



Cheat Sheet for Draft Test Stewards

Set-Up Tasks

Maneuvering Course & Freight Haul

- At least 2 stewards working with course designer to set up obstacles and trail & to clearly mark off course, such as with ropes, surveyor's tape on trees or cones etc.

Non-Standard Weights

- 1 steward to weigh any loads that are not clearly marked. DDX weight must be at least 30 lbs, DD weight must be at least 25 lb

Notes

Traffic Control/ Safety

We share the park with other park goers; we cannot restrict their use of it. You might encounter a runner, bicyclist, Frisbee game, walkers, cars, and others whose activities will distract or interfere with a team's success.

You can politely explain what we are doing and ask for their cooperation. You can invite them to watch from a safe distance; point out the preferred location. Or, ask them to pause their activity until we pass them. Answer their questions about the breed and activity in an engaging manner. Make them feel part of the event. If you smile while saying all of this, they will be glad to help.

If entrants ask you questions, direct them to the judges. Stewards make no decisions.

Test Site Access

Yes	No
Only Draft Test Committee, judges, and stewards are allowed full access to test areas.	Handlers and their dogs are not allowed in test areas unless they are the current team being tested.
At the scheduled time (and at no other time), handlers with dogs on lead, and not hitched to cart, can join the walk-through of the maneuver course and/or of the freight haul.	During the familiarization walk, dogs cannot pee or poop in the test area.
If judges ok it, spectators are allowed to follow the last dog on the Freight Haul.	Spectators are not allowed in the test areas.

Stewards in DDX Test

Wait for the judge's signal before you enter the maneuvering course. Then, for the next team:

- Course steward to take leash from the handler; if judges ask, to lead the team thru the course; after the test, to reset any bumped obstacles, and to return the leash to the handler
- 2 Measurement stewards to set the width of the adjustable narrows obstacle. See worksheet.
- Drag Away & Weight Exchange steward to return drag-away obstacle and the weight item back to their original positions
- Safety stewards to protect course from spectators, dogs, and any other interference

Stewards in DD Test

Basic Control:

- Ring steward to block entrance to the course until judge signals ready for next team.
 - Upon signal, lead team in to position specified by judge, take leash from handler, exit ring.
 - After the Recall, after judge says, "Exercise finished," enter ring and return leash to handler.

- Safety stewards to protect course from spectators, dogs, and any other interference

Harness & Hitching:

- Cart steward to move the next team's cart and harness (not the weights) from staging area into the Harness and Hitch area.
- At the edge of test area, at start of exercise, take the leash from the handler.

Maneuvering Course:

- 2 Measurement stewards to set the width of the adjustable narrows obstacle. See worksheet.
- Safety stewards to protect course from spectators, dogs, and any other interference.

3 Minute Out-of-Sight Stay:

- Stay Ring steward to lead the handlers (a max of 6 per group) to designated out-of-sight area. While waiting, keep judge in sight. Upon signal from judge, lead handlers back to their dogs.
- Freight stewards to stand behind their assigned team and to standby at judge's signal to grab a dog that moves out of position. Stewards are to stand quietly and not distract or interfere with any team.

1 Mile Freight Haul:

- Lead stewards, having learned the course, lead the teams (a max of 6 per group) and set a brisk pace. Monitor and adjust your pace to let the teams have good spacing, while also letting the judges keep the teams in view. No team can pass a lead steward.
- Freight stewards to follow their assigned team. Keep up with your team, which can change positions that fit the dog's pace. Do not talk to your handler or otherwise distract or interfere with any team. Protect your team from spectators, dogs, and any other interference.
- Safety stewards to protect the teams from spectators, dogs, cars, and any other interference.

Spectators

- Welcome to applaud and cheer after exercises
- Not allowed to interfere; judges decide what constitutes interference

Take-Down Tasks

Maneuvering Course & Freight Haul

- After Maneuvering Course is over, at least 3 stewards to take down all the equipment and markers and load into truck

- After Freight Haul is over, at least 2 stewards to take down all markers and load into truck

Measurements:

DDX

Back up Narrows: - 12 inches wider than cart

Turns:

Back turn: 24 inch

Left/right turn: 18 inch

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Adjustable Narrows - 12 inches wider than cart

Fixed Narrows 18 inches wider than widest cart

DD:

Turns: 28 inches

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Turns 36 inches