



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...

## ***Saving Withdrawals from Your 200 Account***

### Today's Random Little Tidbit – Keeping Up With The AKC Blog, or Snoozing?



Keep in the know about the latest changes, especially if you have not shown (or judged) for a while. Sign up for the **AKC Blog** (address below) and enter your email address to be informed of the latest postings. One item in particular that is catching some by surprise is the new Judges' Books in regards to "Combined Classes," plus a few other items listed below.

The "new" scheduling changes went into effect September 4, 2019 but were not **required until January 1, 2020**—***which translates, these are NOW in effect.***

#### 1. Combined Preferred & Regular Open B/Utility B Classes

**A. Schedule** – The same start time is listed for both classes. **See following pages: Judging Program**

**B. Entries** will be judged in jump height order.

**C. Preferred class entries** will be designated with the letter "P" in the judging program, catalog, judge's books and on the exhibitor armband. (Although recommended for exhibitors, armband numbers are not required to be published in the judging program.)

**D.** Yes, dogs may be entered in BOTH the Preferred and the relevant "B" class. The same dog may be listed (and judged) twice in the same judge's book, once in Preferred class and once in the Regular class.

**E. Judge's Book** – The combined classes should have the placements crossed out on the bottom of the forms, and the placements should be marked only on the Awards Placement Sheet. **See following pages: Awards Placement Sheet, plus a chart I made to help decipher the correct placements between the two classes to avoid errors and save time.**

**F. Awards** – Separate class awards, **do not** bring the two classes in together.

#### 2. Combined Preferred Novice & Novice A Walkthrough

**A. Schedule** – When less than 20 combined dogs are entered, the same start time will be listed for both classes. **SEE the Judging Program in the following pages.**

**B. Walkthroughs** – Ten or more dogs entered = 10-minutes; less than ten dogs = 5-minutes.

The only difference in these classes is the Preferred teams perform the *Stay-Sit or Down-Handler Walk Around the Ring*. **Please be clear about this during the walkthrough, remember these are our new people!** The Novice A teams, if they qualify during the individual exercises, may return for the Novice Group Exercise.

**C. Awards** – Separate class awards, **do not** bring the two classes in together.

#### 3. Combining the Novice A & B Group Exercise

**A. Schedule** – For the judge to be able to combine the Novice A and B classes Group exercise, the classes must be scheduled to follow one another. **SEE the Judging Program in following pages.**

**B.** The judge may combine these classes, for the Group exercise, **ONLY if the combined total of dogs returning for the Group exercise can be judged in one group** without exceeding the limit of dogs based on the size of the ring.

**C. Awards** – Separate class awards, **do not** bring the two classes in together.

#### 4. Combined Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B Walkthrough

**A. Schedule** – When less than 20 combined dogs are entered, the same start time will be listed for both classes. **SEE the Judging Program in following pages.**

**B. Walkthroughs** – Ten or more dogs entered = 10-minutes; less than ten dogs = 5-minutes. Only the Walkthrough is combined (not the classes for judging) and that these two classes do **have to have separate books**, and if they don't let the AKC know [obedience@akc.org](mailto:obedience@akc.org).

**C. Awards** – Separate class awards, **do not** bring the two classes in together.

**Judges:** If the "Award Placement Sheet" (**only for the B classes**) is insufficient, or missing information write it up in the Judge's Book cover and call it to the attention of the Superintendent/Show Secretary, **PLUS do a follow up to [obedience@akc.org](mailto:obedience@akc.org)**

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Two examples of Obedience Judging Programs,  
Showing Combined Regular and Preferred Classes For Judging.

**EXAMPLE 1**

**RING 5 MRS M SMITH**

**7:30 am**

- 2 Utility A Class  
12; 19

**7:50 am**

- 2 Preferred Utility Class
- 6 Utility B Class  
P7; 14; 26; P19; 30; 33-34; 37

**9:05 am**

- 3 Preferred Open Class
- 4 Open B Class  
P30; 15; 16; P31-P32;17-18

**10:00 am**

- 1 Graduate Novice Class  
38

**10:10 am**

- 1 Novice A Class  
31

**10:25 am**

- 3 Beginner Novice A Class  
8;23;29

**MRS SMITH MOVES TO RING 2**

**EXAMPLE 2**

**RING 9 JUDGE: Mrs. D. Thomas (Judge will take a 45-minute lunch break at her discretion.)**

**8:30 AM**

- 3 – Preferred Utility
- 2 - Utility B  
Nos P30 35 P36 P37 38

**9:10 AM**

- 1 - Preferred Open
- 3 - Open B  
Nos 24 30 P34 35

**9:45 AM**

- 1 - Graduate Novice  
Nos 51

**9:50 AM A combined walkthrough, prior to the start of the Pref. Novice/Novice A classes, will be allowed for handlers without their dogs. Classes to Follow.**

