

Guidelines for filming your group class for your assessment

Group Class criteria

- Your class should be 20 minutes duration
- You may teach one exercise of your choice
- Your class should have a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 dogs
- Dogs attending your class can be of any age and ability
- All handlers must be over 18 years old
- Your class can be presented inside or outside
- You should be the only instructor, no assistants please (you may have somebody to film your class for you but not assist you while you are teaching)

Preparing For Your Group Class

- For your venue, consider your local park, scout hut, sports field, village hall. ... there are also private secure dog walking fields situated all over the country which can usually be hired for 60 minute slots <https://www.dogparksnearme.co.uk/>
- Please ensure any kit used is fit for purpose and used safely
- If you have dogs and handlers attending your class that know each other, are friends etc please ensure your class is still presented professionally and safely
- You will need to ensure the conditions for filming are suitable ie weather conditions and background noise. Please also ensure that the person filming your class remains as quiet as possible as they do so as any noises they make may affect our ability to hear you
- We recommend that you film a couple of your practise class sessions in the lead up to filming the class you will be submitting, just in case there is an issue with your planned submission you will have a back-up you can send

How to Film

- Ensure the whole class (including you) can be always seen at all times, the person videoing can move around with you but you must ensure we can still see the whole class the whole time
- The assessors will need to be able to hear both you and your class attendees, consider the weather conditions that may affect this and ensure that the person filming remains as quiet as possible throughout
- You do not need professional videoing equipment, a phone, iPad etc is fine
- You can get a plug in microphone, that plug into your phone and has a link to a mic on your lapel. You can get these on amazon from around £20
- Ensure you have sufficient battery life, and everything is working correctly before starting
- We recommend filming a test 5 minutes to check all the above before recording the film you will be submitting

When to Submit

- Your class can be filmed anytime but must be submitted within 48 hours after your assessment date with your group class plan

- If your assessment date is immediately following your Practical Instructors course your group class will need to be submitted within 7 days of your assessment date with your group class plan

How to Submit

- Please save your Group Class Video as 'Your name Group Class Video'
- Your class should be delivered to IMDT, unedited and with sufficient sound quality
- We are unable to watch and mark more than one video submission for your assessment
- You can submit your Group Class using the following Free tool 'Smash File Transfer' or Google drive – but don't worry as we have an easy to follow, step by step guide on how to do this, we will send this to you in your order confirmation when you book onto the assessment

Group Class Plan

- This should be saved as a word doc and be no more than 2 sides of A4
- Please ensure your full name and the date of your assessment are at the head of the document
- Please ensure the file name reads 'Your Name Group Class Plan'
- Please attach to an email and send to members@imdt.uk.com
- This must be submitted with your Group class video
- Please be aware of the IMDT Code of Ethics

This is an outline of the marking criteria for the Group Class video

Evidence of Class planning /2

Presentation and Management of class /4

Function & Purpose of Exercises. What/Why/How /9

Individual needs addressed. Criteria raised /lowered appropriately .../29

Safety .../4

General Class overview /2

Total Points x 2 = %

IMDT courses that are relevant to this section

[4-day Practical Instructor course](#)

[The Recall Masterclass](#)

[The Loose lead Masterclass](#)