

Halt Call Front While Running (43)

The team comes to a halt and the dog sits in heel position. The handler may give the dog a stay or wait cue and starts running forward. **A line will be placed 5 feet from the station sign, which the handler must pass before calling their dog to front.** After the handler passes the line, they call the dog. The dog must ~~immediately start running to~~ **return to heel position beside the handler.** As the **team** approaches **the second sign**, the handler slows down and allows the dog to come to the front position. The handler may take 3-4 steps backwards to accomplish the front and may give an additional cue to the dog to come to the front position and once the dog is in the front position the handler may cue the dog to sit. **It is permissible for the handler to bypass the second sign in order to finish in front of the second sign after they take the 3-4 steps backwards..**

This exercise concludes with the dog sitting in front of the handler, and therefore must be followed by Exercise 35 (Finish Right), Exercise 35A (Forward Right), 36 (Finish Left) or 36A (Forward Left). **The two signs that comprise this exercise should be placed a minimum of 10 feet (3.1m) apart, but may be placed further apart if space allows.**

Deductions: Failure of the dog to Sit in the Front position will result in an NQ-IP. Failure of the dog to remain sitting until ~~called to front~~ **called** but remains **in** position results in a substantial deduction (3-5 points). Failure of the handler to **pass the marked 5 foot line** before calling the dog results in an NQ-IP. Complete failure **of the dog to remain in position until called** shall result in an NQ score. **Failure of the handler to leave at a fast pace (run) shall result in a non-qualifying score (NQ).**