

## **Kennel Club Regulation Booklets**

This is one of a series of booklets designed to present the Regulations in a more accessible form. The complete set of Rules & Regulations is of course still available within the  
Kennel Club Year Book.

There are booklets available for Breed Shows, Obedience Shows, Agility Shows and Flyball Competitions, Working Trials and Bloodhound Trials, Heelwork to Music and Field Trials. Whilst including all the relevant regulations also included is an extract from the B Regulations on the requirements of dog registration and an extract from the K Regulations confirming requirements to make a dog up  
to a champion.

# KENNEL CLUB OBEDIENCE SHOW REGULATIONS

*As at 1st January 2010*

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 1. Eligibility.

- a. Obedience Show licences will be issued to registered or affiliated Societies only, with the exception of Companion Dog Show licences which will be issued to unregistered organisations only.
- b. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows, with the exception of Companion Dog Shows, must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
- c. Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows. However, Societies may accept Not For Competition entries at their discretion. Dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not For Competition.
- d. If, in the opinion of the General Committee, a dog is of a savage disposition it shall be ineligible for entry at any Show held under Kennel Club Regulations.
- e. Persons disqualified or suspended under Kennel Club Rules are not eligible to take part in any Kennel Club licensed event.
- f. No activity shall be conducted which permits, encourages or develops aggression in a dog.

### 2. Welfare of Dogs.

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

### 3. Licensed Obedience Shows.

Licensed Shows held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are those held under licence granted by the General Committee of the Kennel Club and are:

- a. Championship Obedience Shows-Open to all competitors, except where a qualification for entry has been approved by the General Committee of the Kennel Club, and at which Kennel Club Obedience Certificates are offered.
- b. Open Obedience Shows-Open to all competitors.
- c. Limited Obedience Shows\*-Where entry is limited to-

- (i) Members of the Show Society
  - (ii) Competitors resident within a specific area
  - (iii) Specific Breeds
  - (iv) By numbers (such numbers to be stipulated in the schedule)
  - (v) Or otherwise subject to approval of the General Committee of the Kennel Club.
- d. Matches\*-Where entry is limited to members of the Societies.
  - e. Companion Dog Shows\*-at which registered and unregistered dogs are eligible to compete. On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held or the event will be deemed to be unlicensed.  
\*-Dogs which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Obedience Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club are not eligible for entry at these Shows.

#### **4. Permission to Hold Shows.**

- a. The General Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any licensed Obedience Show.
- b. Any cancellation or abandonment of a Show without prior permission of the General Committee must be reported in writing to the Kennel Club without delay.

#### **5. Guarantors.**

- a. Licensed Obedience Shows require Guarantors who shall undertake jointly and severally to hold and conduct the Shows under and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club, to guarantee the due payment of any prize money, and to abide by and adopt any decision of the General Committee or any authority to whom the General Committee may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation G40.
- b. Such undertaking shall also be taken as an agreement by such guarantors and each of them, that any decision given against them or any of them, under Rule A42 of the Kennel Club Rules may be communicated by the Secretary of the Kennel Club to the Secretaries of Dog Shows, Field Trials, Working Trials and Societies affiliated with the Kennel Club, and may also be published in THE KENNEL GAZETTE, the official publication of the Kennel Club together with a report of the proceedings in the matter, including names, addresses and descriptions.
- c. Any notice sent by registered post to any such Guarantors at the addresses given by them on the licence application shall be deemed full and sufficient notice on the part of the Kennel Club to them, or any of them of any proceedings, matters or decisions of the General Committee, or any authority to whom the General Committee may delegate its powers, or in regard to anything arising out of the Show Licence or to the conduct of the Show, or in respect of any other matter whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the same.

## **6. Undertaking of Guarantors.**

The application form for an Obedience Show licence must be signed by the Guarantors who must give their full addresses in the spaces provided on the form. The signed application shall be a binding undertaking. Should changed circumstances affect the status of any of the original signatories as Guarantors, then notice of replacement(s) must be forwarded to the Kennel Club. Such notice shall be accompanied by a signed declaration from the replacement Guarantor(s) agreeing to the conditions of the guarantee. Notice of such change(s) must be made in the Schedule and Catalogue, if possible, or by notice in the Canine Press.

The Guarantors for Shows shall be as follows:-

- a. which must include the Society Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.
- b. Open and Limited Shows-A minimum of three members of the Committee which must include the Society Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

## **7. Application.**

The application for a licence to hold a Show must be made to the Secretary of the Kennel Club, 1-5 Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB, at least six months before the proposed date of the show, on the official form which must be properly completed, together with the appropriate licence fee.

## **8. Documentation.**

At every Obedience Show the following documents must be available:

- a. The licence for the Show, which must be clearly displayed.
- b. A current Public Liability Insurance Document, which must be clearly displayed.
- c. A copy of Kennel Club Rules and relevant Obedience Regulations.
- d. A copy of the Schedule and Catalogue for the Show.
- e. The completed entry forms for the Show.
- f. An incident book, not to be of a loose leaf style, a copy of which must be submitted to the Kennel Club within 14 days should an incident occur..

## **9. Disqualification of Dogs.**

A dog shall be disqualified and removed from the Show if it is:

- a. A bitch which is in season.
- b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
- d. Of such temperament or is so much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
- e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

## **10. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease.**

No dogs suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Show may compete. Competitors infringing this Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or to be dealt with under Kennel Club RuleA42.

## 11. Objections.

- a. An objection to a breach of Kennel Club Regulation(s) may be made direct to the Secretary of the Show before the end of the Show. As an alternative, an objection may be lodged directly with the Kennel Club within seven days after the last day of the Show and under these circumstances a copy of the objection must be sent to the Show Secretary.

When an objection is lodged the following information must be given; A statement detailing the objection, quoting the relevant regulation(s). The objection fee of £35, or such amount as may from time to time be decided by the General Committee.

The name and address of the objector.

The name and address of the owner of the dog (if relevant).

All relevant evidence.

The objection fee may be returned after consideration of the objection.

- b. With the exception of objections made under Regulation G9 (Disqualification of Dogs) the dog should be allowed to compete and a full report, made to the Kennel Club.
- c. The right to lodge an objection to a dog or any action taken at a Show is limited to anyone in attendance at the Show not under a term of suspension imposed by the Kennel Club, or the owner of a dog competing or his accredited representative.
- d. No objection shall be invalidated solely on the grounds that it was incorrectly lodged.
- e. Objections or alleged breaches of Kennel Club Regulations shall be referred to the General Committee who shall have the power to delegate the hearing of the objection or breach of regulation to the relevant sub-committee or may decide to refer the matter for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rule A42.
- f. Any appeal against the relevant Sub-Committee decision must be lodged within fourteen days of the decision being given and will be subject to the prescribed appeals procedure as shall be determined by the General Committee from time to time.

