



## RANDOM LITTLE TIDBITS (# 9)

Below is the next installment of Random Little Tidbits of information (from me) in regards to the AKC Obedience Regulations. Knowledge of the Regulations provides you the power for...

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Today's Random Little Tidbit – [New Eligibility Requirements For Alternative and Optional Titling Classes.](#)

For a quick review of other significant revisions coming December 1, 2015 see Random Little Tidbits #5

Mark your calendar! On December 1<sup>st</sup> there will be several optional titling classes in which the eligibility requirements are being changed! Beware of the new eligibility requirements before entering any shows which will take place after November 30<sup>th</sup> to insure your qualifying scores will be credited. **If you have Qs now in the optional titling classes and the December changes may affect the title you are working on, now would be the time to finish up the title before the changes take place.** Below is a quick review of the coming changes:

#### Beginner Novice A

"The Beginner Novice A class shall be for dogs that have not won the **BN** title. A handler must own the dog entered, or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family, and may not have previously handled any dog that has earned any AKC Obedience title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B at any trial." The reason stated for the change: "This class is for inexperienced dogs. By limiting which dogs can be entered we address the problem of advanced dogs entering."

#### Beginner Novice B

"The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class to earn a **BN** title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B at any trial. This class is for dogs without an obedience title, or who may have earned a **BN, CD, or PCD** title." The reasoning, "This class is for inexperienced dogs. By limiting which dogs can be entered we address the problem of advanced dogs entering."

#### Graduate Novice

This class is for all dogs. Removed eligibility; this is addressed in the first sentence and again in Chapter 1, Section 16 regarding when titles are won.

#### Graduate Open

This class is open to all dogs.

#### The Pre-Novice class converts to Preferred Novice

The Preferred Novice class is an *alternative* titling class for dogs that have not won the **CDX** or **PCDX** title.

#### The Pre-Open class converts to Preferred Open

The Preferred Open class is an *alternative* titling class for dogs that have won the **CD** or **PCD** or higher Regular or Preferred title.

#### The Pre-Utility class converts to Preferred Utility

The Preferred Utility class is an *alternative* titling class for dogs that have won the **CDX** or **PCDX** or higher Regular or Preferred title.

#### Versatility

No changes in eligibility, plus continued showing in this class is addressed in Chapter 1, Section 16 where all other class eligibility is addressed.

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