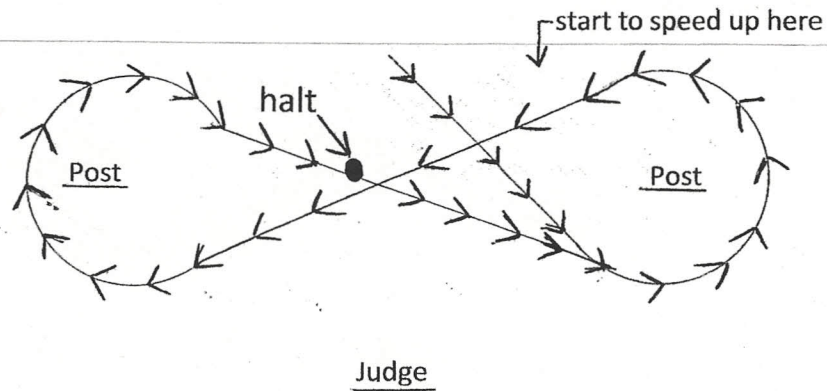


Child/dog start here

Figure 8



Two posts (people) stand approximately 8' apart

The **child/dog** come to the line (about 2-3' back from the posts) in the sit/heel position.

1.) **Judge** – "Are you ready?"

Child – "Yes Sir" or "Yes M'am"

2.) **Judge** – "Forward"

Child – Heels the dog through the middle of the posts and around the post to the child's left, through the middle and around the post to the child's right – When the child approaches the middle....

3.) The **Judge** – then says "Halt"

Child – The child and dog stop in the sit/heel position

4.) **Judge** – "Forward"

Child – Repeats the heeling process around the posts

5.) The **Judge** – then says "Halt"

Child – The child and dog stop in the sit/heel position

6.) The **Judge** – then says "Exercise finished"

Things to watch for:

Straight sits – they can correct this some by not giving their dog a long time to sit before taking off again when practicing heeling.

Lagging around the posts, especially when the dog is on the outside. They will need to encourage their dog to speed up by talking to them.

They do not have to go around the left post first. Most dogs will start off slow. By going around the left post first it gives them time to pick up speed as they go through the middle to get around the right post when the dog is on the outside. If their dog starts off fast then they can go around the right post first.

Make sure they do the figure 8 twice each time.

Remind them they can talk to their dog during practice and encourage their dog to speed up around the outside post. Several slight but firm corrections are helpful.