## 12. Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct at Obedience Shows.

The Secretary of an Obedience Show must immediately report in writing to the Secretary of the Kennel Club any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, or any default, omission or incident at or in connection with the Show which may come under his notice, even where parties concerned have indicated that they intend taking no action and at the same time forward to the Secretary of the Kennel Club all documents and information in connection therewith which may be in his possession or power. If evidence is placed before the General Committee to its satisfaction that undue influence has been exercised by any person(s), or that any improper means have been used to influence the appointment of a Judge or to interfere with the exhibition of a dog at any Show held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, the General Committee may require all correspondence and evidence in connection with the case to be produced in order that it may deal with the offender(s) under Kennel Club Rule A42.

### **13. Penalty for Infringement of Kennel Club Rules by Obedience Show Management.-**

The General Committee shall have power to fine the Guarantors of a Show who have broken Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the conduct of the Show.

### **14. Unlicensed Obedience Shows.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, certain events which are not licensed by the Kennel Club may from time to time be recognised by the General Committee of the Kennel Club.

The General Committee shall have power to grant permission for Kennel Club registered dogs to be entered for such events. A judge, exhibitor or promoter will not be prejudiced by participation in these special unlicensed events.

### **15. Obedience Certificates.**

- a. the Kennel Club will offer an Obedience Certificate (Dog) and an Obedience Certificate (Bitch) for winners of first prizes in Class C Dog and Class C Bitch at a Championship Show, provided that the exhibits do not lose more than 15 points out of 300, and provided also that the Classes are open to all breeds.
- b. Judges must also award a Reserve Best of Sex provided that the exhibit has not lost more than 15 points out of 300.

### **16. Obedience Championships.**

- a. the Kennel Club will offer at Crufts Dog Show each year the Kennel Club Obedience Championship-Dog and the Kennel Club Obedience Championship-Bitch. A dog awarded one or more Obedience Certificates during the calendar year preceding Crufts Dog Show shall be entitled to compete.
- b. The Tests for the Championships shall be those required for Class C in these Regulations. If the winning dog or bitch has lost more than 15 points out of 300 the Championship award shall be withheld.
- c. Caller Steward and Scribe Stewards officiating in the Crufts Obedience Championships on either day must not work a dog in the Championships.

### **17. Sponsorship and Donations.**

No offer of sponsorship or donation may be made on condition that a specified person is appointed to judge.

### **18. Payment of Sponsorship.**

In the absence of any agreement to the contrary, the liability of the sponsor(s) of any class or classes at a Show shall be limited to making good any deficiency between entry fees received and any prize money paid out. The Show Secretary must intimate the amount of sponsorship due within one calendar month of the close of the Show and the sponsor(s) must pay this amount within fourteen days of receipt of such notice. If the sponsorship is not paid within the specified time the Show Secretary must report the matter to the Kennel Club.

**19. Facilities.**

- a. Judging rings shall not in any circumstances contain less than 83 sq m (900 sq ft) of clear floor space and shall not be less than 6 m (20 ft) in width except that for Championship Class C the ring must contain not less than 148 sq m (1600 sq ft). Ring sizes should, where possible, be considerably larger. Stay rings must be of an adequate size to cope with the largest expected entry.
- b. Width of unobstructed gangways between Rings shall be not less than 2 m (6 ft) and where there is a ring on one side only the width of unobstructed gangway shall be not less than 1 m (3 ft).
- c. The obstruction of gangways is prohibited.
- d. Each ring must be enclosed by ropes or by other suitable means.
- e. A separate place, where water, disinfectant and soap are available for the use of the Veterinary Surgeon and where exhibits can be referred for examination in accordance with the Regulations.

**20. Awards.**

There shall be at least 4 awards including reserve on offer in every class. Printed award cards must be given and, may indicate the name of the Society, the type and date of the Show, the nature of the award and the name of any commercial firms donating the awards.

**21. Schedule.**

- a. The Show Society must issue a Schedule for the Show, such schedule to follow the layout of the specimen schedule provided by the Kennel Club and conform with Kennel Club Regulations. No modifications may be made to the schedule, except by permission of the Kennel Club and such modifications must be advertised.
- b. *Submission of Schedules*  
Two copies of the schedule must be lodged with the Kennel Club when published; in the case of Championship Shows this must be at least three calendar months before the date of the Show, and for all other Shows, at least one month before the date of the Show.
- c. *On the front cover or title page*
  - (1) A statement that the rules and regulations within the schedule are to be read in conjunction with the Kennel Club Obedience Show Regulations G under which this show is licenced and that it is the responsibility of everyone entering this show to make themselves familiar with these Regulations.
  - (2) The name of the Show Society, the type, venue and date of the show as described on the licence and any additional information for which prior permission has been given by the General Committee of the Kennel Club: the names and addresses of the Guarantors of the show and the Secretary's name, address and telephone number where appropriate, and the name of the Chief Steward. The time at which the show opens and judging commences. The Show will close half an hour after all judging has been completed.

The closing date for entries  
 Amount of entry and other fees  
 Amount of prize money where offered  
 The date of calculating the number of awards won

*On subsequent pages*

- (3) The names of the Judges with the name of each Class.
- (4) The words "Kennel Club Obedience Certificate Dog; Kennel Club Obedience Certificate Bitch", for Championship Class C.
- (5) The eligibility of all classes and conditions of entry must be inserted in the order of Annex A of these Regulations "Eligibility and Schedule of Classes".
- (6) All offers of sponsorship or donations with the names of the sponsors.
- (7) A statement if applicable on how entries can be made via the internet.
- (8) The latest time up to which dogs will be received and after which no dogs may be received except under exceptional and unforeseen circumstances and by special permission of the Show Management; or notice to the effect that dogs will be received at any time.
- (9) A statement that the Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse any entries.
- (10) A statement that should a Judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
- (11) A statement that should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club.
- (12) Notice of Kennel Club Regulations paragraphs  
 1 (b), (c)  
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 2 (a)  
 30 (h)  
 35 (b), (j), (k)
- (13) A statement that;
  1. Not For Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered or
  2. Not For Competition entries are not accepted.
- (14) A statement if applicable that; Your dog is vulnerable and at risk if left in a vehicle in hot weather. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

## **22. Entry Forms.**

- a. An entry form, which must include a box for the Kennel Club Registration Number or Authority To Compete (ATC) Number and the standard declaration approved by the Kennel Club and included in the specimen entry form issued by the Kennel Club.
- b. All entry forms must be preserved by the Show Committee for at least twelve months from the closing date of entries and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if requested, together with any other documents.

### 23. Control of Dogs.

The owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at Kennel Club licensed events must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the licensed venue including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches. This Regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event).

