

HRD I: Step-by-Step Description*

**see general course description for dimensions and physical description of obstacles and features*

1. Exit from Pen (10 points)

Sheep (30 minimum) are taken from the **Pen**. The dog's work is judged on calmness and smoothness. The dog may be placed wherever necessary to accomplish exit from the pen in the most efficient manner. The sheep should not rush or crowd the gate or pen. The pen gate is left at full open position.

HRD I Handlers may bring dog into the pen on lead if the handler chooses, but there must be a pause after the lead is removed, before the dog is sent to collect the stock. **HRD I** handlers may enter the pen and may move around as needed to assist the dog, but may not touch the dog or stock without penalty.

[The draw for the sheep upon exiting is usually towards the **Gate to Field** and nearby field corner. If the sheep go to that area of the field after exiting the Pen, and if dog and Handler show evidence of ability to recover the situation safely and return the sheep to anywhere on **Road 1** within one minute, the run will be penalized but may continue.]

2. Fetch/Drive to Graze and Inner Bridge (20 points)

*The flock travels along **Road 1**, in a counter-clockwise direction around field, making a left turn (at orange cone) onto the **Inner Road**, traveling to the **Inner Bridge**.*

Inner Bridge: Flock passes through the **Inner Bridge**. Both Handler and Dog go through the **Inner Bridge**.

*Flock continues along the **Inner Road**, making a left turn (at orange cone), and continues to the Graze area. The Graze area is **Graze 2** (or **Graze 1**, at judge's discretion).*

3. Graze (15 points)

Begins when the sheep complete their entrance into the Graze area. **HRD I** Handlers may lead the flock into the Graze area to help position their dog.

Time for the Graze is **3 minutes**. The dog should not be kept at the Handler's side, but demonstrate ability to cover and hold the sheep independently. At the Graze, the dog may move if desired, or may stand, sit, or lie down. Commands may be given to effect holding the flock in the Graze area, but should not be excessive. The sheep should remain inside the area, the dog and Handler should remain outside (except as specified), but may change positions as desired.

The flock should not be disturbed during the Graze and should relax enough to feed. The judge will indicate when 2 minutes and 30 seconds is reached (Handler may want to prepare the flock's position for the Gather at this time), and when 3 minutes is up.

4. **Gather** (10 points)

By 2 minutes and 30 seconds into the Graze, the judge will have placed the blue cone marking the **Handler's post 40 yards from estimated position of sheep** at end of 3-minute graze. The blue cone will be placed along the near side of the **Inner Road** so that the run can continue most efficiently.

For the HRD I gather exercise, the dog may be taken to a point halfway between the handler's post and the stock, and the handler may go within 15 ft. of the stock. The flock is taken to the Handler's post.

5. **Fetch/Drive and Flock Halt** (25 points)

*Flock continues in counter-clockwise direction around field on **Inner Road** until reaching "T" intersection with **Road 2**, where flock halts.*

At T-Intersection of **Inner Road** with **Road 2**, dog halts forward progress of flock (at orange cone) by standing in front of flock and holding it while Handler moves away from flock and beyond dog (at least 10 ft.) to "look" for traffic on **Road 2**. Handler returns to flock, continues on course making left turn onto **Road 2** (18 ft. wide).

*From **Road 2**, flock makes another left turn onto **Road 1**, following it until returning stock to the pen.*

6. **Re-Pen** (10 points)

Dog is used appropriately to **re-pen** sheep without crowding, splitting, or rushing. Handler may not enter the **Pen**. Dog takes position on the outside of gate threshold to hold sheep calmly inside while Handler shuts the gate.