

## Canine Hoopers of Canada



# CHC Hooper Skills Titling Program

**Train. Achieve. Celebrate!**

Level 5

## Gold Skills Title

*Communication, Line Commitment and Smooth Sequencing*

Gold represents advanced refinement in distance skills, cue clarity, and purposeful line shaping. Handlers remain stationary or minimally mobile, guiding the dog through complex patterns using precise verbal and positional cues rather than motion. The emphasis is on clean information: the handler sets the line, the dog follows it with confidence.

Dogs show strong commitment to their path, maintaining direction, layering obstacles naturally, and completing sequences independently even when the handler is well removed from the working area. Their ability to hold lines, stay focused, and flow through patterns reflects a deep understanding of the cues they're given.

Gold teams work with smooth rhythm and intention — a partnership defined by clarity, trust, and polished communication.

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Any dog aged 12 months and older with a CHC Dog ID#</b>
<b>Equipment Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 hoops</li><li>• 4 barrels</li><li>• 1 tunnel</li><li>• 1 gate</li></ul>

## 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 Gold 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 not be used during exercises (unless stated otherwise) but can be given upon completion of the exercise.

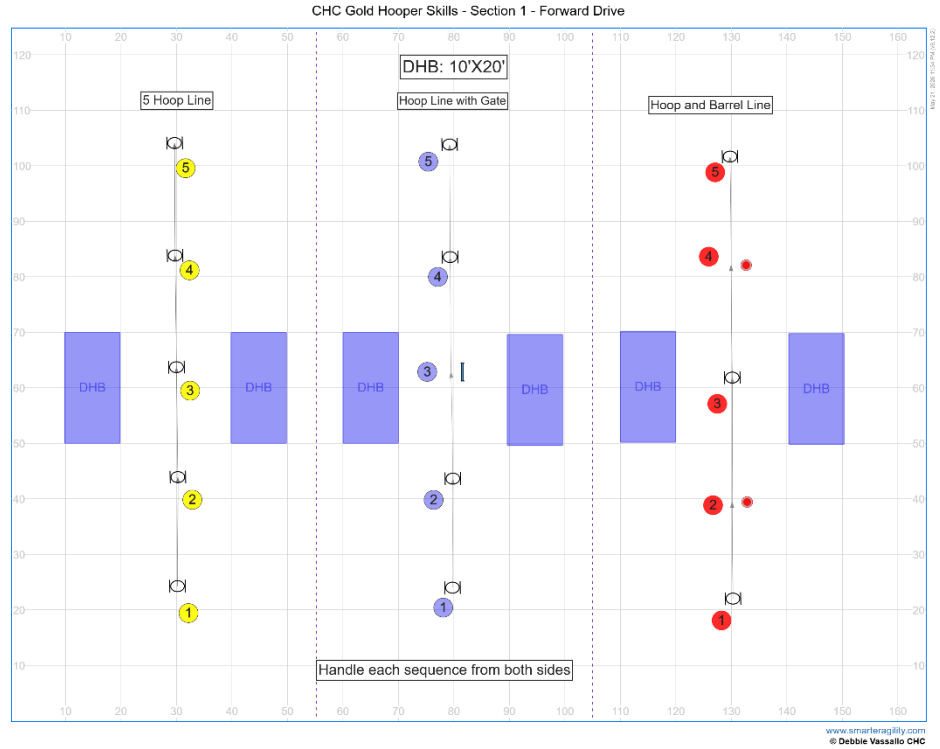
## Written Questions

- 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: Forward Drive

Obstacles to be placed at least  
20 feet apart

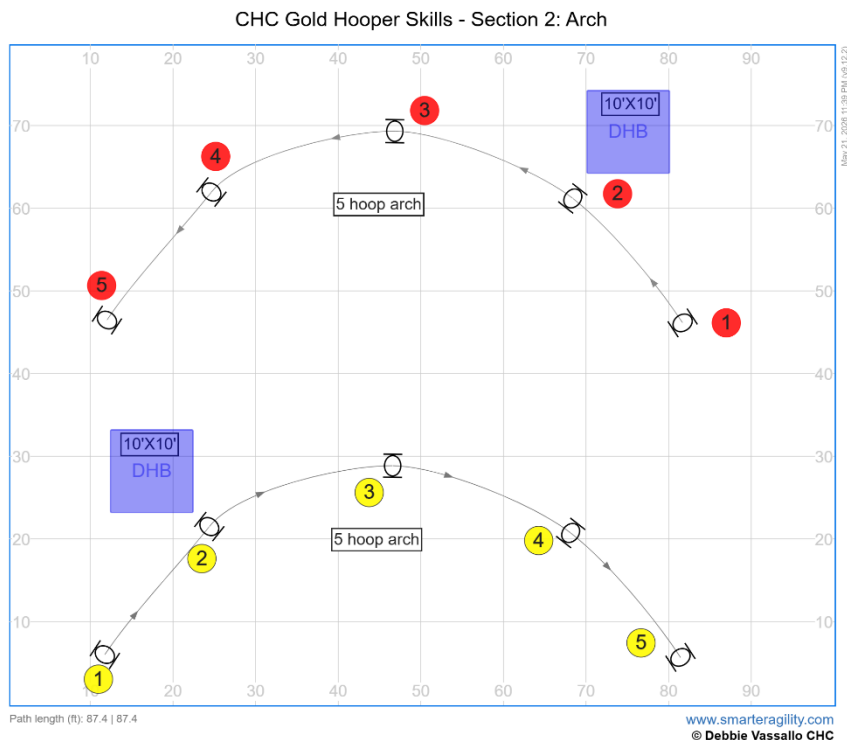
- a) 5-hoop straight line  
both sides
- b) Hoop line with a gate  
both sides
- c) Hoop and barrel line  
both sides



## Section 2: Arch

- a) 5-hoop arch — handler position on the outside
- b) 5-hoop arch, opposite direction — handler position on the outside

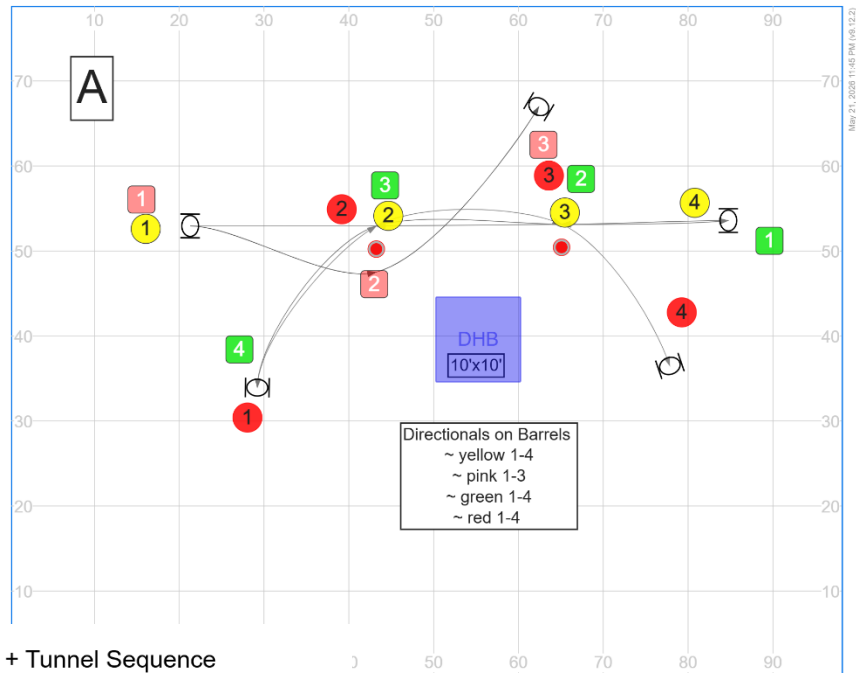
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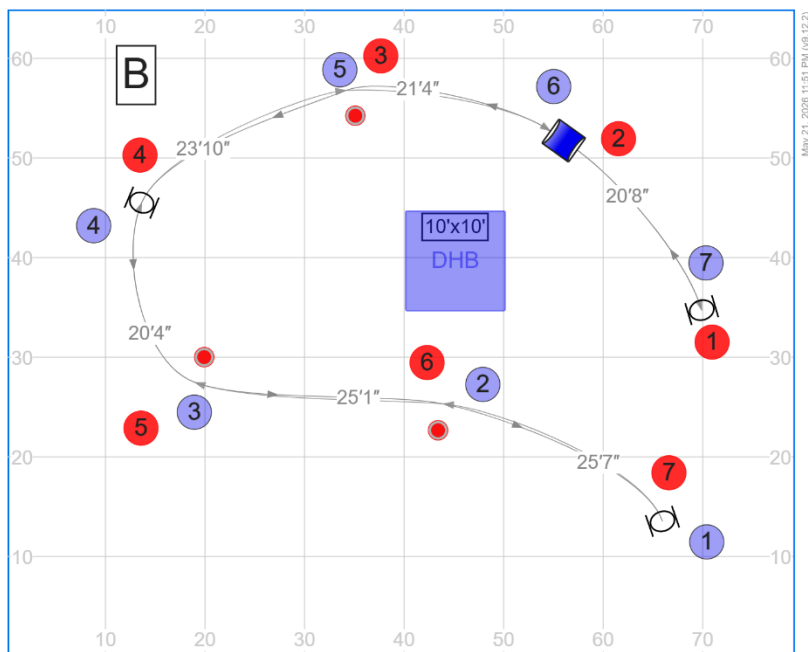
## Section 3: Sequencing

