

Canine Hoopers of Canada

CHC Hooper Skills Titling Program



Train. Achieve. Celebrate!

Level 2

Pre-Bronze Skills Title

Finding the rhythm together

The Pre-Bronze Level builds on the foundation you've already created, helping your team transition from simple skills to more purposeful Hoopers work. At this stage, your dog begins to link individual behaviours into short, flowing patterns, strengthening their understanding of distance, direction, and the rhythm of the game.

Your partnership continues to be the heart of the training. Keep sessions upbeat, clear, and supportive, using force-free methods that encourage your dog to think confidently and independently. These Pre-Bronze exercises prepare you for the challenges ahead by reinforcing consistency, boosting your dog's enthusiasm, and ensuring both of you enjoy the growing complexity of the sport.

Eligibility

Any dog aged 6 months and older with a CHC Dog ID#

Equipment Required

- 2 ground targets
- 3 hoops
- 1 barrel-shaped object



Training & Recording Environment

- It is recommended that you record all exercises in a low-distraction environment to support your dog's success.
- Your dog should show a willingness to work and remain comfortable throughout the session.

Gear

- A flat collar or harness is acceptable.
- Please remove or secure any dangling tags.
- Choke chains, prong collars, and electronic collars are not permitted in CHC testing.

Test Requirements

- All elements outlined in this test must be completed to earn the CHC Pre-Bronze Hooper Skills Title.
- Your video must show each exercise separately, clearly, and in full.
- The examiner must be able to see the entire exercise from start to finish.
- If any part of an exercise is incomplete or unclear, it will be marked **NR (Not Quite Ready)**.

Rewards

Rewards — treats, toys, praise — may be used during exercises for the Pre-Bronze level to build value and confidence, provided you are not luring the dog, unless the instructions for that specific exercise state otherwise.

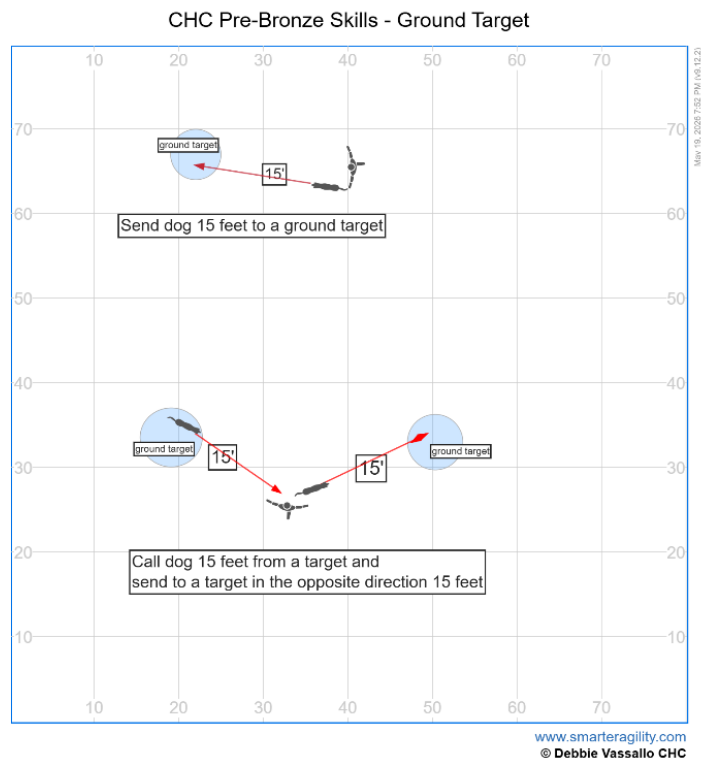
Written Questions

- The written portion of the test is based on the current CHC Rules & Guidelines, available on the CHC website.
- Please review the rules prior to completing the written section to ensure accuracy.

Section 1: Foundation Skills

1. Ground Target

- a) Send dog 15 feet to a ground target
- b) Call dog 15 feet from a target, then send in opposite direction to a target 15 ft away



2. Forward Commitment

- Show your dog driving forward to a reward placed **10 ft** in front of them. **No handler motion.** Dog may begin in **any position**



Section 2: Body Awareness

Luring permitted.

- a) Show a full spin right — 2 reps
- b) Show a full spin left — 2 reps
- c) Show transition: sit, down, stand (in any order)
- d) Show a rock back sit to stand (sit back into the sit, step forward to stand)

Section 3: Groundwork for Handling Skills

Ground targets permitted.

