



# MASTER COURSE BUILDER

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## Responsibilities:

- Coordinate the team of course builders in setting up the course.
- Direct the placement of the obstacles.

## Items Needed:

- 100 Ft Center Line Tape Measure
- 2 Measuring Wheels
- Course Layouts
- Sandbags, etc.

## Tasks:

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- Before the course is built/changed, note what course equipment will need to be removed and what additional equipment will need to be added and have ringside.
  - Ensure course building accessories are ringside before the new course needs to be built (weights, measuring tools, shims, etc.)
  - Ensure obstacles are properly placed per the course diagram.
  - Follow the Judge and assist with obstacle placement tweaking.
  - After the Judge tweaks, ensure all obstacles are steady &/or are anchored/weighted. The tire, chute, teeter, and table will often need sandbags to keep them stable. Ensure all tunnels have adequate sand bags.
  - Make sure weave poles are taped down with double sided tape.
  - Check with the judge if any equipment should be marked with tape. Typical obstacles to mark are tunnels, chute, teeter, and table, as these obstacles may sometimes shift position during the runs. Mark these obstacles under an edge so the tape is not a distraction to the dog.
  - For every point of measurement, the Master Course Builder measures and sets down a bar with the middle of the bar at the point of measurement (this applies to non-jump obstacles too).
  - After the Master Course Builder moves on, the rest of the course builders can then place the obstacles while the Course Builder is measuring for subsequent obstacles.
  - For tunnels and some contacts and weaves, each endpoint will be marked.
  - The Master Course Builder should measure the outermost obstacles first and work their way in.
  - No matter how precise the obstacles are placed according to the diagram, the judge will always walk the course and make adjustments after seeing the course in 3D (real life) to ensure a safe and flowing course, so do not weight down any obstacles until after the judge has finished tweaking.

## How to Use the Centerline Method

- (A,B) The first coordinate (A) is the yardage point on the centerline, the second (B) is the offset from the center line.
- If two people and measuring wheels are available, two Master Course Builders can be working at the same time, one on each half of the course.
- A person with an armful of jump bars should accompany the Master Course Builder.

## Tips for Course Building:

- To facilitate building the first courses of the day, judges will provide ahead-of-time the placements of contact obstacles (for Standard courses) and by quadrant, what obstacles will be required.
- ALWAYS use a 100-foot tape measure down the center of the ring.
- Need 2 measuring wheels when building and walking the course.