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Today's Random Little Tidbit – [Tweaks that are now in effect to the Regulations](#)

There have been a few tweaks and clarifications in scoring to the AKC Obedience Regulations which have been noted on the AKC Obedience Blog. The relevant changes will be printed in the next printing of the Regulations, but are in effect now! Are you aware of them? To “keep up” and to be notified now may be a good time to sign up to the Blog. <https://akcbedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/>

Three examples:

### I. Identification

Articles and the article carrying case must comply with the Regulations Chapter 1, Section 10, Identification. Club clothing, AKC event clothing, or breed clothing may be worn by anyone exhibiting a dog or by ring stewards. Clothing may display the person's name, the dog's call name and/or the dog's picture. Titles may not be displayed. Writing or graphics on the clothing must not be in poor taste or contain profanity. Clothing must not display any information that would be in conflict with a sponsor of the trial. Effective 9/1/17.

### II. Chapter 18, Graduate Open Scent Discrimination Exercise, Performance and Scoring Clarification

The dog and handler are required to begin this exercise facing the articles and remain facing the articles throughout the exercise. When the judge orders, “Take an article”, the handler and dog may move together to take an article without penalty.

### III. Chapter 18, Graduate Open – Go Out

In an effort to clarify scoring of the dog that changes position or moves before the handler has returned to heel position the following sentence will be added to **Section 8, Go Out Scoring:** Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that changes position after sitting or moves even a short distance after stopping.

**Section 8, Go Out, Scoring.** A dog will receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score if it: anticipates the handler's command and/or signal to go out; fails to leave the handler; does not go out between the jumps; does not stop and remain at least 10 feet past the jumps without an additional command. Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that changes position after sitting or moves even a short distance after stopping.

Minor or substantial deductions will be made for a dog that does not stop on command, that does not stop in the approximate center of the ring about 20 feet past the jumps, that does not sit, that receives an additional command to sit after the dog has stopped, or that anticipates the handler's command to sit. Depending on the extent, minor or substantial deductions will be made for slowness in going out.

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