

CRUFTS DOG SHOW
INTER-REGIONAL OBEDIENCE COMPETITION 2018

Team Manager Guidelines

An obedience competition between teams from

Scotland
Northern Ireland
North
Midlands
Wales
South East and East Anglia
South and South West

Each team manager is appointed for a 3-year period and must fulfil the following criteria.

- i. Reside in the area they manage
- ii. Demonstrate a real interest in the competition
- iii. Actively promote the competition
- iv. Appoint 2 assistant managers for the appointment period (who will be entitled to free entry and car parking for the day of the event). The choice of assistant managers should be used to ensure that all areas of the region are covered by the team selection process.
- v. Ensure any equipment required for team selection and training is available to team members.
- vi. Liaise with the event coordinator as required.

Skills / attributes

- i. Good communication and organisational skills.
- ii. Ability to work with team members and assistants to build team spirit and ensure everyone understands their role and responsibilities for the day.
- iii. Access to and an ability to use a computer, in particular completing word documents received by email and then returned to the coordinator by email.

Team selection process

Team managers will host at least one team selection event to which dogs and handlers are invited to attend through an application process that is clearly advertised throughout their area.

The application form will contain the following information;

1. Dog and handler details
2. List of awards achieved during the year
3. The class level applied for.

Once a team is selected the manager shall host at least one team training session to build team spirit, to ensure all members are suitably acquainted with the tests and requirements for the day.

Expectations for competition day

- i. Arrive at Obedience competition area early enough to meet all team members as they arrive and to ensure they are briefed in preparation for the day.
- ii. Lead the team in the parade at the start and finish of the day.
- iii. Ensure each team member is in the collecting ring ready to compete as required.
- iv. Offer the reserve handler and dog the opportunity to work in the ring during the lunch break.

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Definition of regions.

Region	Counties included
Scotland	All counties in Scotland
Northern Ireland	All counties in Northern Ireland, Isle of Man
North	Durham, Cleveland, Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, Humberside, South, West and North Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cumbria, Cheshire and Merseyside
Midlands	Nottinghamshire, West Midlands, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Derbyshire and Rutland
Wales	All counties in Wales
South East and East Anglia	Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, East and West Sussex, Surrey, Greater London, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Berkshire and Middlesex.
South and South West	Herefordshire, Somerset, Avon, Wiltshire, Devon, Cornwall, Dorset and Gloucestershire

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An obedience competition between 7 teams - one each from:

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North

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Teams to consist of:-

One dog per level equivalent to Beginner, B and C, two dogs per level equivalent to Novice and A, plus a reserve (Beginner level) making a total of 8 dogs per team.

All dogs selected must be eligible to compete for the level they are chosen at the closing date.

Each dog selected must be capable of moving up to the next class should a dog withdraw from the competition after the closing date for submission of team details. The Beginner reserve dog will then compete at the basic level. A non-travelling reserve can be chosen for each class, bearing in mind breed restrictions for the competition. Up to two reserves can be used up to 14 days before the event should first choice dog and/or handler be forced to withdraw due to ill health or some other serious occurrence. Prior consent to use a reserve must be sought from the Coordinator and Chief Steward. There will be no substitutions in the 14 days before Crufts.

There will be no more than;

2 Border Collies or Working Sheepdogs

3 Crossbreeds (one of which must not be a Collie/Working Sheepdog type)

3 of any other single breed.

1. Owners of dogs should be resident in a county in the region they represent.
2. In the event of a tie, the Class C dogs will run off to decide the winning team.

NB: there will be no run off in individual classes – in the event of a tie both winners will receive winning points.

- 3 Obedience Champions cannot compete.
- 4 Competitors in the Crufts Obedience Championships 2018 cannot compete.
- 5 Closing date for eligibility is the last day of October 2017
- 6 Medals and an Award will be presented to the winning team and the runners-up. In addition prize cards will be presented to the first 4 places in each class.
- 7 All tests will be as defined under Kennel Club Obedience Show Regulations (G) in force on the date of the show.