



4-H Agility Course Work

Pre-Novice

10 Obstacles

There should be no side changes except at the table

A straight forward course using non-winged jumps (two bars), open tunnel, A Frame, tire jump, table & dog walk

Normally in the shape of a U, M, S or a circle

Angles should not exceed 90 degrees.

Novice

All AKC obstacles except Weaves & Triple Jump

Course should include 14-16 obstacles with a minimum of 2 side changes* and 3 challenges.

Angles generally should not exceed 90 degrees but can not exceed 135 degrees more than twice.

No side by side obstacle discriminations.

Open

All AKC obstacles including 6 Weaves.

Course should include 16-18 obstacles with a minimum of 3 side changes* and 6 challenges.

Excellent

All AKC obstacles including 9 - 12 Weaves.

Course should include 18-20 obstacles with a minimum of 4 side changes* and 9 challenges.

Other Criteria...

No back to back contacts

Do not start a course with a contact or a spread jump

Straight to Gentle approaches to Spread Jumps

Average distance between obstacles (18-20 ft)

Good Approach to Table (obvious plane)

Minimum 15ft between ring barrier and obstacle

* Crossing while the dog is on the table is not considered a side change.

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