



Regulation amendments to facilitate the removal of stays for obedience
Approved by the Board 12 October 2021

Regulation G14. Obedience Certificates.

TO:

- a. The Kennel Club will offer an Obedience Certificate (Dog) and an Obedience Certificate (Bitch) for winners of first prizes in Class C Dog and Class C Bitch at a championship show, provided that the exhibits do not lose more than 15 points out of ~~300~~ **230**, and provided also that the classes are open to all breeds.
- b. Judges must also award a Reserve Best of Sex provided that the exhibit has not lost more than 15 points out of ~~300~~ **230**.

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Regulation G18. Facilities.

TO:

- a. Judging rings shall not in any circumstances contain less than 83 sq m (900 sq ft) of clear floor space and shall not be less than 6 m (20 ft) in width except that for Championship Class C the ring must contain not less than 148 sq m (1600 sq ft). Ring sizes should, where possible, be considerably larger. ~~Stay rings must be of an adequate size to cope with the largest expected entry.~~

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Regulation G29.c.

TO:

Where classes are divided, competitors entered therein shall be notified of all changes ~~and timed stay exercises must not be held earlier than advertised for the original class.~~

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Regulation G29.f.(6)

TO:

All published running orders must be strictly observed. Competitors reporting late will be excluded from competition unless they have previously reported to the chief steward that they are actually working a dog in Championship Class C ~~or in the Stay test of another class.~~

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Regulation G29.g.

TO:

~~Where timed stays will take place it must be announced in the schedule that they will take priority over other tests. The times of such tests to be published at the show and in the catalogue, if available, and may also be published with running orders. Published stay times must not be changed, except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the show management. In the case of Championship Class C, stays must not be judged before 12 noon. In all other cases, timed stays must not commence before one hour after the published time for the commencement of judging.~~

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Regulation G32.h.

TO:

The judging of Championship Class C takes priority over all other classes ~~except the timed stays of those classes provided for in Regulation G29.g.~~

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Regulation G 34.e. Competing

TO:

Any dog which is not presented for ~~stay or the~~ scent exercises when called for testing will be considered to have withdrawn from the class.

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Regulation G(A) ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

TO:

CLASSES

5. Introductory.

- a. This class is to introduce and support newcomers to obedience competition. In this class only incentives in the form of a toy or rewards are allowed to be carried by the handler in the competitive ring and may be given to the dog at the end of an exercise or in between exercises. Rewards include food which must be carried in a small closed container during the exercises. The judge will designate an area in the competitive ring where food may be given to the dog by the handler.
- b. To compete in the Introductory Class a handler or dog must not have won one Introductory Class or have achieved a 4th place or above in Pre-Beginners or in any other class.
- c. Handlers will not be penalised for encouragement or extra commands in all exercises ~~except stays~~.
- d. ~~The stays to be completed on lead, handler facing sideways onto the dog in the designated stay ring.~~
- e d. In any exercise attempted the competing team cannot lose all the allocated points for that exercise but must be awarded a minimum of two points for each exercise they have attempted.
- f e. The detailed test will be:
 - (1) Play with dog for 15-30 seconds on or off lead at the handler's choice. Handlers may use a silent toy 10 points
 - (2) Heel on lead 10 points
 - (3) Recall with a finish on lead, off lead or long line, at the handler's choice 10 points
 - (4) ~~1 minute stay on lead in either the sit or down at handler's choice 10 points~~
40 points
 - (5 4) TOTAL 40 **30** points

6. Pre-Beginners.

- a. To compete in Pre-Beginners a handler or dog must not have won two first places in either Pre-Beginners or Beginners nor gained a third place or above in any other Obedience class (Introductory Class excepted).
- b. The detailed tests will be:
 - (1) Heel on lead 15 points
 - (2) Heel free 20 points
 - (3) Recall 10 points
 - (4) ~~Sit one minute, handler in sight 10 points~~
 - (5) ~~Down two minutes, handler in sight 20 points~~
 - (6 4) TOTAL 75 **45** points

7. Beginners.

- a. To compete in Beginners a handler or dog must not have won a total of two or more first places in Beginners class or one first place in any other Obedience class (Introductory class and Pre-Beginners excepted).
- b. The detailed tests will be:
 - (1) Heel on lead 15 points
 - (2) Heel free 20 points
 - (3) Recall 10 points
 - (4) Retrieve any article 25 points
 - (5) ~~Sit one minute handler in sight 10 points~~
 - (6) ~~Down two minutes, handler in sight 20 points~~



~~(7 5)~~ TOTAL ~~400~~ **70** points

8. Novice.

- a. For dogs which have not won 2 first places in Obedience classes (Introductory class, Pre-Beginners and Beginners excepted).
- b. The detailed tests will be:
 - (1) Heel on lead 20 points
 - (2) Heel free 25 points
 - (3) Recall 10 points
 - (4) Retrieve a dumbbell 15 points
 - ~~(5) Sit one minute, handler in sight 10 points~~
 - ~~(6) Down two minutes, handler in sight. 20 points~~
 - ~~(7 5)~~ TOTAL ~~400~~ **70** points