- a) Directionals with Barrels
- b) Barrel and tunnel sequence — both ways (purple and red numbers)
- c) Turn away sequence
- d) Threadle / In + Away sequence — both sides (pink numbers from Right DHB, Yellow numbers from Left DHB)
- Obstacles to be placed at least 20 feet apart

CHC Gold Hooper Skills: Section 3 - Sequencing



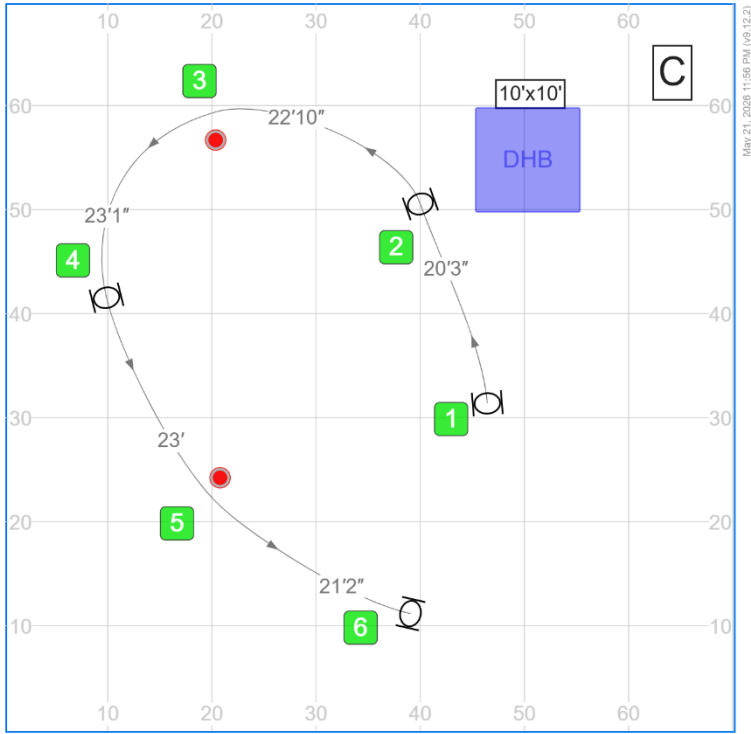
CHC Gold Skills: Section 3: Barrel + Tunnel Sequence



