



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations are to be read in conjunction with The Kennel Club Obedience Show Regulations G under which this show is licensed. It is the responsibility of everyone entering this show to make themselves familiar with the Kennel Club G Regulations, available from the Kennel Club.

- 1 Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
- 2 All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
- 3 Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows.
- 4 A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.
- 5 Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their full details recorded on the entry form.
- 6 Entries can be made online for the Obedience Show at [www.dog.biz](http://www.dog.biz).
- 7 The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
- 8 Cancellation or Abandonment: In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the club/society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the show, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the show date.
- 9 Where dogs are entered solely in classes with a full running order they will be received at any time, except that in Championship Class C, this must not be later than 12 noon. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that exhibits are available for judging when required.
- 10 Timed stays will take place and will take priority over other tests; the times will be published at the show and in the catalogue.
- 11 For the duration of the show all dogs, including those in the exercise area, must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
- 12 The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
- 13 Animals Allowed in Event. No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs 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.
- 14 Following discussion between the Chief Steward and the Show Management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or 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 control 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.The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club.
- 15 Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge.
- 16 No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Show.
- 17 No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.
- 18 Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
- 19 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.
- 20 There is no Prize Money on offer.
- 21 **DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS.** Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. 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 **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 Limited Rules and Regulations.
- 23 Food and/or toys shall not be carried or given to a dog under test except in Introductory Class where silent toy and food rewards may be used between and after exercises and in a Special Class if specified in the class definition. Competitors must not distract other dogs when rewarding their dog with food, toy or play. (Refer to Obedience Code of Conduct).

## DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

- 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 A dog not qualified to enter Championship Class C must be entered in the lowest available class for which it is eligible and may also be entered in another standard class if desired plus one additional class at the Society's discretion. Only qualified dogs may be entered in Championship Class C and these dogs may also enter Open Class C and one additional class at the Society's discretion. (Note the qualification for Championship Class C and Obedience Warrant.)  
Exemptions from this regulation are:- A dog entered in a YKC Obedience Class which may also be entered in a maximum of two other scheduled classes (including YKC classes) for which it is eligible.
- 3 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.

**CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS C (KENNEL CLUB OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE)** 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 further occasions, all Open Class C places and wins must have been won under different Judges at Kennel Club licensed shows.

## DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and the Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts of travelling to and whilst at KC licensed events.

When travelling to a show please take a moment to consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route, and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.

Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.

Keep the dog in the shade – take your own shade, for example a large umbrella, and always have plenty of water available to drink, so your dog stays well hydrated.

Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated, and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare.

**WARNING: IF YOUR DOG IS FOUND TO BE AT RISK FORCIBLE ENTRY TO YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE NECESSARY WITHOUT LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED.**

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Right to Refuse Entries: Exhibitors/Competitors are reminded that show societies have the right under Kennel Club Regulation to refuse any entry.

## EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE

It is most important to put your correct postal address on the entry forms.

Failure to do so may result in your passes being delayed or not received by you at all.

Address should include:

House number (not just house name)

Postal Town

Correct Postcode.

## ADDRESS WITHHELD FOR PUBLICATION.

Please note the points below:

1. Tick the box near your name and address on the front of the entry form if you do **NOT** want your **ADDRESS** to appear in the catalogue. Your name will still be printed above your dog records as normal.
2. Your address is still needed for the sending out of schedules and exhibitors passes. So you must still enter your address in the normal way.
3. If you have ticked the box your address will **NOT** be printed in any catalogues compiled by Higham Press. If in the future you would like your address to be printed then you must **WRITE** directly to Higham Press, New Street, Higham, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6BP, or email [mail@highampress.co.uk](mailto:mail@highampress.co.uk). Telephone requests will **NOT** be accepted.

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