### 24. Entry for Competition.

- a. Entries for a Show must close at the time indicated in the Schedule, which must be no later than fourteen days before the Show opens.
- b. Entries received by post bearing the Post Office postmark of the date for closing of entries or before must be accepted subject to any proviso included in the Schedule or to the conditions of Regulation G21.c.(9).
- c. Entries from competitors claiming that missing entries have been correctly posted must be accepted on the day of the Show, subject to the conditions of Regulation G21.c.(9). Such claims will have to be substantiated to the Kennel Club which will request documentary evidence, subsequent to the Show.
- d. A dog must at the time of entry for a Show be registered as required by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given. Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required. A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a Show may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the Kennel Club before the Show, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).
- e. A separate application for entry must be made by each owner and acceptance of the entry declaration must be given in accordance with the provisions specified thereon - whether in writing or via the internet. Entries cannot be accepted without the appropriate fees or acceptance of the entry declaration.
- f. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the closing date of entries shall be counted when entering for any class.
- g. If a competitor reports before competition that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the dog must be withdrawn from the competition.
- h. No transfer between classes or parts of classes is permitted unless an entry error has been made by either the show executive or printer. If

any handler works their dog in the wrong part of a split class then that dog shall be excluded from working in the correct part of that class. If the handler works the dog in a wrong class (e.g. Beginners instead of Novice), then the dog shall be excluded from the lowest class entered.

#### **25. Animals Allowed in Show.**

No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of a Dog Show during its continuance, except any dog registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the General Committee.

However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

#### **26. Free Passes.**

The Committee of a Show shall provide all competitors with a free pass enabling them to enter the Show at any time of the day their competition is scheduled, but in the case of a dog owned in a partnership only one such free pass need be issued. Additional free passes may be issued at the Show Committee's discretion.

#### **27. Catalogue.**

The Show Society must publish a Catalogue for the Show containing:

- a. On the front outside cover or title page, the name of the Show Society, the type of Show as described on the Licence, and any additional title for which prior permission has been given by the General Committee of the Kennel Club; the names and addresses of the Guarantors of the Show, except in the case of Shows where classes are provided for exhibits other than dogs, where the names and addresses need only be printed at the head of the dog section.
- b. The classes for each test, the numbering of which must follow that of the Schedule.
- c. Championship Obedience Shows Only, Classes with Obedience Certificates on offer must be specified.
- d. The names of the judges of each class.
- e. Championship Obedience Shows an alphabetical index containing the names and addresses of exhibitors (unless withheld by exhibitors), the number and name of each exhibit and the numbers of the classes in which it is entered, giving a separate line to the name of each exhibitor, and full particulars of each exhibit as given on the entry form completed by the exhibitor. The number and name of each exhibit must be given in each class for which it is entered.
- f. Open and Limited Obedience Shows names and addresses of all exhibitors (unless withheld by exhibitors) and full particulars of each exhibit as given on the entry form by the exhibitor.
- g. Championship, Open and Limited Obedience Shows only, the number of the ring in which each judge will officiate must be given.

- h. Name, address and telephone number of the Veterinary Surgeon, Practitioner or Practice supporting the Show. Within fourteen days of the close of the Show, a copy of the official Catalogue for the Show, containing a full and correct list of all the entries, with all the awards correctly marked, must be submitted to the Kennel Club.

#### **28. Dog Fouling.**

- a. Any owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) at any Kennel Club licensed show within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches.
- b. Any organisation holding a Kennel Club licensed event is required to provide an adequate number of receptacles for the disposal of such fouling.

#### **29. Veterinary Support.**

The Secretary of a licensed Show is required to arrange veterinary support compatible with the arrangements for the Show and the anticipated entry.

#### **30. Management.**

Societies are responsible for the following:

- a. Classes may be scheduled in any order but this order must be followed at the show except that a Society, by publication in the schedule, may reserve the right to vary the order of judging when the entry is known.
- b. The maximum number of entries allowed in any class is 60. If the entry received exceeds 60, except for Championship Class C, the class shall be equally divided (to within one dog) by a draw. If the resulting individual class entry, after division, exceeds 60 a further division of the total class entry shall take place so that each equal division of the class is 60 or less. In all classes, other than Championship Class C, if the entry received exceeds 50 the class may, at the discretion of the Society, be equally divided by a draw (to within one dog). If the resulting individual class entry, after division, exceeds 50 a further division of the total entry may take place so that each equal division of the class is 50 or less. Prize money for each division (which must be judged separately) shall be the same as that offered for the original class.
- c. Where classes are divided, competitors entered therein shall be notified of all changes and timed stay exercises must not be held earlier than advertised for the original class.
- d. The maximum number of dogs a person may judge on one day is 60. Reserve judges may enter dogs for competition at the show but may not compete if called upon to judge. Show Committees should appoint sufficient judges for the expected entries.
- e. Where the entry for Championship Class C exceeds 60, it will be reduced to 60 by a ballot based on a system of merit conducted by the Kennel Club.

To calculate the merit score for the dog, points are allocated for places gained at previous shows on the following scale:-

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Open Class C	5 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
CH. Class C	20 points	12 points	8 points	4 points
Crufts Obed	30 points	18 points	12 points	6 points

Points are calculated for placing between the date on which previous wins are calculated for entry to the Show (i.e. seven days before the closing date for entries) and the same date ONE year earlier.

Competitors not having given a merit score will be considered as having none. The merit score for all competitors in Championship Class C will be on display at the Show.

Competitors claiming an incorrect merit score must be reported to the Kennel Club.

- f. One judge only may officiate for each Class (or each part of a divided Class) and must be present in the ring at all times when dogs are under test.
- g. Ballot for Running Orders.
  - (1) A draw for the running order in Championship Class C must be made prior to the Show. The Kennel Club will conduct the ballot for this running order and Show Secretaries must forward the names of the exhibitors and dogs involved, together with their merit scores, to the Kennel Club by recorded delivery or registered post within seven days of the closing of entries.
  - (2) Where the draw makes provision for reserve competitors they should not be substituted before 12 noon on the day of the Show. Reserve competitors in attendance at the Show and excluded from the final running order shall receive a refund of their entry fee for the class.
  - (3) Where a draw for the complete running order of Classes other than Championship Class C is not made, Show Managements must conduct a ballot to determine a running order for at least the first 10 competitors/dogs in these classes: this may be reduced to 6 at shows with less than 200 dogs entered or where there are less than 25 dogs entered in a specific class.  
Sub paragraph (3) does not apply to Limited Shows.
  - (4) In classes where a complete or partial running order has been made the relevant competitors must be notified before the day of the Show.
  - (5) In Classes where there is not a full running order all competitors must personally report to the ringside of all classes entered and book in, by marking a list of entries, within one hour of the scheduled time for the commencement of judging of the Class. In Classes where a full running order has been made, competitors must book in on arrival at the Show. The class lists are to be provided by the Show Management and should be available from the stated opening time of the Show. Wherever possible Ring Scoreboard Stewards shall be appointed to assist with this booking in procedure.
  - (6) All published running orders must be strictly observed. Competitors reporting late will be excluded from competition unless they have previously reported to the Chief Steward that

they are actually working a dog in Championship Class C or in the Stay test of another Class.