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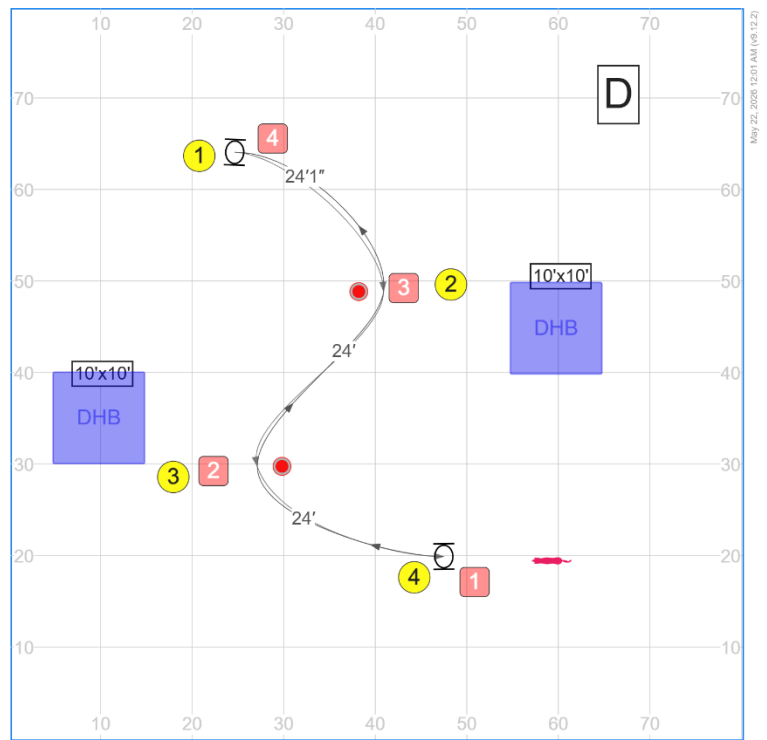


### CHC Gold Skills: Section 3: Turn Away Sequence



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### CHC Gold Skills: Section 3: In and Away (Thredle)

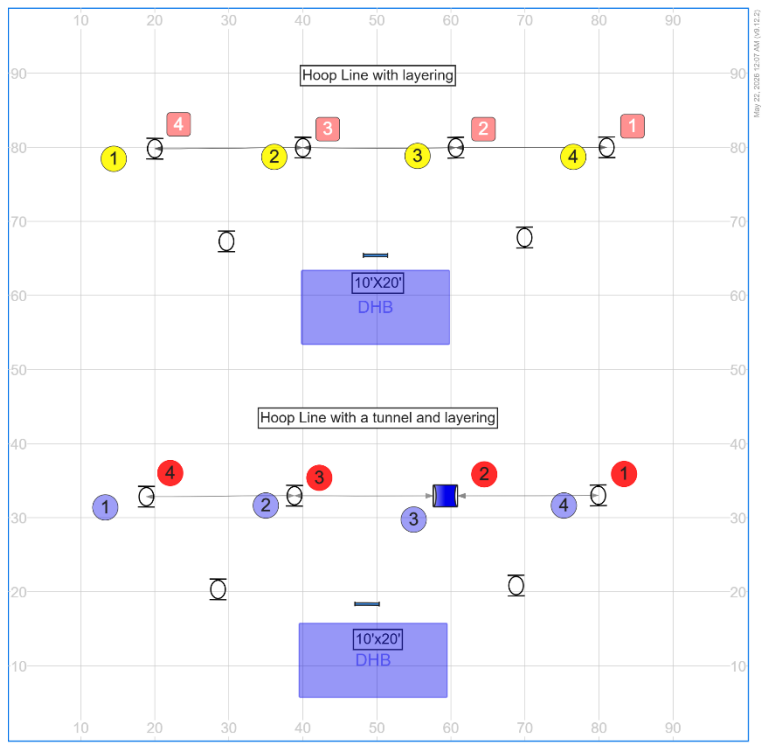


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## Section 4: Layering

- a) Hoop line with layering — both ways (hoops to be set at least 15 ft. apart)
- b) Hoop line with a tunnel, layering — both ways (obstacles to be set at least 15 ft apart)

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## Section 5: CHC Written Questions

*To be answered when submitting your video*

1. What fault occurs for a missed obstacle in the Intermediate level?
2. Is a dog faulted for spinning before running through a hoop?
3. What is the distance from a DHB to the furthest obstacle in the Intermediate level?
4. What reward can a handler use for an FEO run?

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