has a time limit of 50 seconds and you receive a sheet from the scribe which says "Nicky – Davey, 5 5R 5, 62 seconds" You would fill in the table to read 27 faults (15 course faults and 12 time faults).

CALLER

Some shows have callers –these are people who you "sign in" with as you queue up for your go. As we are a small group we will not have a caller. When you get to the start line tell the scribe your name and your dog's name. Then wait for the scribe to say "go when you're ready" and off you go!!

Winner is dog with least faults!!

Don't panic – this sheet is just to give you a broad overview. You will be helped!! This is training even though it is in the form of a competition.