9. Class A.

- a For dogs which have not won 3 first prizes in Class A, B and Open Class C in total.
- b. The detailed tests will be:
 - (1) Heel free 30 points
 - (2) Recall 15 points
 - (3) Retrieve a dumbbell, handlers will use their own dumbbell 25 points
 - ~~(4) Sit 2 minutes, handler in sight 20 points~~
 - ~~(5) Down 3 minutes, handler out of sight 30 points~~
 - ~~(6 4)~~ Scent discrimination. The handler's scent and no decoys. There must be a total of 6 scent cloths. 30 points
 - ~~(7 5)~~ TOTAL ~~450~~ **110** points

10. Class B.

- a. For dogs which have not won 3 first prizes in Class B and Open Class C in total.
- b. The detailed tests will be:
 - (1) Heel work. The dog shall be required to walk at heel free and shall also be tested at fast and slow pace. Each change of pace shall commence from the halt position 40 points
 - (2) Send away, drop and recall. 40 points
 - (3) Retrieve any one article provided by the judge. 30 points
 - ~~(4) Sit 2 minutes, handler out of sight 20 points~~
 - ~~(5) Down 4 minutes, handler out of sight 30 points~~
 - ~~(6 4)~~ Scent discrimination. The handler's scent with one decoy. There must be a minimum of 6 and up to 10 scent cloths. 40 points
 - ~~(7 5)~~ TOTAL ~~200~~ **170** points

11. Class C.

- a. For Championship Class C at Championship Shows, dogs must have won out of Novice, Class A and Class B and have won Open Class C on one occasion and have been placed not lower than third on three further occasions; all Open Class C places and wins must have been won under different judges at Kennel Club licensed shows.
- b. At open and premier shows, and in the Open C Classes held at championship shows, open to all dogs.
- c. At limited shows, open to all dogs except Obedience Certificate winners and dogs which have obtained any award that counts towards the title of Obedience Champion or the equivalent thereof under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club.
- d. The detailed tests will be:
 - (1) Heel work. The dog shall be required to walk at heel free, and also be tested at fast and slow pace. The dog shall also be required, whilst walking to heel at normal pace, to be left at the stand, sit and down position. 60 points
 - (2) Send away, drop and recall. 40 points
 - (3) Retrieve any one article provided by the judge. 30 points
 - (4) Distant control. Dog to sit, stand and down. Six instructions to be given. 50 points
 - ~~(5) Sit 2 minutes, handler out of sight 20 points~~
 - ~~(6) Down 5 minutes, handler out of sight 50 points~~



(5) Scent discrimination. The judge's scent and one or more decoys. There must be a minimum of 6 and up to a maximum of 10 scent cloths. 50 points

(6) TOTAL ~~300~~ **230** points

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Regulation G(C)1.c.

TO:

In all tests the left side of a handler will be regarded as the 'working side' unless:

(1) the handler suffers from a physical disability and has the judge's permission to work the dog on the right hand side, or

~~(2) the handler is working more than one dog in a stay exercise.~~

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Regulation G(C)1.i.

TO:

Competitors in Championship Class C who have lost more marks than would enable them to qualify with ~~285~~ **215** marks at the conclusion of the judging may withdraw from the class with the judge's approval. The decision to withdraw is entirely at the discretion of the competitor and judges must not compel such competitors to withdraw.

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Regulation G(C)3.a.

TO:

Pre-Beginners, Beginners and Novice - ~~with the exception of the sit or down stay exercises,~~ the competitor shall be allowed to use as many commands and signals as necessary.

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Regulation G(C)4.h.

TO:

~~Stays in ALL classes. The judge or steward will direct handlers to positions in the ring. The command 'last command' will be given and handlers should then instantly give their final command to their dogs. Any further commands or signals to the dogs after this 'last command' will be penalised. Handlers will then be instructed to leave their dogs and walk to positions indicated until ordered to return to them. These are group tests and all dogs must compete together, but where this is impracticable at any show, the class may be equally divided but the judging for the groups must be consecutive. The stay ring shall be large enough to cater for the largest expected attendance for each class.~~

~~(1) Sit stay: Dogs should remain in the sit position throughout the test. Barking, whining or minor movement such as sniffing the ground, shuffling or turning, without moving from the place where the dog was originally left, should not be considered to be a broken stay but may only be marked a nominal amount for minor movement or noise. Marks must be graduated in accordance with the Kennel Club's specimen stay chart.~~

~~(2) Down stay: Dogs should remain in the down position throughout the test. Barking, whining or minor movement such as sniffing the ground, shuffling, hip rolling or turning, without moving from the place where the dog was originally left, should not be considered to be a broken stay but may only be marked a nominal amount for minor movement or noise. Marks must be graduated in accordance with the Kennel Club's specimen stay chart.~~

~~(3) All classes: When a handler has more than one dog present in the same set of stays, the dogs may be placed together on the left hand side of the handler, or on either side of the handler; at the choice of the handler. It should be noted that the dogs must be placed apart with a reasonable space between them. At the conclusion of the stays, the handler should return to the same position they were in at the commencement of the test before the end of the test is indicated.~~

~~(4) The timing of the stays shall commence when the handlers have been instructed to leave their dogs.~~



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