

**PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENTS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF  
'LISTED STATUS' FOR OBEDIENCE ORGANISATIONS**

**Kennel Club 'A' Rules**

**Rule A(C)4.1. Scale of Fees, Shows and Trials**

**TO**

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| (e) Premier Agility <u>and Obedience</u> Shows  | £45.00 |
| (f) General or Group Open Shows   | £45.00 |
| (g) Open Breed Shows, Open Obedience Shows, Open Agility Shows, Open Rally Competitions and Open Flyball Competitions (each) organised by Registered Clubs or Societies | £35.00 |
| (h) Open Agility <u>and Obedience</u> Shows or Open Rally Competitions organised by Authorised Clubs or Societies   | £60.00 |
| (i) Heelwork to Music Competitions  | £25.00 |
| (j) Limited Shows organised by Registered Clubs or Societies  | £10.00 |
| (k) Limited Agility <u>and Obedience</u> shows organised by Authorised Clubs or Societies   | £25.00 |
- (Insertions underlined)

**Kennel Club 'K' Regulations**

**Regulation K3.b. Obedience Warrants**

**TO**

- b. An Obedience Warrant will be issued on application by the registered owner at the time of qualification in respect of a dog that has obtained 14 points whilst ineligible to compete in Championship Class C. The points are to be gained at Championship, Premier or Open Obedience Shows, as follows:  
(Amendment underlined)

**Kennel Club 'G' Regulations**

**Regulation G1.a Eligibility**

**TO**

- a. Obedience Show licences will be issued only to registered or affiliated Societies or other organisations approved by the General Committee of the Kennel Club in accordance with the provisions of Regulation G4. (Licenced Obedience Shows), with the exception of Companion Dog Show licences which will be issued only to unregistered organisations.  
(insertion/amendments underlined)

**Regulation G1.c Eligibility**

**TO**

- c. Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows. However, show organisers may accept Not For Competition entries at their discretion. Dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Not For Competition.  
(Amendment underlined)

**Regulation G4. Licensed Obedience Shows****TO**

**Licensed Obedience Shows.** Licensed Shows held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are those held under licence granted by the General Committee of the Kennel Club and are:

- a. Championship Obedience Shows - open to all competitors, except where a qualification for entry has been approved by the General Committee of the Kennel Club. Kennel Club Obedience Certificates are offered, and any number of standard or special classes may be scheduled, including qualifying heats for Kennel Club competitions. Only Kennel Club Registered Societies are eligible for these licences.
- b. Premier Obedience Shows - open to all competitors. Any number of standard or special classes may be scheduled, including qualifying heats for Kennel Club competitions. Only Kennel Club Registered Societies are eligible for these licences.
- c. Open Obedience Shows-Open to all competitors. Any number of standard or special classes may be scheduled, except qualifying heats for Kennel Club competitions.
- d. Limited Obedience Shows\*- Where entry is limited to-
  - (i) Members of the Show Society
  - (ii) Competitors resident within a specific area
  - (iii) Specific Breeds
  - (iv) By numbers (such numbers to be stipulated in the schedule)
  - (v) Or otherwise subject to approval of the General Committee of the Kennel Club.
- e. Matches\*- Where entry is limited to members of the Societies.
- f. Companion Dog Shows\*- at which registered and unregistered dogs are eligible to compete. On the day of the event a current Public Liability Insurance Document must be held or the event will be deemed to be unlicensed.

\*-Dogs which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Obedience Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club are not eligible for entry at these Shows. Qualifying heats for Kennel Club competitions may not be scheduled at these Shows.

(Insertions/amendments underlined, sub-paragraphs b. onwards renumbered)

**Regulation G7. Undertaking of Guarantors.****TO**

**Undertaking of Guarantors.** The application form for an Obedience Show licence must be signed by the Guarantors who must give their full addresses in the spaces provided on the form. The signed application shall be a binding undertaking.

Should changed circumstances affect the status of any of the original signatories as Guarantors, then notice of replacement(s) must be forwarded to the Kennel Club. Such notice shall be accompanied by a signed declaration from the replacement Guarantor(s) agreeing to the conditions of the guarantee.

Notice of such change(s) must be made in the Schedule and Catalogue, if possible, or by notice in the Canine Press.

The Guarantors for Shows shall be as follows:-

- a. For shows organised by Kennel Club Registered Clubs and Societies:  
 (i) Championship Shows - A minimum of six members of the Committee which must include the Society Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.  
 (ii) Other types of shows - A minimum of three members of the Committee which must include the Society Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.
- b. For Shows organised by other organisations approved by the General Committee of the Kennel Club – one or more person(s) named on the licence of the show.

(Amendments/insertions underlined)

### **Regulation G32.b Approval of Judges.**

**TO**

- b. On a person's first appointment to judge Championship Class C the minimum conditions which apply are - judges must have at least eight years judging experience which must include 30 Championship and/or Premier and/or Open Show appointments of which at least 15 must be Open Class C and two each of Beginners, Novice, Class A and Class B.

(Amendments underlined)

**TO**

- d. *Qualifications for judges at Premier/Open Shows and for the non certificate classes at Championship Shows-*

(Amendments underlined)

### **Regulation G32.d Approval of Judges.**

**TO**

- d. *Qualifications for judges at Premier and Open Shows and for the non certificate classes at Championship Shows-*

On first appointment judges must satisfy the Show Committee that they:

- (1) have judged a minimum of four appointments within at least two years at a lower level including Limited/Companion Obedience Shows and matches/club or fun competitions.
- (2) have won out of Beginners at a Licensed Championship, Premier or Open Obedience Show as a handler, and have acted as a Caller, Scribe or Marker Steward on six occasions at Licensed Shows; and...

(Insertions underlined)

## **Annex A ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

### **Regulation G(A)1. Eligibility**

**TO**

1. In the following Definitions of Classes First Prize wins in Limited Show Obedience Classes and Open Shows confined to one breed do not count for entry in Open, Premier or Championship Show Obedience Classes but do count for eligibility at Limited Obedience Shows or Open Shows confined to one breed.

2. Dogs are ineligible to compete at Limited and Match Competitions which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards

the title of Obedience Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club. Obedience Champions are only eligible to compete in Class C at Open, Premier and Championship Shows.  
(Insertions underlined)

**Regulation G(A)11. Class C**

**TO**

- b. At Open and Premier Shows, and in the Open C Classes held at Championship Shows, open to all dogs.  
(Insertion underlined)

**Annex B**  
**SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR OBEDIENCE MATCHES**

**Regulation G(B)1.**

**TO**

1. An Obedience Match may be a competition between club members or an inter-Club competition between Associations, Clubs, Societies, Branches of Clubs or other organisations approved by the General Committee of the Kennel Club.

(Amendments underlined)

**Regulation G(B)2.**

**TO**

2. Only Registered Clubs, Societies, Dog Training Clubs or other organisations approved by the General Committee of the Kennel Club may hold Obedience Matches.

(Amendments underlined)

**Regulation G(B)3.**

**TO**

3. A Club or other approved organisation may hold up to 12 Obedience Matches per annum. In the case of Clubs which have registered Branches, each Branch may hold up to 12 Obedience Matches per annum.

(Insertion underlined)

**Regulation G(B)4. Application**

**TO**

- a. Registered Clubs' and Societies' applications for authority to hold Matches is to be included within the Annual Return required under Regulation C.4.b. Applications by other approved organisations are to be made annually with renewal of the registration fee.

(Amendments and insertions underlined)

**Annex C**  
**DESCRIPTIONS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR OBEDIENCE TESTS**  
**CLASSES**

**Regulation G(C)2. Equipment**

**TO**

- a. Any equipment provided by the show organisers, Judges or stewards must not be edible or injurious to the dog....

(Amendment underlined)

**TO**

- h. In Multi-Choice Class the show organisers must provide two washable dumbbells of similar size ....

- i. In Multi-Choice Class the show organisers must provide a hurdle ...

(Amendment underlined)

**Regulation G(C)4.g. Scent Discrimination**

**TO**

- (1) All neutral and decoy cloths must be provided by the show organisers. The Judge ...

(Amendment underlined)

**References to ‘Societies’**

The following amendments relate only to the use of the terms ‘Society’, ‘Show Society’ or ‘Show Committee’ in the regulations. These terms are not strictly applicable to some listed status organisations and it is proposed to replace them with the more general term ‘show organisers’ wherever appropriate. For brevity, the surrounding context has not been shown in full in the proposed amendments listed below, as there is no change to the meaning of the regulations beyond the use of the term ‘show organisers’. (It is not proposed to replace the term ‘Show Executive’, where used).

**Regulation G21. Schedule**

**TO**

- a. The show organisers must issue a schedule for the Show...

(Amendment underlined)

**Regulation G24. Entry for Competition**

**TO**

- a. The show organisers may reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entry(ies).

(Amendment underlined)

**Regulation G26. Free Passes**

**TO**

The show organisers shall provide all competitors with a free pass...Additional free passes may be issued at the show organisers’ discretion.

(Amendment underlined)

**Regulation G27. Catalogue -**

**TO**

The show organisers must publish a Catalogue for the Show containing:

- a. On the front outside cover or title page, the name of the show organisers, the type of Show...

(Amendment underlined)

**Regulation G30. Management**

**TO**

Show organisers are responsible for the following:

- a. Classes may be scheduled in any order but this order must be followed at the show except that show organisers, by publication in the schedule, may reserve the right to vary...

(Amendment underlined)

**TO**

- b. The maximum number of entries allowed in any class is 60...if the entry received exceeds 50 the class may, at the discretion of the show organisers, be equally divided by a draw (to within one dog)...

(Amendment underlined)

**TO**

- d. The maximum number of dogs a person may judge on one day is 60...Show organisers should appoint sufficient judges for the expected entries.

(Amendment underlined)

**NOTE:**

**Regulation G32 Approval of Judges** – sub-paragraph a. – this refers to ‘Show Societies’ applying to the General Committee for approval of Championship Class C judges – it is not proposed to amend this wording as only registered societies are entitled to hold Championship Class C classes.

**Regulation G34. Judging Contracts**

**TO**

- a. Invitations to judge must be made by show organisers in writing and must include a declaration...Show organisers must ensure that written acceptances are received and these must be followed by written confirmation of the appointment by the show organisers upon which a judging contract will be deemed to have been formed...

- b. Show organisers are required to include the following wording in Judges’ invitation letters:

(Amendments underlined)

**Regulation G38. Payment and Delivery of Prize Money and Printed Awards**

**TO**

- d. In the event of the disqualification of an award winner... prize or prize money must be returned at once on receipt of a demand from the show organisers.

(Amendment underlined)