

COVID19 Obedience and Rally Rules General Guidelines

Clubs will follow all Federal, provincial and local health rules when holding a trial and the protocol will be detailed in the Premium List. Judges, officials, and handlers will abide by the rules specified

The following are allowable temporary changes to the Obedience rules and regulations that a club may opt to use during their event while operation under COVID restrictions. However any other changes to any other rule not mentioned here will not be allowed.

- Judges may wear a mask even if not required by the club
- The chair or table where the leash and other equipment is to be placed should be located at a convenient place determined by the judge but can be located in the ring or if not appropriate, just outside of the ring such that the handler can obtain the item without leaving the ring
- If a chair or table or any other surface is used to hold leashes, dumbbells, gloves or any other equipment owned by the handler, that surface must be sanitized immediately after use. Paper can be placed on the surface if sanitizing is not done but that paper must be removed immediately after use, disposed of appropriately and replaced ready for the next exhibitor
- If a re-throw of the dumbbell is required, the handler should be allowed to ask the dog to stay and the handler will go and pick up the dumbbell and return to where the dog was left. If the dog moves during this process, it will not be judged unless it is out of control
- For the article exercise in Utility, the handler can retrieve the articles to be scented from the article bag and put them on the 'article' chair
- Score sheets should not be given out to competitors in the ring, but the club may pass the scoresheet information on to the competitors electronically or some other 'touch free' means
- In the Rally Advanced Class, the handler can put the leash in their pocket or hang it around the neck as in the Pre-Novice recall
- The exhibitor may either leave the dog on a sit stay or heel with the dog to the location of the chair to both obtain and return their leash and articles used during the exercises.
- It is recommended that the club publish either in the premium list or judging schedule or both, the modified rules that it is adopting for their event.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

- 2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**
- 2.7 Ring Stewards

- 2.7.3 There must be a minimum of ~~two (2)~~ **one (1)** stewards for each judging ring, and **this steward** at least ~~one (1)~~ of which should have experienced. ~~Three (3) stewards are recommend.~~
- 2.7.5 There must be ~~two (2) ring stewards,~~ each **one (1) steward** with a slip leash, in the ring at all times during the **Open H** group exercises **when there is more than one (1) dog.** ~~They~~ **He** should remain standing in the ring, watching the dogs in the group, until all dog/handler teams have exited the ring. **Two (2) stewards are recommended when there are three (3) or more dogs in the group.**
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3 JUDGES

3.3 Contract Between a Club and a Judge

- 3.3.1 A verbal or written approach to a judge regarding a specific event must be confirmed in writing by the trial-giving club within ~~45 days~~ **a reasonable time** of the inquiry or the assignment will be considered null and void and the judge is thereafter free to accept other assignments. In such circumstances, a judge who accepts another assignment must inform the trial-giving club.
- 3.3.4 A judge ~~will not be approved to judge the same regular class at all breed events more than twice within 30 days and 100 km (62 mi) of each other with the following exceptions:~~
- ~~(a) Speciality trials are exempt;~~
 - ~~(b) Substitute and replacement judges are exempt.~~
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4 PREMIUM LIST, CATALOGUE & JUDGING SCHEDULE

4.1 Premium Lists

- 4.1.3 The trial-giving club shall forward one copy of the premium list to each of the following: the CKC Head Office (Shows & Trials Division); the judges for the trials; the local CKC Director; and the local Obedience Representative. These **shall be sent at the same time the premium list is released to exhibitors.** ~~received not less than 60 days prior to the date of the trial.~~

4.3 Judging Schedule

- 4.3.6 The formula for the preparation of the obedience judging schedule shall be based on the judging of 9 Pre-Novice entries, 8 Novice entries, 8 Novice Intermediate entries, 7 Open entries and 6 Utility entries per hour, which will be considered a reasonable average. Judges should endeavor to maintain these times. **During the COVID19 Pandemic local sanitation regulations should be taken into consideration when creating the obedience judging schedule.**
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5 RIBBONS & PRIZES

5.1 Ribbons & Rosettes

5.1.1 A club or association holding a trial under these rules shall **may** provide ribbons and rosettes as specified in this section. Only those dogs earning a qualifying score will receive ribbons. **The trial hosting club can determine how prizes and ribbons will be presented, mailing them to exhibitors will be allowed or having them available for exhibitors on a separate table for pick up, no awards will be presented in the ring.**

5.1.2 A ribbon shall **may** be provided for each dog that earns a qualifying score. **When offered** it shall be royal blue in colour, not that less than 5.08 cm (2in) wide and not less than 20.32 cm (8 in) in length. The following information shall appear on the face of each ribbon: name of the club of association holding the trial; the crest of the CKC; and the words "Obedience Trial" and "Qualifying Score." (a blue rosette bearing the same information may be offered instead.)

