

UpDog Challenge Freestyle Showcase Judges Worksheet: Team (Level 2)

Dog:	Handler:
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Skill	Description	Score (0-5)
Disc Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handler always seems to have number of discs needed for trick/sequence (Not too few or too many)</li> <li>• Handler organizes routine so that dog leaves discs in location to set up for next sequence easily</li> <li>• Handler’s movement around the field facilitates retrieval of discs without appearing that the movement is solely for disc retrieval</li> <li>• Handler provides drop cues that simplify retrieval of discs</li> <li>• Dog drops discs in locations facilitating easy retrieval by handler</li> <li>• Majority of disc retrieval occurs while dog is away from handler</li> </ul>	
Flatwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handler facilitates the movement of their dog around the field through verbal and body cues</li> <li>• Team utilizes flatwork to set up for optimum approaches to catches, vaults, etc.</li> <li>• Team utilizes flatwork to create uniqueness and innovation in their routine</li> </ul>	
Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each trick/catch fluidly leads to the next trick/catch</li> <li>• Handler keeps dog moving in fluid direction by feeding discs that allow the dog to maintain optimum speed and or attain optimum leaping without having to stop or change direction to catch disc</li> <li>• Dog maintains flow by avoiding refusals of tricks or catches</li> <li>• Strategic pauses highlight and magnify the flow of routine</li> </ul> <p>(Successful disc management and flatwork will positively impact flow.)</p>	
Shapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team movement creates a variety of shapes:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Linear movement (back and forth/up and down field)</li> <li>○ Lateral movement (side to side)</li> <li>○ Circles (Around the World)</li> <li>○ Arcs, figure 8, ribbon, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Variety of shapes utilized throughout a routine will be rewarded. Limited variety will result in low point reward</li> <li>• Innovative shapes that add to the uniqueness and cool factor of routine will be rewarded</li> </ul>	
Team Connectedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handler and dog are in constant communication (verbal and nonverbal)</li> <li>• Dog checks in with handler and switches focus between disc retrieval and handler cues</li> <li>• Team highlights connectedness through moments in routine that highlight bond (dog catch, kiss, handshake, coordinated movement, etc.)</li> </ul>	
Use of Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team plays to the “audience” and judges providing action at different positions on the field.</li> <li>• Both dog and human move to different locations on the field (dog isn’t only member of team utilizing the entire field)</li> <li>• Team showcases close up work, medium work (10-15 yards away), and outside work (18 + yards away) within their routine</li> </ul>	
Highlights:	Improvement:	Total:

