Obedience Regulations

What’s Coming ...

December 1, 2015
Chapter 1
General Regulations

• Premium list will state if two trials in one day will be held consecutively or concurrently

• If a dog was mistakenly entered in Novice and it has no obedience titles that dog may be transferred to BN

• Clubs may offer HSD and HC for the Preferred Classes
Chapter 1

• Exhibitors may leave the ring
  – “Handler Left Ring” = NQ in Total Score

• Judging Assignments & Scheduling
  – Judges limited to a total of 8 hours
  – 10 minutes added into 1st hour of judging for all classes with walk-throughs
  – Listed start time is the time of the walk through with judging to follow
Chapter 1

- Walk-throughs are “up to 10 minutes”

- All classes starting after noon will be listed to start “after noon”

- If the published ring and judge are available prior to the time listed, all exhibitors have checked in and agree the judge may start the class earlier
Chapter 1

- Emergency Judge replacement IF within 72 hours of event
  - Event conflict before/after waived
  - Club to contact AKC if time permits

- An approved Regular Status Rally Judge may judge non-regular obedience classes
Chapter 2
Regulations for Performance & Judging

Beginner Novice Ties
– Each dog performs the original BN Heel on Leash Exercise

Leashes
– Must be attached to collar for classes with on leash exercises, groups & awards
– Ok to slip a leash through a collar to bring dog in/out of ring for individual exercises in classes when all exercises are off leash
Chapter 3 - Novice

Group Exercises

– When to do each group?
  • After a set # of dogs or at the end of the class
  • Judge decides and posts it

Return for Groups?

– ALL Exhibitors must let steward know immediately after the individual exercises
Chapter 3 - Novice

Novice Group Exercises

✓ Leash Attached to dog

✓ Armband stays with Leash
Chapter 3 - Novice

Group Exercises

All acceptable options for armband with leash
Chapter 5 – Utility

Directed Retrieve

– Post the Glove #

Scent Discrimination

– Articles: Metal, Leather, Wood (use 2 sets)
– Wood: One or more solid pieces
Utility - Scent Discrimination

Judging & Performance

Handlers option to watch articles be placed or face away.

Judging does not begin until first order...
Scent Discrimination

FIRST ORDER

“Take an article”

- Handler may give command and or signal to stay
- Minor or Substantial
  - Additional command or signal to stay
  - Dog changes position
  - Dog moves
Scent - Judging & Performance

Once the judging of the exercise begins:

- **NO** petting of dog
- Minor or Substantial
Scent with Hands Only

OK to talk to dog while scenting
Scent - Judging & Performance

“What method will you be using to send your dog?”

The handler may say they will use the same for both articles
Judge’s Second Order

The judges’ taking of the article
Scent - Judging & Performance

Once the judge takes the article, the handler is not permitted to talk to the dog.

(Minor or Substantial)
Praise & Petting are allowed between and after an exercise...
Suggested Procedure for the Second Article

• Upon completion of the first article the handler and dog turn around to begin the second article.

• The handler has the completed article in their hand.

• Once the judge gives the order to “Take an Article”, the handler would proceed to put down the completed article and pick up the second article to scent.
Utility – Directed Retrieve

SCORING

Non-Qualifying

- Handler doesn’t give a verbal command
- Dog retrieves wrong glove
- Dog doesn’t complete retrieve
Utility - Directed Retrieve

SCORING

Substantial
(up to and including an NQ)

- Doesn’t give a command to retrieve simultaneously or immediate after direction
- Dog doesn’t go directly
EXAM

Gently using both hands in a single motion beginning at the sides of the dog's neck, proceeding along the body and ending at the dog's croup.
Utility – Moving Stand & Examination

Croup – The dogs top rump area

No Head or Legs
Preferred Classes

Alternative Titling

**NOVICE:**
- For dogs that **have not won** the CDX or PCDX
- At listed start time, a walk through of up to 10 minutes

**OPEN:**
- For dogs that **have won** the CD or PCD title or higher Regular or Preferred title
- Post order *(Open B orders used)*
- Jumps: ½ height of dog *(minimum required)*
- Broad Jump set twice the height of the Preferred High Jump
Preferred Classes
Alternative Titling

**Utility:**

- For dogs that have won the CDX or PCDX or higher
  Regular or Preferred title
- Post order & glove # *(Utility B orders used)*
- All exercises the same as Regular Utility except for DJ
- Jumps $\frac{1}{2}$ the height of the dog *(minimum required)*

**PUDX:**

- Qualifying scores in both Preferred Open & Preferred Utility at 10 separate trials
Preferred Classes
Alternative Titling

Preferred Obedience Champion (POC)

- 750 Points
  - Must have PCDX and PUTD to earn points
- Qualifying scores in both Preferred Open & Preferred Utility at 20 separate trials
Optional Classes

- Beginner Novice (A & B)
- Graduate Novice
- Graduate Open
- Versatility
Beginner Novice

BNA:

– For dogs that have not won the BN title
– Handler no obedience titles
– Ownership requirements remain the same

BNB:

– For dogs without an obedience title or who may have earned a BN, CD or PCD title
Beginner Novice

Judging & Performance

Sit Stay Walk Around

- NQ for any additional command or signal as handler is walking around the ring

Judge:

- Stand so that the dog & handler are clearly visible throughout the entire exercise
Recommended Judging Position for Stay
– Walk Around
Ring BN and PN
Beginner Novice - Recall

Judging & Performance

- Leash – hold in either hand, put in a pocket or draped around their neck
- Hands/arms to hang naturally at sides
  - If not substantial
- Command or Signal to come
  - Extra command or signal to come or to sit = Substantial
  - More than two commands or signals to come = NQ
Graduate Novice

Judging & Performance

- Heel Free & Figure 8 – Off Leash
- Drop on Recall – enhanced language
- Dumbbell Recall – enhanced language
  - Dog must promptly accept, take & hold the dumbbell
  - Dog fails to take the dumbbell on the first command = NQ
Graduate Novice

Judging & Performance

• Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump
  – Judge the same as Dumbbell Recall + the jump *(Regular Open Jump Height)*

• Recall over Broad Jump – enhanced language

• Sit or Down – Post prior to the start of the class. Either one - 3 minutes.
Graduate Open

Exercise Order

1. Signal Exercise
2. Scent Discrimination
3. Go Out
4. Directed Jumping
5. Moving Stand & Examination
6. Directed Retrieve
Graduate Open

Signal Exercise:
- Handler goes at least 10’
- Enhanced scoring section

Scent Discrimination:
- Metal, Leather, Wood – 4 articles; 2 sets
- Handler chooses type of article to use
Graduate Open

Go Out:

– Handler may stand any distance from 20’ beyond the jumps up to midway between the jumps
– Handler returns to heel position walking around and in back of their dog

Directed Jumping:

– Enhanced language
Graduate Open

Moving Stand & Examination:
– Exam procedure the same as the “new” Utility exam procedure

Directed Retrieve:
– As is; center glove not used
Judges Exhibiting & Assignment Limitations

- Judges may handle dogs not owned or co-owned by them in events other than obedience or rally.

- Assignment limitations include the Preferred classes.

- Only within 72 hours of an event may you accept an assignment within the 30 day/100 mile period.
New Regulation Books

We anticipate the new Obedience Regulation books to be available in the Fall.

As soon as they are, an email notification will be sent to all judges and clubs approved to offer obedience events.
“Exercise Finished”