



Setting up for the Figure-8 in the Novice & Open classes

a cheat sheet for obedience stewards

Figure-8

- Your cue: When the judge says "*Exercise finished*" for the heel on leash. Take your positions quickly — usually the judge will have marked where you should stand.
- Stand facing each other, arms crossed, about 8 feet apart.
- Stand still and try not to look at the dog, because that could be distracting.

Stand for Exam (in Novice)

- Your cue: When the judge says "*Exercise finished*" for the figure-8, one steward takes the leash from the handler, and leaves the ring. Remember to return the leash to the handler at the end of the recall exercise.
- The other steward takes the judge's clipboard (unless the judge is keeping it). Stand nearby but far enough away so you're not a distraction to the dog or handler. Don't look at the judge's scoresheet.
- When the judge says "*Exercise finished*," return the judge's clipboard, and leave the ring discretely.

Group Exercises (Long Sit & Long Down)

- Try to let the handlers know which dog is the last one before the group exercises. After that dog finishes the individual exercises, make the general announcement for the group exercises and —
- Line up the handlers and dogs in catalog order outside the gate. On the judge's order, lead them into the ring.
- Follow the judge's instructions about where to stand — usually, near a gate — and what to do if a dog breaks.
- **Open:** One steward leads the handlers out of sight and watches for the judge's signal for them to return.