- h. Where timed stays will take place it must be announced in the Schedule that they will take priority over other tests. The times of such tests to be published at the Show and in the catalogue. In the case of Championship Class C, stays must not be judged before 12 noon. In all other cases, timed stays must not commence before one hour after the published time for the commencement of judging.
- i. The Show Executive shall appoint a Chief Steward whose name must be announced in the schedule, and who must not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership or work a dog or act in any other capacity at the Show. The Chief Steward alone shall be responsible for the control of any running order and for the smooth running of each Class and whose decision in such matters shall be personally conveyed to the judge and shall be final.
- j. In the event of extreme adverse weather conditions at a show a Judge, with the full agreement of the Chief Steward, may alter exercises as deemed appropriate at the time. Any alteration to exercises must be reported by the Show Management to the Kennel Club within 14 days of the date of the show.
- k. Should a Judge be prevented from completing a Class which has commenced, the Chief Steward shall decide what action is to be taken.
- l. Judges should, whenever possible, provide their own Caller Stewards, but the Show Management shall provide any Caller Stewards if necessary. Caller and Scribe Stewards used by judges at the show must not work a dog on the same day.
- m. Neutral and decoy scent cloths must be provided by the Show Executive for all classes as applicable. These cloths must be between a minimum of 15cms by 15cms (6ins) and up to a maximum of 25.4cms by 25.4cms (10ins), and all scent cloths must have a non-detachable weight.

### **31. Use of Firearms and Sound Amplifiers.**

The use of firearms is prohibited and use of sound amplifiers is forbidden except as authorised by the Show Management.

### **32. Approval of Judges.**

- a. Show Societies must apply to the General Committee for approval of Championship Class C judges for Championship Obedience Shows, at least nine months before the date of the Show on the form provided. All first time appointments must be applied for a minimum of twelve months before the date of the show on the form provided.
- b. On a persons first appointment to judge Championship Class C the minimum conditions which apply are-judges must have at least eight years judging experience which must include 30 Championship and/or Open Show appointments of which at least 15 must be Open Class C and two each of Beginners, Novice, Class A and Class B.
- c. At the time of judging a first Championship appointment the Judge must have attended a Kennel Club Obedience Regulations and Judging Procedure

- Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.
- d. Prior to being granted General Committee approval judges must have been assessed by a Kennel Club approved assessor.
  - e. *Qualifications for judges at Open Shows and for the non certificate classes at Championship Shows-*
    - (1) On first appointment must satisfy the Show Committee that they have two years experience judging at a lower level, have won out of Beginners at a Licensed Championship or Open Obedience Show as a handler, and have acted as a Caller or Marker Steward on six occasions at Licensed Shows.
    - (2) Additionally the Judge must have attended a Kennel Club Obedience Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.
    - (3) A Judge's first three appointments for shows must be restricted to Novice or Class A
    - (4) A person must not judge Open Class C at more than 6 Shows in any year calculated from 1st January to 31st December.
  - f. Intervals between judging appointments.
    - (1) Judges of Obedience Certificates will only be approved to judge an Obedience Certificate for Dogs and/or an Obedience Certificate for Bitches once in each year calculated from 1st January to 31st December.
    - (2) There is no minimum interval between appointments to judge classes, other than Obedience Certificate Class "C", at Championship Obedience Shows.
  - g. The Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the approval of any Judge.

### 33. Judges and Judging.

- a. Judges at Kennel Club Obedience Shows are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published from time to time.
- b. Variations to tests are not allowed except as provided for in Regulation G30.j.
- c. Judges at Obedience Shows may not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the Show at which they are judging.
- d. In any test in which Judge's articles are used, none should be injurious to the dog, and must be capable of being picked up by any breed entered in that test.
- e. Judges must provide their own scent cloths for all classes as applicable and these cloths must be of the same texture. These cloths must be between a minimum of 15cms by 15cms (6ins) and up to a maximum of 25.4cms by 25.4cms (10ins), and Judges cloths must have a non-detachable weight.
- f. The judging of Championship Class C takes priority over all other classes except the timed stays of those classes provided for in Regulation G30.h.
- g. In the event of dogs obtaining equality of marks "Run Offs" to decide the winning dogs will be judged one at a time by normal scheduled tests.
- h. In classes with 10 or less entries the award of 1st place may be withheld

if in the opinion of the judge the standard of work does not merit the award. (This subparagraph does not apply to Championship Class C).

- i. In all tests the points must be graduated.
- j. A Judge of Championship Class C must record each dog awarded 285 points or more in the Judging Book. The Show Secretary will record these in the official marked catalogue.
- k. Judges are not permitted to make a public commentary on the dogs whilst judging. Any other commentary must not include mention of a dog's name or reference to previous awards.
- l. Imperfections in heeling between tests will not be judged but any physical disciplining of the dog by the handler in the ring or any uncontrolled behaviour of the dog such as snapping, unjustified barking, fouling the ring or running out of the ring even between tests must be penalised by deducting points from the total score and the judge may bar the dog from further competition in the Class.
- m. Judges must observe the dog at all times whilst it is in the ring.
- n. The decision to withdraw from competition is entirely at the discretion of the competitor except as provided for in Regulation G33.
- o. Judges should, wherever possible, provide their own Stewards.
- p. The Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the appointment of any Judge.

#### **34. Judging Contracts.**

- a. Invitations to judge must be made by Show Societies in writing and must include a declaration to be signed by the judge, stating that they are qualified to judge in accordance with Kennel Club Obedience Show Regulation G33. Show Societies must ensure that written acceptances are received and these must be followed by written confirmation of the appointment by the Society upon which a judging contract will be deemed to have been formed; except that in the case of appointments to award Obedience Certificates, the contract to judge will only be formed when Kennel Club approval of the appointment has been given.
- b. Societies are required to include the following wording in Judges' invitation letters:  
 "In accepting this invitation you agree to be bound by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for Judges. In doing so you also recognise that you are obliged to notify us in writing of any change in personal circumstances which will affect your ability to fulfil this judging appointment.  
 You should note that we reserve the right to cancel the contract before the date of the appointment if there is a change in your circumstances, which in our reasonable opinion would adversely affect your ability to fulfil the appointment."
- c. All judging contracts are subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Kennel Club in the event of the judge being subject to relevant disciplinary action.
- d. In the event of a judge failing to honour an engagement to judge, the General Committee will require reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the General

Committee may impose a fine. Similarly, in the event of a society not honouring a judging contract, the Society may be required by the General Committee to give reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the General Committee may impose a fine upon the Society.

- e. In the event of such fines not being paid within the time stipulated by the General Committee, the judge or Guarantors of the Show, as applicable, may at the discretion of the General Committee be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A42 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the General Committee.

