



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 – **Knowledge Is Your Key To Success**

A good thought (plus a positive way of thinking) to *always* keep in mind when competing in Performance events:

1. In reality, a team is competing against the **AKC Regulations**, not another team.
2. It is a team's goal to qualify in accordance with the Regulations and to do it with their best ability on that given day.
3. It is the judge's responsibility to qualify the teams who have met the minimum standards and then place those qualifiers in the order of their performances, also in accordance with the Regulations.
4. If you scored higher than a fellow exhibitor you did not beat them! **No one was defeated!**
5. You, in that judge's opinion, on that day, on that performance, qualified. The four that came closest to the Standard of Perfection (Chapter 2, Section 2) in their performances *overall* were the prize winners. The other qualifiers were also winners with their qualifying scores and legs towards a title.

I will always remember Alma Rosser, a judge from our past, giving such advice as she presented the awards.

We all have different goals in our training and trialing. For some it is just to qualify! I fall into that category. For others the goal may be to come as close to the Regulations' Standard of Perfection as they can. There is lots of wiggle room in Obedience to qualify; this is one of the features that make it such a GREAT sport to play in. It is a sport for all breeds which offers many levels of competition from the basic entry level to an obedience championship.

With the above said, it is up to you to know your Regulations as knowledge is your key to success. Think of it as a game, and with all games there are rules and regulations to learn from in how to play and what to expect. To help the newbie, or to review, there are many **Dog-Talk** and **Random Little Tidbits** articles on the subject (last count over 115). This article will list a few to review for starters, which will pertain to the class(es) you may be entered in. I would first suggest you read the Regulations, then the articles below which may help provide more insight so you can put your best effort forward. If you are a newbie to the Regulations, I would suggest reading Chapters 1, 2, Obedience Judge's Guidelines, Glossary of Obedience Terms, and the chapter in which you are aiming to compete. The above and below articles may be found in the Saint Bernard National Archives Library, <https://saintbernardarchive.com/library/>

The AKC Obedience Regulations is on the AKC webpage, <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>

Class	Dog-Talk Articles	Random Little Tidbits
Novice	General Articles Novice Articles Word Puzzles	Numbers 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 31, 43, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62
Open	General Articles Open Articles Word Puzzles	Numbers 1, 2, 6, 7, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 43, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62
Utility	General Articles Utility Articles Word Puzzles	Numbers 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 43, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62
Giving Back	Judging Articles. Novice, Open, Utility Articles, <i>plus take the tests in each article.</i> Word Puzzles	Numbers 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 42, 44, 48, 49, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 These are specific to judging.

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