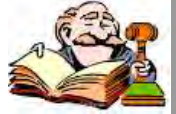


Below is the next in a series of Random Tidbits of information (from me) in regards to the AKC Obedience Regulations. Knowledge of the Regulations provides you the power for...

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Today's Random Little Tidbit - Judge's Orders per the Regulations

Oh no, not another chart?! **Yes**, another chart! 😊 This chart will provide a quick review of the correct judge's orders to be used at an AKC Obedience Trial by the judge, having them all in one easy to find location. Keep in mind, a judge's order is a direction from *judge to handler*, either verbal or nonverbal. A command is a verbal order *from handler to dog*, per the **Glossary of Obedience Terms** in the back of the Regulations. The actual orders to be used are in "quotes," right there in the Regulations in the *description* of each exercise. Check them out!

Using the words *in quotes* is all a part of Standardized Judging (**Chapter 2, Section 1**), plus it has been noted on the **AKC Obedience Rally Blog** not to abbreviate or add words to the judge's orders that are in the quotes.

To quote the AKC Obedience Rally Blog

"Chapter 2, Section 4 states, 'The orders and signals should be given to the handlers in a clear and understandable manner...'. Several judges have been observed using only one word for an order that requires more than one word to be used. **Example:** "left" for "left turn," "about" for "about turn," "send" for "send your dog." *This confuses exhibitors who are not familiar with your judging procedures or may be new to the sport.* Please use the orders as they are stated in the Obedience Regulations for every exercise."

A few other examples of more common errors heard in not giving the correct judge's orders:

1. Adding *extra words* to the **Directed Jumping** order. The one word order is, "**High**," or "**Bar**."
2. Adding *extra words* to the **Directed Retrieve** order. The one word order is, "**One**," or "**Two**," or "**Three**."
3. Adding *extra words* to the 1st order in **Scent Discrimination**. The correct order is, "**Take an article**."
4. Leaving *out words* (to heel) in **Moving Stand And Examination**. The correct order is, "Call your dog **to heel**."
5. Leaving *out words* in **Stand (or Sit) Stay – Get Your Leash**. The correct order is, "Leave your dog **to get your leash**."

The Judge's Orders chart may be used as a learning or reviewing tool for:

1. A new judge learning to use the correct words (in quotes) for each exercise.
2. For a judge to review the correct words that need to be used.
3. The exhibitor may also want to review the chart to know what words to expect in the ring from their judge.

There seems to be enough of an issue on this subject where the correct judge's order verbiage is not being stated correctly to the exhibitors, even to the point where it needed to be addressed on the Blog. Test yourself, have others test you, to see where your knowledge is strong or needing improvement. Have you committed to muscle memory the entire collection of the correct judge's orders that are in quotes? Who is earning the 200 here?

Laminate and post the chart in a training center (or in a club newsletter) for all to learn from, and be prepared for knowing what to expect from a judge when entering the ring.

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Judge's Orders To Be Used As Stated in "Quotes" per the Regulations

Before starting each exercise, the judge will ask, "Are you ready?"
At the end of each exercise the judge will say, "Exercise finished."

Classes	Exercise	Actual Judge's Order(s) In "Quotes" per the Regulations (Do not add or subtract words)	Chapter	Section
Novice	Heel on Leash & Figure Eight	"Forward", "Halt", "Right turn", "Left turn", "About turn", "Slow", "Normal" and "Fast".	3	5
	Stand For Examination	"Stand your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog."	3	7
	Heel Free	Orders the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash & Figure Eight	3	9
	Recall	"Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."	3	10
	Sit Stay – Get Your Leash	"Sit your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash," and "Back to your dog." Judge to inform handlers to, "Clip your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog."	3	12
	Group	"Sit your dogs," "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs." The judge will tell the exhibitors "Maintain control of your dogs." as they are about to exit the ring.	3	14
Open & Preferred Open	Heel Free	Orders the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash & Figure Eight	4	6
	Command Discrimination	"Leave your dog" and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog."	4	7
	Drop On Recall	"Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish."	4	9
	Retrieve on Flat	"Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."	4	11
	Retrieve Over High Jump	"Throw it," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."	4	13
	Broad Jump	"Leave your dog," "Send your dog," and "Finish."	4	15
	Stand Stay – Get Your Leash	"Stand your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash" and "Back to your dog." Judge to inform handlers to, "Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog."	4	17
Utility & Preferred Utility	Signal Exercise	Orders the same as in the Novice Heel Free, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." On further order to "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish.	5	6
	Scent Discrimination	"Take an article," "The taking of the article from the handler," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."	5	8
	Directed Retrieve	"One," "Two," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish."	5	10
	Moving Stand and Examination	"Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel."	5	12
	Directed Jumping	"Send your dog," "Bar," "High" and "Finish."	5	14

Classes	Exercise	Actual Judge's Order(s) In "Quotes" per the Regulations (Do not add or subtract words)	Chapter	Section
Preferred Novice	Exercises	Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Stand for Examination, Heel Free, and Recall will use the same Judge's Orders as the Regular Novice exercises.	11	4, 5 6, 7
	Stay – Sit or Down Handler Walk Around the Ring	"Sit your dog," or "Down your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished."	11	8
Beginner Novice	Heel Free	"Forward" and "Exercise Finished."	16	6
	Figure Eight	"Forward," "Halt," and "Exercise Finished."	16	8
	Sit For Exam	"Sit your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog" and "Exercise finished."	16	10
	Sit Stay – Handler Walk Around the Ring	"Sit your dog," "Leave your dog," and "Exercise finished."	16	12
	Recall	"Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Exercise finished."	16	14
Graduate Novice	Heel Free	Orders the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash & Figure Eight	17	4
	Drop On Recall	"Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish."	17	5
	Dumbbell Recall	"Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish."	17	7
	Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	"Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it" and "Finish."	17	9
	Recall over Broad Jump	"Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."	17	11
	Stand Stay – Get Your Leash	"Stand your dog," "Leave your dog to get your leash" and "Back to your dog." Judge to inform handlers to, " Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog."	17	13
Graduate Open	Signal Exercise	Orders the same as in the Novice Heel Free, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." On further order to "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish.	18	4
	Scent Discrimination	"Take an article," "The taking of the article from the handler," "Send your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."	18	6
	Go Out	"Send your dog" and "Back to your dog."	18	7
	Directed Jumping	"Leave your dog," "Bar" or "High," and "Finish."	18	9
	Moving Stand And Examination	"Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel."	18	11
	Directed Retrieve	"One," or "Three," "Take it," and "Finish." Glove 2 is not used.	18	12
Versatility	2 Regular Novice 2 Regular Open 2 Regular Utility	Review the Novice, Open and Utility Judge's Orders	Chapters 3, 4, 5 All Sections	