- 1 - Preferred Novice  
Nos 6
- 1 – Novice A  
Nos 9

**10:05 AM**

- 5 - Novice B  
Nos 12 15 17 18 21

**11:00 AM A combined walkthrough, prior to the start of the Beginner Novice Classes, will be allowed for handlers without their dogs. Classes to Follow.**

- 4 - Beginner Novice B  
Nos 45 46 47 49
- 3 - Beginner Novice A  
Nos 12 41 43

This scheduling example shows the combined walkthrough for Preferred Novice and Novice A, as well as it allows the judge to combine the Group Exercise for Novice A & B.

## OBEDIENCE JUDGES' BOOKS

### ATTENTION All Superintendents, Trial Secretaries & Judges

- The second page of this document contains the “**Awards Placement Sheet**.” Follow the instructions and complete the necessary information.
- **The Awards Placement Sheet must be attached as the last page in each judges’ book when:**
  - The Open B & Preferred Open classes are combined.
  - The Utility B & Preferred Utility classes are combined.
  - Specialty & Group clubs are holding a #2 Specialty Obedience Trial.

**This is effective for trials held on or after September 4, 2019 as an option and is REQUIRED to be attached to these judges’ books for trials held on or after January 1, 2020.**

- The Event #, Date, Judge Name, Type of Trial and Class Names are to be completed by the Superintendent/Trial Secretary; the Scoring sections A and/or B are completed by the Judge.
- The Awards Placement Sheet is to be used with the current stock of judges’ books until those forms are gone. To avoid confusion, when using up old forms from stock, attach the Awards Placement Sheet as the last page in the judges’ book and cross out the placement section on all the other pages.
- Once your current stock of judges’ books are gone, please use the newest template available on the AKC website which can be found under the Downloadable Forms page.
- The marked official judges’ book tear sheets, including the Awards Placement tear sheet, must be made available to the exhibitors immediately after the ribbons have been awarded in each class.

## AWARD PLACEMENT SHEET

*Judges mark the placements for the classes as follows:*

- *All-Breed trial: Fill in all of section A.*
- *Specialty trial (single breed): Fill in all of section B.*
- *Specialty trial (Option 2 – open to all-breeds): Fill in all sections.*

Event # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Trial Type: [ ] Regular [ ] Specialty Option 2

**A**

**Class Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ ALL-BREED Awards  
 First Place Second Place Third Place Fourth Place

Winners \_\_\_\_\_  
 Score \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred ALL-BREED Awards  
 First Place Second Place Third Place Fourth Place

Winners \_\_\_\_\_  
 Score \_\_\_\_\_

## **SPECIALTY/GROUP AWARDS ONLY:**

**B**

**Class Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIALTY/GROUP Awards  
 First Place Second Place Third Place Fourth Place

Winners \_\_\_\_\_  
 Score \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred SPECIALTY/GROUP Awards  
 First Place Second Place Third Place Fourth Place

Winners \_\_\_\_\_  
 Score \_\_\_\_\_

## Chart For Calculating Placements Between The Regular And Preferred Classes

200 - 190 Scores	REGULAR Armband #	PREFERRED Armband #	189.5 - 180 Scores	REGULAR Armband #	PREFERRED Armband #	179.5 - 170 Scores	REGULAR Armband #	PREFERRED Armband #
200								
199.5			189.5			179.5		
199			189			179		
198.5			188.5			178.5		
198			188			178		
197.5			187.5			177.5		
197			187			177		
196.5			186.5			176.5		
196			186			176		
195.5			185.5			175.5		
195			185			175		
194.5			184.5			174.5		
194			184			174		
193.5			183.5			173.5		
193			183			173		
192.5			182.5			172.5		
192			182			172		
191.5			181.5			171.5		
191			181			171		
190.5			180.5			170.5		
190			180			170		



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Regular Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Score

\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Score

\_\_\_\_\_

**Circle Class**

Open  
Utility