- a) Show your dog can complete a front cross to the left
- b) Show your dog can complete a front cross to the right
- c) Show your dog can complete a rear cross to the left
- d) Show your dog can complete a rear cross to the right

Section 4: Impulse Control

- a) Show dog can wait in any position for 20 seconds in front of a hoop, with handler standing 10 feet away
- b) Show dog can wait in any position for 20 seconds in front of a barrel, with handler standing 10 feet away

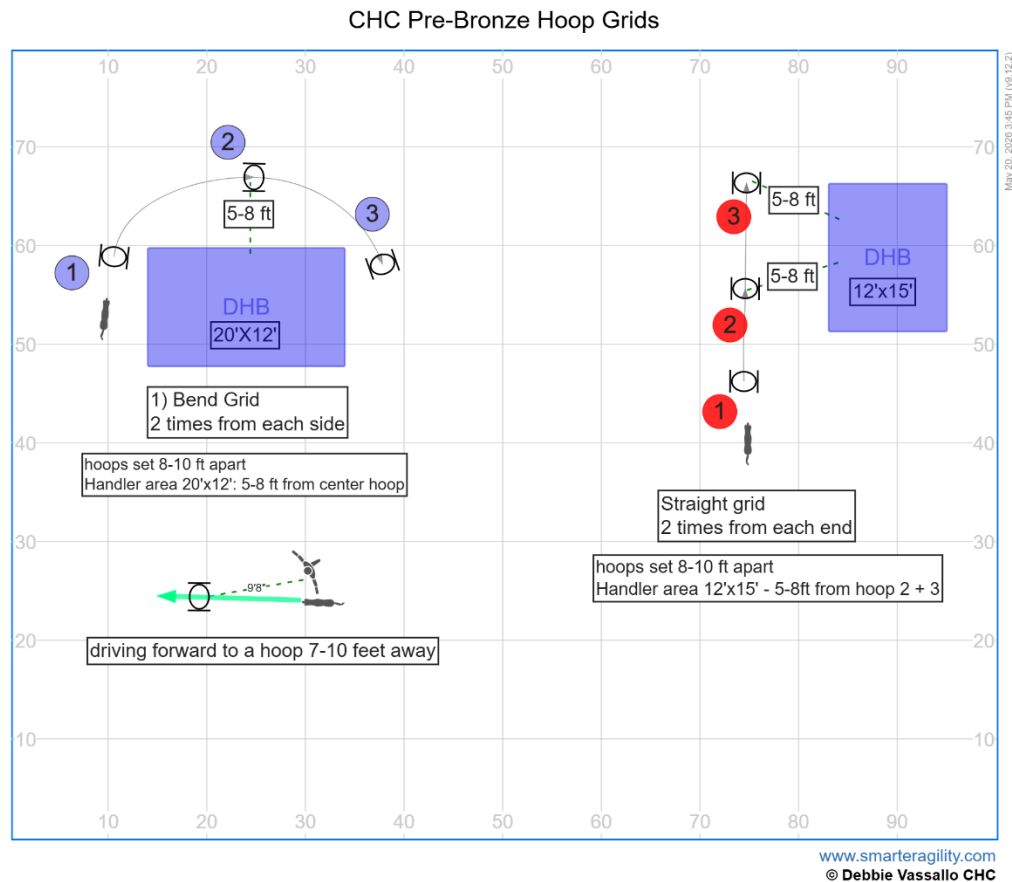
Section 5: Obstacle Value

Barrel

- a) Show dog wrapping a barrel towards the handler. Handler stands 10 feet away (2 times on each side)

Hoop Grids *(Ground targets may be used)*

- a) Show dog completing a 3-hoop bend grid with hoops set at 8 to 10 feet apart. Send from left to right 2 times and from right to left 2 times. (handler area 20'x12': set 5-8ft from center hoop)
- b) Show dog completing a 3-hoop straight grid. Send 2 times from each side. Handler parallel to hoop 2 or hoop 3. Hoops set at 8 to 10 feet apart.(handler area 15'x12': set 5-8ft from hoop 2+3)
- c) Show dog driving forward to a hoop 7–10 feet away from handler



Section 6: CHC Written Questions

To be answered when submitting your video

- What is the sport of Hoopers?
- What obstacles are used for CHC courses?
- What breed of dogs are eligible for hoopers?

[Submit your CHC Pre-Bronze Hooper Skills](#)



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