

Revisions to AKC Obedience Regulations **Effective January 1, 2010**

Following are revisions to AKC Obedience Regulations that take effect in 2010.

Effective January 1, 2010:

Chapter 1. General Regulations. Section 1. Obedience Clubs. Will give clubs the option of holding two all-breed obedience trials concurrently at the same site on the same day. For some clubs, this is a chance to save money by holding two trial on the same day or maybe holding four trials over the course of two days.

Chapter 1. General Regulations. Section 16b. Entry of Ineligible Dog. Will allow Trial Secretaries or Superintendents to move a dog which has been entered in an "A" class for which it is not eligible to be entered in due to class restrictions on the dog or handler to be moved to the "B" class at the same level.

Chapter 14. Non-regular Classes. Section 11. Obedience Advanced Teamwork Non-regular class.

Effective April 1, 2010:

Mixed Breeds. Any club eligible to hold obedience trials may offer classes for mixed breed dogs at their option, at stand alone obedience/rally events.

Effective July 1, 2010:

Beginners Novice Optional Titling Class. A new entry-level optional titling class for clubs to offer. Beginners Novice Optional Titling Class is a transition class between Rally and Obedience, combining elements from both sports.

An insert to the current regulations is available on the AKC website or you can obtain a copy from AKC. Just ask for the pink insert issued October 1, 2009. RO2999 (02/09)

In an effort to help clubs reduce their expenses, the Companion Events Department is promoting the limiting of entries based on judging hours and not by class size. This gives clubs the chance to fill entries as received, until an 8 hour judging limit per judge on a panel is reached, or no more than 8 hours in one day, including any breed judging assignment when the obedience trial is held in conjunction with a dog show.

With the changes that have been made, Optional Titling Classes, Non-regular Wild Card Classes and the change in the way to limit classes, this should help clubs.

The Non-regular classes can be judged by any person who has trained a dog to the Utility Dog title and that has been approved to judge non-regular classes. A Provisional Judge may be willing to do the non-regular classes for the experience.

The Optional Titling classes and the non-regular Wild Card Classes has increased our entries. We use a Provisional Judge or a person that has been approved to do non-regular classes to judge these classes. This helps with the judging costs plus it helps the Provisional Judge or the person wanting to become a Provisional Judge. We assign the Utility Class judge the Optional Titling Versatility Class, Open Class judge - the Optional Graduate Open, and Novice Class judge the Optional Graduate Novice class.

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