

# AUSDS Inc. JUDGING – Simplified!

The Australian Utility Stock Dog Society Inc. Judging System is simple and fair  
Practicality and common sense over ride technicalities –  
disqualifications are minimised – dogs are judged on their merit

‘Stock Dog Challenges’ have 4 ASPECTS of equal importance:

- (a) Long Searching Casts and Mustering [sheep] ..... 50 Points
- (b) Paddock and Obstacle Work [sheep] ..... 50 “
- (c) Yard Work [sheep] ..... 50 “
- (d) Cattle Handling ..... 50 “

Final Score:  $200 \div 2 =$  Out Of 100 Points

[(a) and (b) are a combined paddock component]

Competitors are expected to attempt all obstacles and sections of each Aspect  
Instead of starting with 100 points and deducting points for every misdemeanour,  
a point score is GIVEN for each of the many obstacles and sections that are COMPLETED,  
based upon good stockmanship achievements

For simplicity, points are spread through the ranges of:



Scores given for each obstacle and section are retained, and cannot be undermined  
by faults occurring elsewhere

## COMMON SENSE SCENARIOS

1. If for any reason an obstacle or section is NOT COMPLETED, no points are awarded for that obstacle or section
2. If a RETIREMENT occurs during Aspects (a), (b), (c), or (d), no points are awarded for that Aspect
3. If an obstacle or section within any Aspect is NOT ATTEMPTED it is a RETIREMENT, and no points are awarded for that Aspect
4. If any Aspect is NOT ATTEMPTED, it is a SCRATCHING, and any points awarded are NOT APPLICABLE
5. If an obstacle or section within an Aspect is ATTEMPTED but found to be too difficult, you can move forward without disqualification, but no points are awarded for that obstacle or section
6. If a dog ‘crosses’ during a cast it is mainly undesirable, but it isn’t a disqualification
7. If TIME EXPIRES, all points awarded are RETAINED
8. Backing and Barking are ASSESSED ONLY because they are not always required to get a job done

Although assessments may be given, it is only points for  
COMPLETED parts throughout that count

Judges simply circle their chosen points of merit as each run progresses

Score Keepers calculate the Final Score for each dog

For transparency, the data is transferred onto a spreadsheet for all to see