6 ENTRIES & END OF TRIAL

6.9 Moving Up

6.9.9 Move ups No moving up or day of entries will be allowed.

8 REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE & JUDGING

8.1 Judging Standards

8.1.5 The judge must test each handler and dog separately (except for the Group Sit and Down exercise, where groups of dogs may be in the ring together).

8.10 Scoresheets

8.10.1 At the conclusion of the judging of each class, judges are required to provide meaningfully marked individual scoresheets to each exhibitor. **Scoresheets need not be handed out in the ring, but may be distributed to the exhibitor in any manner as decided by the individual club.**

8.11 Announcement of Scores

8.11.3 After all the scores for the class are recorded, the judge shall **may** call for all available dogs that have earned qualifying scores to be brought into the ring.

8.13 Ring Procedure

8.13.8 In the Novice Intermediate, Open and Utility classes, before the handler enters the ring a steward will take the ~~they shall place~~ the dumbbell, glove and articles **on a chair in** or place them where designated by the judge until required and **upon completion of their routine the handler shall retrieve the dumbbell, glove and articles before exiting the ring.** ~~return them after the team exits the ring.~~ The leash shall be **placed by the handler in the same location taken**

~~from the handler~~ **as the dumbbell, glove and articles** once they enter the ring. ~~and will be returned before the handler leaves the ring.~~ **The handler shall retrieve the leash from the location designated by the judge before leaving the ring.**

9 PRE-NOVICE CLASS

9.2 Exercises and Scores

9.2.2 The judge will post the choice of a Group Sit or Down at least 30 minutes before the start of the class and not more than one hour before the start of the trial **in a location available for viewing by all competitors. This location may be inside or outside if the trial is held indoors.** In future assignments, judges are required to randomize their choice so that each is used approximately the same number of times.

9.6 Figure 8

9.6.3 In the Figure 8 exercise, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between ~~the two stewards, who will stand~~ **cones at least 0.46m (18") high, chairs or similar inanimate objects placed** about 3.66 m (12 ft) apart. The handler may go around either ~~steward~~ **object** first. On the judge's order, the handler, with the dog on a loose leash, shall go twice completely around the Figure 8 with one halt at the end of the exercise. The handler may give the dog a verbal command to sit.

9.7 Sit for Examination

9.7.4 The judge will approach the dog ~~from the front~~ and touch its head only. On the judge's order, the handler will return by walking around behind the dog to heel position.

9.9 Group Sit or Down Exercise

9.9.4 All dogs in the class that are eligible to compete in the group exercises **may be judged separately or as part of a group after the completion of the individual exercises.** ~~I there is more than one dog competing in the group exercise, the dogs must be placed at least 2.44m (8') apart. In order to accommodate the distance requirement, there may be more than one group. A dog who fails any of the individual exercises is not eligible to compete. Will do so together. If, however there are more than eight dogs competing they will be split into groups of not more than eight.~~

9.9.5 Handlers will enter the ring with their dogs on leash and line up in a straight line in catalogue order, at least ~~1.22 m (4 ft)~~ **2.44m (8 ft)** apart, where the judge indicates. Handlers will place their armbands behind the dogs. They will leave the leash attached to the dog's collar, placing it at the dog's right side.

10 NOVICE CLASS

10.6 Heel on Leash & Figure 8

10.6.8 In the Figure 8 exercise, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between ~~the two stewards, who will stand~~ **cones at least 0.46m (18") high, chairs or similar inanimate objects placed** about 2.44 m (8 ft) apart. The handler may go around either ~~steward~~ **object** first. On the judge's order, the handler with the dog on a loose leash shall go twice completely around the Figure 8 with at least one halt during and another at the end of the exercise.

10.7 Stand for Examination

10.7.3 On completion of the Figure 8 exercise, the handler will remove the leash and ~~give place it to a steward, who will place it on the judge's table.~~ **on a chair designated by the judge. If necessary the dog may be guided gently by the collar.**

10.7.5 The judge will approach the dog ~~from the front~~ and touch the dog's head, withers and hindquarters only. On the judge's order, the handler will return by walking around behind the dog to heel position.

10.9 Recall

10.9.7 **On completion of the Recall, the handler may ask the dog to stay or may guide the dog gently by the collar in order to retrieve the leash from the chair previously designated by the judge and put it on the dog before leaving the ring.**

10.10 Group Sit and Down Exercises

10.10.4 All dogs in the class that are eligible to compete in the group exercises **may be judged separately or as part of a group after the completion of the individual exercises. If there is more than one dog competing in the group exercise, the dogs must be placed at least 2.44m (8') apart. In order to accommodate the distance requirement, there may be more than one group. A dog who fails any of the individual exercises is not eligible to compete.** ~~will do so together. If, however, there are more than eight dogs competing, they will be split into groups of not more than eight.~~

10.10.5 When the same judge judges the Novice A, B and/or C classes, the classes may be combined provided the total number of dogs **eligible to compete in the group does not exceed eight can be placed at least 2.44 m (8 ft) feet apart.**

10.10.6 Handlers will enter the ring with their dogs on leash and line up in catalogue order along one side of the ring **at least 2.44 m (8 ft) apart, where the judge**

indicates. Handlers will place their armbands, weighted with leashes behind the dogs.