### 35. Competing.

- a. After a dog has commenced competing in a Class, no substitution of Handler is permitted in that Class.
- b. For the duration of the Show and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
- c. No dog shall be allowed in the judging ring other than those competing in the class being judged.
- d. Nothing may be carried, worn or displayed by a handler or a dog during judging which is capable of indicating the identity of the dog or owner nor must anything be said or any action taken which identifies the dog other than by exhibit number.
- e. Any dog which is not presented for stay or scent exercises when called for testing will be considered to have withdrawn from the class.
- f. In all Tests, dogs must compete in the same order but the judge may relax the running order where necessary in the Scent Tests. These must not be carried out during the main ring work but will take place as a separate test at the judges discretion.
- g. In all classes the handler may use the dog's name with a command or signal without penalty. All tests shall commence and finish with the dog sitting at the handler's left side except in Distant Control and in Beginners, Novice and Class A Recall Tests when the dog may be left in either the Sit or Down position at the handler's choice. In the Stay Test a handler working more than one dog may choose to leave all dogs on left hand side, with a reasonable distance between them, or to position the dogs on his/her left and right hand side.
- h. Food shall not be carried or given to a dog under test.
- i. Dogs may only wear a slip chain or smooth collar when in the ring.
- j. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Show.
- k. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.
- l. Every handler shall ensure that whilst the dog is competing, its correct ring number is displayed.
- m. After the commencement of judging the responsibility for dogs being brought to the ring to compete is entirely the competitors
- n. The use of a toy as an incentive in the ring between or during exercises is prohibited.

**36. Disqualification and Forfeit of Awards.**

- a. A dog may be disqualified by the General Committee from any award whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been;
  - (1) Shown at an unrecognised show.
  - (2) Entered for competition or handled by a person disqualified or suspended under Rule A42, as from the date of the complaint having been lodged at the Kennel Club and for the period of disqualification or suspension.
  - (3) Not entered on a Kennel Club approved entry form in the name and with the details which are recorded with the Kennel Club.
  - (4) Entered after the date announced for closing of entries, subject to the conditions of Regulation G24.c. or contrary to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
  - (5) Suffering from an infectious or contagious disease.
  - (6) Shown in a class for which it was not entered.
  - (7) Exhibited for competition or handled in the ring by a judge of dogs at that show.
  - (8) Registered or recorded as owned by the scheduled Judge within a period of twelve months prior to the Show. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a Judge appointed in an emergency.
  - (9) Handled at a Show within the previous twelve months by the scheduled Judge. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a Judge appointed in an emergency.
  - (10) Not correctly registered and recorded in the name of the owner at the Kennel Club or as provided in Regulation G24.d.
  - (11) To have been the subject of any other default, omission, action or incident occurring at or in connection with the Show rendering it unfair that the award should be allowed to stand.
- b. A dog shall be disqualified by the General Committee from any awards gained whether an objection has been lodged or not, if entered in a class for which it is ineligible and not withdrawn from competition and the competitor may be fined at the discretion of the General Committee.
- c. The owner of a dog disqualified for any of the above reasons is liable to forfeit all entry fees paid, and all prize money won by such dog.

**37. Payment and Delivery of Prize Money and Printed Awards.**

- a. All prize money and printed awards must be available for collection at the Show.
- b. A competitor who does not collect prize money and/or printed awards, except those for special awards on the day of the show should make arrangements for its collection within 31 days of the show, otherwise the prize money and/or awards will be forfeited.
- c. Where any money prize is offered in the Schedule it must be paid in full, without deduction except in cases where amounts are legally due to a Show Executive.
- d. In the event of the disqualification of an award winner subsequent to the receipt of any prize or prize money, such prize or prize money must

be returned at once on receipt of a demand from the Show Society. A failure to comply with any request shall be reported to the Kennel Club and may be dealt with under Rule A42.

#### **38. Order of Merit When Dogs are Disqualified.**

If a dog be disqualified, the prize to which it would otherwise have been entitled shall be forfeited. The Committee may at its discretion move up the dog or dogs next in order of merit (up to and including reserve or fourth place) to take the prize or prize(s).

#### **39. Fines.**

The General Committee shall have power to fine any person for breaches of Kennel Club Regulations subject to a right of appeal notice of intention of which must be lodged within 14 days from the date the decision is given and subject to the prescribed appeals process as shall be determined by the General Committee from time to time. In the event of such fines not being paid within the time stipulated by the General Committee, that person may, at the discretion of the General Committee, be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A42 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the General Committee.

#### **40. Delegated Powers of the Scottish Kennel Club.**

- a. For the purpose of paragraphs 2 and 3 of these Regulations the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any licensed Obedience Show in Scotland, other than a Championship Obedience Show, shall be delegated to the Scottish Kennel Club.
- b. For the purposes of these Regulations, all powers of the General Committee relative to Shows held in Scotland and licensed by the Scottish Kennel Club are delegated to the Executive Council of the Scottish Kennel Club. Applications for licences, objections and allegations of fraudulent or discreditable conduct relative to Obedience Shows licensed by the Scottish Kennel Club must be made to the Secretary General of the Scottish Kennel Club, Paterson House, Eskmills Park, Station Road, Musselburgh EH21 7PQ.

#### **41. Eligibility and Schedule of Classes.**

The detailed Regulations for Eligibility and the Schedule of Classes are given in Annex A.

#### **42. Specific Regulations for Obedience Matches.**

The specific Regulations for Obedience Matches are given in Annex B.

#### **43. Explanatory Notes for Obedience Test.**

The Explanatory Notes for Obedience Tests are given in Annex C.

#### **44. Instructions as to the Duties of Obedience Ring Stewards.**

The Instructions as to the Duties of Obedience Ring Stewards are given in Annex D.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. In the following Definitions of Classes First Prize wins in Limited Show Obedience Classes and Open Shows confined to one breed do not count for entry in Open and Championship Show Obedience Classes but do count for eligibility at Limited Obedience Shows or Open Shows confined to one breed.

2. Dogs are ineligible to compete at Limited and Match Competitions which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Obedience Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club. Obedience Champions are only eligible to compete in Class C at Open and Championship Shows.

3. A dog not qualified to enter Championship Class C must be entered in the lowest Scheduled class for which it is eligible and may also be entered in another standard class if desired plus one additional special class if scheduled. Only qualified dogs may be entered in Championship Class C and these dogs may also enter Open Class C and/or one additional special class if scheduled. (Note the qualifications for Championship Class C and Obedience Warrant.)

Exemptions from this regulation are:-

A dog entered in a Good Citizen Dog Scheme Special Pre-Beginner Obedience Stakes Class or a Young Kennel Club (YKC) Obedience Class which may also be entered in a maximum of two other scheduled classes (including YKC classes) for which it is eligible.

4. Societies may schedule Classes other than those defined below. The eligibility for "Special" classes must be defined by the Society and included in the schedule. The word "Special" must be included in the title of the class.

