

Below is the next in a series of Random 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 – **Pondering What Obedience/Rally Class to Enter?**

You are now ready to enter an Obedience trial but not sure of what class to enter? Below is a *quick guide* to offer some assistance in what you may, or may not, be eligible to enter. Next, check the AKC Obedience Regulations for a description of the exercises performed in each of these classes. Download a copy to your computer and/or phone: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>

AKC Obedience Titling Classes

The Regular classes must be completed in the order listed.

Optional Titling Classes and Alternative Titling Classes are not required for the dog to progress to other classes.

The following list shows the order of obedience classes in the progression of the difficulty.

Regular Classes	Alternative Titling Classes	Optional Titling Classes
Novice	Preferred Novice	Beginner Novice
Open	Preferred Open	Graduate Novice
Utility	Preferred Utility	Graduate Open
		Versatility

Obedience: Handlers in the “A” classes must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner’s household or immediate family.

Beginner Novice A {BN title}	Novice A {CD title}	Open A {CDX title}	Utility A {UD title}
<p>Must not have handled a dog that has earned any AKC Obedience title.</p> <p>Dog must not have won the BN title or any other AKC obedience title.</p> <p>May show in Beginner Novice A for 60 days after earning a BN title.</p>	<p>For Dogs that have not won the CD title. Dogs with a BN title MAY show in Novice A.</p> <p>The person handling the dog must not have previously handled any dog that has earned a Regular or Preferred AKC Novice, Open or Utility title.</p> <p>May show in Novice A for 60 days after earning a CD title or until competing in Open.</p>	<p>For dogs with a CD title but not a CDX title.</p> <p>May not have trained or exhibited a dog that has earned an OTCH.</p> <p>May show in Open A for 60 days after earning a CDX title or until competing in Utility.</p>	<p>For dogs with a CDX title but not a UD title.</p> <p>May not have trained or exhibited a dog that has earned an OTCH.</p> <p>May compete in Utility A for 60 days after earning a UD title.</p>

Obedience: Handlers in the “B” classes may be the owner of the dog entered or any other person.

Beginner Novice B {BN title}	Novice B {CD title}	Open B {CDX title}	Utility B {UDX title}
<p>For dogs that have not earned any AKC obedience title, or who have earned a BN, CD and/or PCD title; but no other additional AKC obedience titles.</p> <p>Dogs may continue to be shown in this class indefinitely.</p>	<p>May have the CD title.</p> <p>A dog may continue to compete in this class until it receives either a qualifying score in the Open class or earns a Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes award.</p> <p>Then may not be entered in Novice B at any future trials for which entries have not closed.</p>	<p>Dog must have a CD title.</p> <p>Dog may have a CDX or UD title.</p> <p>Dogs may continue to be shown in this class indefinitely.</p>	<p>Dog must have a CDX title.</p> <p>Dog may have a UD title.</p> <p>Dogs may continue to be shown in this class indefinitely.</p>

Preferred Novice {PCD title}	Preferred Open {PCDX title}	Preferred Utility {PUTD title}
For dogs that have not won the CDX or PCDX or higher Regular or Preferred titles prior to the closing of entries. Dogs may continue to be shown in these classes until it has won the CDX or PCDX or higher Regular or Preferred title, or earns a Highest Scoring Dog in the Preferred Classes award more than 60-days after they earn the PCD title. Anyone can handle a dog in the class.	For dogs that have won the CD or PCD or higher Regular or Preferred titles prior to the closing of entries. Dogs may continue to be shown in these classes indefinitely. Anyone can handle a dog in the class.	For dogs that have won the CDX or PCDX or higher Regular or Preferred titles prior to the closing of entries. Dogs may continue to be shown in these classes indefinitely. Anyone can handle a dog in the class.
Graduate Novice {GN title}	Graduate Open {GO title}	Versatility {VER title}
For all dogs. Dogs may continue to be shown in this class indefinitely.	For all dogs. Dogs may continue to be shown in this class indefinitely.	For all dogs. Dogs may continue to be shown in this class indefinitely.



AKC Rally™ Titling Classes

There are three levels of classes, with two divisions; each with increasing levels of difficulty:

Rally Novice	Rally Intermediate	Rally Advanced	Rally Excellent	Rally Master
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AKC Rally™: Handlers in the “A” classes must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner’s household or immediate family.

Rally Novice A {RN title}	Rally Advanced A {RA title}	Rally Excellent A {RE title}
Dogs may not have an AKC RN or any AKC obedience title (including Optional Class titles) prior to the close of entries. Handlers may not have earned any AKC Rally or obedience titles.	Dog must have an RN title but not an RA title or any AKC obedience title (including Optional Class titles) prior to close of entries. May show in Rally Advanced A for 60 days after earning an RA title.	Dogs must have an RA title but not an RE title or any AKC Obedience title (including Optional Class titles) prior to close of entries. May show in Rally Excellent A for 60 days after earning an RE title.

AKC Rally™: Handlers in the “B” classes may be the owner of the dog entered or any other person.

Rally Novice B {RN title}	Rally Advanced B {RA title & RAE title}	Rally Excellent B {RE title & RAE title}
Dogs may be entered in this class until earning a qualifying score in Rally Advanced.	Dog must have an RN title to be eligible to enter this class. May compete indefinitely.	Dog must have an RA title to be eligible to enter this class. May compete indefinitely.
Rally Intermediate {RI title}		Rally Master {RM title}
Dogs must have an RN title but not have won the RA title prior to close of entries.		Dog must have an RE title to be eligible to enter this class. May compete indefinitely.

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