- 10.10.8 The judge shall take a position in the ring where both the dogs and handlers can be observed **but must be at least 2.44 m (8 ft) feet from any person.** One minute after giving the order to “Leave your dogs,” the judge will order the handlers to return promptly to their dogs, each walking around behind his own dog to the heel position. The dogs should not move from the sitting position until the judge says “Exercise finished.”

11. NOVICE INTERMEDIATE CLASS

11.8 Recall Over High Jump Holding the Dumbbell

11.8.4 The high jump in all classes will be set according to Rally jump heights i.e.

A dog Under 25.4 cm (10 in) at withers---will jump 15.2 cm (6 in);

A dog height from 25.4 cm (10 inches) and under 38 cm (15 in) will jump 20.3 cm (8 in);

A dog height from 38 cm (15 in) and under 50.8 cm (20 in) will jump 30.5 cm (12 in);

A dog height of 50.8 cm (20 in) and over will jump 40.6 cm (16 in)

There will not be any additional accommodation made for veteran jump height given the lowered levels

11.9 Recall Over Broad Jump

11.9.2 The Broad Jump will be spaced to cover a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump

12 OPEN CLASS

12.5 Exercises and Scores for Open HB & 18B

12.5.1 For Open HB and 18 B classes, the routine to be used will be the Routine # 1 only i.e., the routine used in the A class

12.12 Change of Positions

12.12.2 In the 18B class sequence (a) will be used

12.13 Group Sit & Down Exercises

12.13.4 per recommendations in Novice Section

12.14 Group Sit – Walk Around Exercise

12.14 As per recommendations in Novice Section

13. UTILITY CLASS

There will be designated area (eg. chair, small table, large box) beside/near the ring for the handler's leash, glove, and articles. It must be easily accessible by the handler and is cleaned between dogs. This area can be the same as the area as that used in the Scent Discrimination exercise.

Stewards will wear gloves for activities and will use fresh gloves for each dog/handler team

13.4 Exercises and Scores for Utility B
For the Utility B class the routine used will be UTILITY 1 (the same routine used for Utility A)

13.6 Seek Back

13.6.3 The glove must be plain, dark in colour, and **visually** approved by the judge. It must be carried in the handler's right hand.

13.7 Scent Discrimination

13.7.4 The Scent Discrimination exercise consists of two separate exercises in which the dog must select an article by scent. The articles shall be provided by the handler and shall consist of three sets of five identical articles. One set will be made of wood, one of metal and one of leather. The articles may be items of everyday use. The size of the articles will be proportionate to the size of the dog. The metal articles will be of rigid metal. The articles in each set will be legibly numbered with a different number and must be **visually** approved by the judge.

The judge will select two articles to be used. These two articles shall be placed conveniently within reach of the handler **using a minimal contact process determined by the judge (e.g. steward or judge using gloves or disinfected tongs or may be taken by the handler)**, and shall not be handled by anyone else. The remaining 13 articles will be placed in full view, about 6.09 m (20 ft) in front of the handler and dog, about 15.24 cm (6 inches) apart and may be handled by the steward or judge.

13.10 Directed Jumping

13.10.3 Jump heights are set as in the Retrieve over High Jump exercise according to Rally jump heights i.e.

A dog Under 25.4 cm (10 in) at withers---will jump 15.2 cm (6 in);

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A dog height of 50.8 cm (20 in) and over will jump 40.6 cm (16 in)

There will not be any additional accommodation made for veteran jump height given the lowered levels.

RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIAL

2 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

2.3 Ring Stewards

- 2.3.1 It shall be the sole duty of the ring stewards to assist the judge, only as instructed by the judge. Ring stewards must ensure that no persons except the Trial Chair, Trial Superintendent, Trial Secretary, Judge, other ring stewards and those actually engaged in exhibiting a dog before the judge are permitted within the ring during judging. **Experienced stewards must be available and be solely responsible for course pulling, set up and changes.**
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4 PREMIUM LIST, CATALOGUE & JUDGING SCHEDULE

4.3 Judging schedule

- 4.3.2 The formula for the preparation of the judging schedule shall be based on the judging of a maximum of ~~45~~ **10** dogs per hour. A 10 –minute walk-through for each class level must be included in the scheduled judging times **and walk-through's may be extended by the judge if required.** (A & B classes of each level judged by the same judge may be combined for walk-throughs.) **Walk through's will be limited to 5 exhibitors at a time who must observe 6' social distancing.** If a large class is scheduled, judges will allow an additional 10-minute walk-through every two hours for the next block of dogs to be judged in the class.
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5 RIBBONS & PRIZES

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