### **CLASSES**

#### **5. Pre-Beginners.**

- a. To compete in Pre-Beginners a handler or dog must not have won a First place in either Pre-Beginners or Beginners nor gained a third place or above in any other obedience class.
- b. Handlers will not be penalised for encouragement or extra commands except in the Sit and Down tests. In these tests at the discretion of the Judge, handlers may face their dogs, Judges or Stewards must not use the words "last command" except in the Sit and Down tests.
- c. The detailed tests will be:
  - (1) Heel on lead
  - (2) Heel free

15 points

20 points

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| (3) Recall from sit or down position at handler's choice. Dog to be recalled by handler when stationary and facing the dog. Dog to return smartly to the handler, sit in front, go to heel all on command of Judge or Steward to handler. Distance at discretion of Judge Test commences when handler leaves dog. | 10 points |
| (4) Sit one minute, handler in sight  | 10 points |
| (5) Down two minutes, handler in sight  | 20 points |
| (6) TOTAL   | 75 points |

### 6. Beginners.

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| a. To compete in Beginners a handler or dog must not have won a total of two or more First Prizes in Beginners Class, or one First Prize in any other Obedience Class, (Pre-Beginners excepted).  |            |
| b. Handlers will not be penalised for encouragement or extra commands except on the Sit and Down tests. In these tests at the discretion of the Judge, handlers may face their dogs. Judges and Stewards must not use the words "last command" except in the Sit and Down tests.                                |            |
| c. The detailed tests will be:  |            |
| (1) Heel on lead  | 15 points  |
| (2) Heel free   | 20 points  |
| (3) Recall from Sit or Down position at handler's choice. Dog to be recalled by handler when stationary and facing the dog. Dog to return smartly to handler, sit in front, go to heel - all on command of Judge or Steward to handler. Distance at discretion of Judge. Test commences when handler leaves dog | 10 points  |
| (4) Retrieve any article. Handlers may use their own article  | 25 points  |
| (5) Sit one minute, handler in sight  | 10 points  |
| (6) Down two minutes, handler in sight  | 20 points  |
| (7) TOTAL   | 100 points |

### 7. Novice.

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| a. For dogs which have not won 2 First Prizes in Obedience Classes. (Pre-Beginners and Beginners excepted).  |  |
| b. Handlers will not be penalised for encouragement or extra commands except in the Sit and Down tests. In these tests, at the discretion of the Judge, handlers may face their dogs. Judges or Stewards must not use the words "last command" except in the Sit and Down tests. |  |
| c. The detailed tests will be:   |  |
| (1) Temperament Test. Dog to be on the lead, in the Stand position, handler to stand by dog. Judge to  |  |

approach quietly from the front and to run his hand gently down the dog's back. Judge may talk quietly to the dog to reassure it. Any undue resentment, cringing, growling or snapping to be penalised. This is not a stand for examination or a stay test.	10 points
(2) Heel on lead	15 points
(3) Heel Free	20 points
(4) Recall from Sit or Down position at handler's choice. Dog to be recalled by handler when stationary and facing the dog. Dog to return smartly to handler, sit in front, go to heel-all on command of Judge or Steward to handler. Distance at discretion of Judge. Test commences when handler leaves dog	10 points
(5) Retrieve a dumb-bell, handlers may use their own dumb-bell	15 points
(6) Sit one minute, handler in sight	10 points
(7) Down 2 minutes, handler in sight	20 points
(8) TOTAL	100 points

#### 8. Class A.

- a. For dogs which have not won 3 First Prizes in Class A, B and Open Class C in total.
- b. Simultaneous command and signal will be permitted. Extra commands or signals must be penalised.
- c. The detailed tests will be:
  - (1) Heel free 30 points
  - (2) Recall from Sit or Down position at handler's choice. Dog to be recalled to heel by handler, on command of Judge or Steward, whilst handler is walking away from dog, both to continue forward until ordered to halt. The recall and halt points to be the same for each dog and handler. Test commences following handler's last command to dog 15 points
  - (3) Retrieve a dumb-bell, handlers may use their own dumb-bell 25 points
  - (4) Sit 2 minutes, handler in sight 20 points
  - (5) Down 3 minutes, handler out of sight 30 points
  - (6) Scent discrimination. The handler's scent on a marked cloth supplied by the Judge. There must be a total of 6 scent cloths, this total must not include any decoys, but must include the cloth provided by the judge. These 6 cloths must be set out in a straight line, which may be in any direction. 30 points
  - (7) TOTAL 150 points

## 9. Class B.

- a. For dogs which have not won 3 First Prizes in Class B and Open Class C in total.
- b. One command by word or signal is permitted, any extra commands and signals must be penalised. However, a simultaneous command and signal is permitted in the Send Away element of the Send Away, Drop and Recall exercise.
- c. The detailed tests will be:
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| (1) Heel free. The dog shall be required to walk at heel free and shall also be tested at fast and slow pace. Each change of pace shall commence from the halt position  | 40 points  |
| (2) Send Away, Drop and Recall. On command of Judge the handler to bring the dog to the place indicated, set up the dog and stand upright. On further command, the handler will send the dog in the direction indicated by the Judge. After the dog has been dropped, handler will call the dog to heel whilst walking where directed by the Judge and both will continue forward until ordered to halt. No obstacle to be placed in path of dog. Markers, if used, must be stationary and contain no moving parts. Simultaneous command and signal is permitted but as soon as the dog leaves the handler, the arm must be dropped. (N.B. an extra command may be simultaneous command and signal but must be penalised.) | 40 points  |
| (3) Retrieve any one article provided by the Judge but which must not be in any way injurious to the dog (excluding food or glass). The article to be picked up easily by any breed of dog in that Class and to be clearly visible to the dog. A separate similar article to be used for each dog. Test commences following Judge or Stewards words "last command" to handler.   | 30 points  |
| (4) Sit 2 minutes, handler out of sight  | 20 points  |
| (5) Down 5 minutes, handler out of sight   | 30 points  |
| (6) Scent discrimination. The handler's scent on a marked cloth supplied by the Judge. There must be a minimum of 6 and up to a maximum of 10 scent cloths, the total must include one decoy cloth, and the cloth provided by the Judge. The pattern of cloths is at the Judge's discretion  | 40 points  |
| (7) TOTAL  | 200 points |

