



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 -   
Added new words to the Glossary of Terms + new Judge's Book procedures.

Check out the **six (6) new words** added to the Glossary of Terms (**red**). Also check out the complete glossary which may help you better understand the full meaning of specific words used in the Regulations. These twenty-eight (28) defined words describe what a judge is looking for in the performance and knowing them well might be of assistance in your training.

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**Brisk, briskly** — keenly alive, alert, energetic

**Command** — verbal order from handler to dog

**Croup** — the dogs top rump area

**Crowding** — a dog so close to the handler as to interfere with the handler's freedom of motion

**Directly** — immediately, without deviation or hesitation

**Down** — the dog's body is on the ground; the dog's weight is off the feet & legs

**Drop completely** — a down position that would be acceptable for a Long Down exercise

**Excused** — A dog must be excused any time there is aggressive behavior toward another dog, a dog that is lame, unfit to compete, if there is anything attached to it for medical or corrective purposes, bitch in season, dog is not under its handler's control, handler who willfully interferes with another competitor/dog, a handler training/disciplining a dog in the ring, or a dog that is unable to be examined.

**Finish** — the dog goes from a position in front of the handler to the heel position

**Gently** — with kindness, without harshness or roughness

**Guiding gently by the collar** — control of the dog by holding any part of the collar with minimal pressure on the dog's neck

**Lame** — irregularity or impairment of the function of locomotion, irrespective of the cause or how slight or severe

**Minor deduction** — 1/2 point to 2 1/2 points

**Mouthing** — when a dog chews or rolls the dumbbell in its mouth unnecessarily

**Natural** — not artificial; free of affectation; what is customarily expected in the home or public places

**Order** — direction from judge to handler, either verbal or nonverbal

**Prompt response** — without hesitation, immediate, quick

**Regularly trained or instructed** — where a dog and/or handler meet on a regular basis for instruction. A regular basis is considered a set pattern of dates, such as monthly or more often.

**Released** — A dog **will** be released from the group exercise if it has non-qualified in the individual exercises, a dog may be released from further competition in the class for misbehavior, in extreme cases a dog that must be repositioned in the group exercise by its handler may be released. A dog must be released from the group exercise for displaying uncontrolled behavior, if it interferes with another dog or does not remain sitting during the first part of the group exercise.

**Resentment** — resistance, unwillingness

**Signal** — nonverbal direction from the handler to dog, as described in chapter 2, section 20

**Sit** — the dog has its rear and/or hocks on the ground

**Smartly** — quickly, vigorously

**Substantial deduction** — 3 points or more

**Training** — as related to where a student-handler/teacher-judge relationship is established, with or without compensation.

**Turn in place** — turning in the circle that was occupied by the handler before they started to turn

**Withers** — highest point of the dog's shoulder

### New procedures and abbreviations to follow when marking the Judge's Book:

- In the Open B, Utility B, Preferred Open and Preferred Utility classes the exercises will not be listed; write them in.
- If a dog has non-qualified and is "Released" write "NQ-R" ("Non-Qualifying Released") then carry down an "NQ" in the "Total Score" box.
- If a handler leaves the ring before completing the exercises, write "HLR" (Handler Left Ring) then carry down an "NQ" in the "Total Score" box.
- Verify that all the Group Exercise boxes have been marked accordingly, including a zero for no points off.
- Verify that all **Miscellaneous Penalty boxes** have been marked accordingly, **including a zero for no points off.**
- Verify all absentees have been marked accordingly.

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