**10. Class C.**

- a. For Championship Class C at Championship Shows, dogs must have won out of Novice, Class A and Class B and have won Open Class C on one occasion and have been placed not lower than third on three occasions, all Open Class C places and wins under different Judges at Kennel Club licensed shows.
- b. At Open Shows, and in the Open C Classes held at Championship Shows, open to all dogs.
- c. At Limited Shows, open to all dogs except Obedience Certificate winners and dogs which have obtained any award that counts towards the title of Obedience Champion or the equivalent thereof under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club.
- d. One command by word or signal is permitted, any extra commands and signals must be penalised. However, a simultaneous command and signal is permitted in the Send Away element of the Send Away, Drop and Recall exercise.
- e. The detailed tests will be:
  - (1) Heel Work. The dog shall be required to walk at heel free, and also be tested at fast and slow pace. At some time during this test, at the discretion of the Judge, the dog shall be required, whilst walking at heel at normal pace, to be left at the Stand, Sit and Down position in any order (the order to be the same for each dog) as and when directed by the Judge. The handler shall continue forward alone without hesitation, and continue as directed by the Judge until reaching the dog when both shall continue forward together until halted. 60 points
  - (2) Send Away, Drop and Recall as in Class B. 40 points
  - (3) Retrieve any one article provided by the Judge but which must not be in any way injurious to the dog (excluding food or glass). The article to be picked up easily by any breed of dog in the Class and to be clearly visible to the dog. A separate similar article to be used for each dog, Test commences following Judge or Stewards "last command" to handler. 30 points
  - (4) Distant Control. Dog to Sit, Stand and Down at a marked place not less than 10 paces and not more than 20 paces from handler, in any order on command from Judge to handler. 6 instructions to be given in the same order for each dog. Excessive movement, i.e. more than the body length of the dog, in any direction by the dog, having regard

- to its size, will be penalised. The dog shall start the exercise with its front feet behind a designated point. No penalty for excessive movement in a forward direction shall be imposed until the back feet of the dog pass the designated point
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| (5) | Sit 2 minutes, handler out of sight  | 50 points  |
| (6) | Down 10 minutes, handler out of sight  | 20 points  |
| (7) | Scent discrimination. The Judge's scent on a marked cloth supplied by the Judge. There must be a minimum of 6 and up to a maximum of 10 scent cloths, this total must include the Judge's scent cloth and a decoy or decoys. The pattern is at the Judge's discretion. | 50 points  |
| (8) | TOTAL  | 300 points |

## **SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR OBEDIENCE MATCHES**

(to be read in conjunction with Kennel Club Obedience Show Regulations)

1. An Obedience Match may be a competition between club members or an inter-Club competition between Associations, Clubs, Societies or Branches of Clubs.

2. Only Registered Clubs, Societies and Dog Training Clubs may hold Obedience Matches.

3. A Club may hold up to 12 Obedience Matches per annum. In the case of Clubs which have registered Branches, each Branch may hold up to 12 Obedience Matches per annum.

### **4. Application.**

- a. Application for authority to hold Matches is to be included within the Annual Return required under Regulation C.4.b.
- b. On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held or the event will be deemed to be unrecognised.

### **5. Regulations.**

- a. A dog must, at the time of competition, be registered at The Kennel Club. Exhibits must be the property of Members of one of the Associations, Clubs, Societies or Branches competing in the Obedience Match.
- b. The Committee of the organising Club may reserve the right to refuse any entry on reasonable grounds.
- c. Puppies under 6 calendar months of age are not eligible for competition at Obedience Matches.
- d. No dogs suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Match, may compete. Competitors infringing this Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A42.
- e. Dogs, which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Kennel Club, are not eligible for entry in Matches.
- f. Prize cards, diplomas or other printed awards may be awarded at Obedience Matches provided such awards are clearly over printed "MATCH".
- g. Not more than two Special Prizes shall be awarded at Obedience Matches.
- h. The organising Club shall keep a list of the names of all competing dogs with awards, and the names and addresses of their owners for a period of 12 months from the date of the Matches.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR OBEDIENCE TESTS

### 1. General.

- a. In all Classes the dog should work in a happy and natural manner but should not impede the handler and prime consideration should be given to judging the dog and handler as a team. The dog may be encouraged and praised except where specifically stated.
- b. Instructions and commands to competitors may be made either by the Judge or the Steward by delegation except during heelwork when commands must be given by the Caller Steward.
- c. In all tests the left side of a handler will be regarded as the "working side" unless:
  - (1) the handler suffers from a physical disability and has the Judge's permission to work the dog on the right hand side, or
  - (2) the handler is working more than one dog in a stay exercise.
- d. To signal the completion of each test the handler will be given the command "test finished".
- e. It is permissible for handlers to practise their dogs before going into the ring provided there is no punitive correction; this is similar to an athlete warming up before an event.
- f. Time Table of Judging - to assist the Show Executive the following guide timetable is issued:
  - (1) Class C ..... 8 dogs per hour
  - (2) Class B ..... 10 dogs per hour
  - (3) Class A ..... 12 dogs per hour
  - (4) Novice ..... 12 dogs per hour
  - (5) Beginners ..... 15 dogs per hour
  - (6) Pre-Beginners ..... 18 dogs per hour
- g. The dog should be led into the ring for judging with a smooth collar or slip chain, lead attached (unless otherwise directed) and should be at the handler's side.
- h. Competitors in Championship Class C who have lost more marks than would enable them to qualify with 285 marks at the conclusion of the judging may withdraw from the Class with the Judge's approval. The decision to withdraw is entirely at the discretion of the competitor and Judges must not compel such competitors to withdraw.
- i. In the event of extreme adverse weather conditions at a show a Judge, with the full agreement of the Chief Steward, may alter exercises as deemed appropriate at the time. Any alterations to exercises must be reported by the Show Management to The Kennel Club within 14 days of the date of the show.

### 2. Tests.

- a. Heel on Lead-The dog should be sitting straight at the handler's side. On command the handler should walk briskly forward in a straight

line with the dog at heel. The dog's shoulder should be approximately level with and reasonably close to the handler's leg at all times when the handler is walking. The lead should be slack at all times. On the command to turn, the handler should turn smartly in the direction indicated and the dog should keep its position at the handler's side. Turning manoeuvres must not be coupled together. The handler and dog must be allowed several paces if required to turn again. On the command "Halt" the handler should halt immediately, and the dog should sit straight at the handler's side. Throughout the test the handler may not touch the dog or make use of the lead without penalty.

- (1) Pre-Beginners and Beginners Classes. In these classes the only permissible turns are turns of 90 degrees to the left or right and 180 degrees about turns to the right.
  - (2) Novice. Diagonal turns are permissible, however, it is not acceptable to include left about turns.
- b. Heel Free-The dog must be off the lead throughout this test. The Test must be carried out in the same manner as Heel on Lead and with the same restriction on turns except as specified below.
- (1) Class A. Diagonal turns are permissible, however it is not acceptable to include left about turns.
  - (2) Classes B and C. Turns of up to 180 degrees to the left (left about turns) are permitted at normal and/or slow pace.
  - (3) Class C. Figures of eight and/or weaving between poles/markers may be introduced at slow and/or normal pace. Circles may also be included at any pace, but judges must ensure that such manoeuvres can be satisfactorily accomplished by all breeds entered in the Class. Heelwork patterns may also include multiple or combination turns at normal and/or slow pace, provided that such turns, once started, must continue in the same direction and do not exceed a total of 360 degrees. For example a "Double left about turn" or a "left about turn-left turn" is permitted but a "left about turn-right turn" or an "About turn-left turn" is not.
  - (4) After the completion of a multiple or combination turn, the handler and dog must be allowed several paces if required to turn again.
- c. Recall-See specific Class Tests.
- d. Retrieve a Dumb-bell/Article-At the start of this exercise the dog should be sitting at the handler's side. On command the handler must throw the dumbbell/article in the direction indicated. The dog should remain in the Sit position until the handler is ordered to send it to retrieve the dumb-bell/article. The dog should move out promptly at a smart pace to collect the dumb-bell/article cleanly. It should return with the dumb-bell/article at a smart pace and sit straight in front of the handler. On command the handler should take the dumbbell/article from the dog. On further command the dog should be sent to heel. In Classes A, B and C the test commences on the order "Last Command" to handler.
- e. Stays-The Judge or Steward will direct handlers to positions in the ring. The command "Last Command" will be given and handlers should then instantly give their final command to their dogs. Any

further commands or signals to the dogs after this "Last Command" will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and walk to positions indicated until ordered to return to them. These are group tests and all dogs must compete together, but where this is impracticable at an indoor show, the Class may be equally divided but the Judging for the groups must be consecutive. (1) Sit/Stay-Dogs should remain in the Sit position throughout the test.

(2) Down/Stay-Dogs should remain in the Down position throughout the test.

f. Scent Discrimination-

(1) Cloths must be placed in position by a steward and must be at least 1m (3ft) and not more than 1.6m (5ft) apart.

(2) The method of taking scent is at the handler's discretion. However, in Class C this shall not require the judge to place his hand on or lean towards the dog.

(3) In Class C, more than one decoy steward may be used, and each decoy steward is permitted to place a maximum of 2 cloths for each dog.

(4) Decoy stewards must not handle a cloth for longer than the handler in Class B, or the judge in Class C. Cloths must be stored out of reach of the dog whilst not in use.

(5) Any cloth which is fouled in any way e.g. mouthed, must be replaced with a fresh cloth.

(6) At the commencement of the test the dog must be brought to a designated point. The dog must be facing away from the cloths while scented / decoy cloths are placed in position. When the cloths have been placed, the handler must give the dog scent, stand up straight and send the dog on command from the judge or steward to find the correct cloth. The dog, on finding the correct cloth must then complete the test as for the Retrieve Test.

(7) Limiting the time for this test is at the judge's discretion.

## **INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE DUTIES OF OBEIENCERING STEWARDS**

### **1. Authority/Responsibilities.**

- a. A Steward's responsibilities are at all times to assist the Judge in the course of his duties and to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the Ring.
- b. Stewards should always remember that the Judge is in overall control of the Ring and accordingly should follow the Judge's directives.

### **2. Duties.**

- a. Before Judging:
  - (1) To ensure that all equipment has been provided in the Ring and that the score sheets and prize cards are available for each Class with a copy of the catalogue.
  - (2) To report to the Judge on his arrival and acquaint himself with the Judge's tests and instructions.
  - (3) To advise exhibitors that Judging is to commence after which the responsibility for dogs being brought into the Ring at the correct time is entirely the competitors.
- b. During Judging:
  - (1) To ensure that all commands are given in the same place and in the same manner for each dog and competitor.
  - (2) To ensure each competitor has the correct Ring number for their dog when entering the Ring and that the number is prominently displayed whilst working.
  - (3) To ensure that there is no interference with dogs being Judged.
- c. After Judging:
  - (1) To complete the award slips and obtain the Judges' signature at the conclusion of the Class.
  - (2) To mark the results of the Classes in the catalogue and hand the completed copy to the Judge.
  - (3) To ensure that the Judge signs the Obedience Certificate, Reserve Obedience Certificate and any other awards.

## REGULATIONS FOR ENTRIES IN THE STUD BOOK, CHAMPIONS AND WARRANTS

As at 1st January 2010

### 1. Stud Book Qualifications.

- a. An entry in the Stud Book shall consist of the registered name of the dog, its sex, colour, date of birth, owner, breeder and an extension of its pedigree limited to three generations, or a Stud Book Reference within that limit.
- b. All dogs must be entered in the Stud Book in the name of the registered owner at the time of qualification.
- c. A Kennel Club Stud Book number will be assigned to each dog accepted for entry.
- d. A neutered dog, which has qualified for an entry in the Stud Book will be listed therein with the letters 'NEUT' appearing after its name.
- e. The following dogs are entitled to entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book subject to regulations a, b, c, and d above.
  - (6) Winners of First, Second or Third Prizes in Championship Class "C", at Championship Obedience Classes.

### 3. Warrants

#### b. *Obedience Warrants*

An Obedience Warrant will be issued on application by the registered owner at the time of qualification in respect of a dog that has obtained 14 points whilst ineligible to compete in Championship Class C. The points are to be gained at Championship or Open Obedience Shows, as follows:

- (1) Two points for a First Prize in Novice Class on two occasions only.
- (2) Two points for a First Prize in Class A on two occasions only.
- (3) Two points for a First Prize in Class B on two occasions only.
- (4) Two points for a First Prize in Open Class C on one occasion only.
- (5) The title "OW" may be used after the name of the dog on show entries and in catalogues.

## **KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION**

*As at 1st January 2010*

### **8. Change of Name.—**

- a. Addition of an KennelName. Subject asmentioned below, the registered name of a dog may normally be changed once only, and only by the addition of the owner’s Kennel Name to the existing name in accordance with Regulation B7 and the notes given on the application form. However, the name of a dog cannot be changedmore than thirty days after the date of the first award which qualifies that dog for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book.
- b. Removal of a Kennel Name. If a dog is transferred back to the ownership of the original breeder(s), a Kennel Name added to its name as per sub-para 8a above, may be removed at the request of the original breeder(s). However, thismay only be done provided that:-
  - (1) The written consent of the person(s) who added the Kennel Name is obtained.
  - (2) The dog has not gained entry into the Kennel Club Stud Book. Once a Kennel Name has been removed, no further alterations or amendments to the name will be permitted

**20. Dogs for Competition.—**Dogs entered for any formof Kennel Club competition i.e. Show Classes, Field Trials, Gundog Working Tests, Obedience Tests, Working Trials, Agility and Flyball Competitions must be registered in the name of the person(s) making the entry. If, at the closing date for entries, the owner(s) have applied for but have not received the Kennel Club registration certificate, the dog shall be entered in the name shown as the first choice on the application form for registration and the name should be followed by the letters “N.A.F” (Name Applied For). In the case of applications for transfer of ownership and change of name, the dog should be entered “T.A.F.” (Transfer Applied For) or “C.N.A.F.” (Change of Name Applied For) where application has been made but not received. Dogs are exempt from registration in the following cases:-

- a. Dogs either exhibited exclusively in classes specially exempted by the General Committee or in special classes sanctioned by the General Committee.
- b. Hounds belonging to recognised packs.

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