

ATTACHMENT B

CHAPTER 8 12 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS NATIONAL OBEDIENCE CHAMPION

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Section 1. Dogs that May Compete. A National Obedience Championship will be awarded annually to the dog that wins the National Obedience Invitational. The winner of the event shall be entitled to be designated National Obedience Champion of _____ (year).

To be invited to participate, each dog must be ranked in the top 25 dogs by number of OTCH points, ranked in the top three of their respective breeds by OTCH points, or qualify for competition through an AKC Regional Competition. If the total number of dogs accepting the invitation to be present at the event is less than 125 dogs, invitations shall be extended to a reserve list selected by ratio of dogs qualified by OTCH points in that breed to the number of dogs entered in that breed.

The National Obedience Invitational competition shall comprise a varied combination of Open and Utility exercises performed as described in these *Regulations*. The winner of the event shall be entitled to be designated National Obedience Champion NOC of _____ (year) and will permit the use of the letters NOC preceding the name of each dog that meets the requirements.

Breeds of dogs recognized by AKC from foreign countries whose registries are accepted by AKC may be invited to compete in the National Obedience Invitational.

Section 2. AKC Regional Competitions. The American Kennel Club will identify yearly the events/shows to be regional qualifying events for the next year. Events will be selected based on criteria established by the American Kennel Club Companion Events Department. Regions will be based on divisions currently established for Conformation by the American Kennel Club. The only exception will be the division containing Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, which will be combined as one Division, with separate qualification criteria to be set. For all Divisions, the top four dogs based on the qualification criteria as established by the Companion Events Department will be invited to attend the American Kennel Club National Obedience Event.

The qualification time period for regional competitors will be from July 1 to June 30 for qualification to attend the National Obedience Invitational following the June 30 cut off date.

For events to be identified as AKC Regional Obedience competitions:

*1. The Selected Division event(s) must have Obedience Trials over three consecutive days. Only three consecutive Obedience Trials will be recognized as the Regional Trial. (Each Division will only have one Regional competition per year.)

*2. Previous shows for trials at the events must have a minimum of 80-plus entries (this may vary by region).

*3. If there are no events that meet the given requirements in a region, the Events Selection Committee can select a smaller show or allow another region to have two events.

* Criteria for Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico may vary.

To qualify dogs must:

- Have a UD title.
- Compete in both Open B and Utility B in all three of the shows identified as an AKC Regional Competition.
- Have a cumulative score obtained from the dog's participation in Open and Utility at the Regional Competition.
- Be ranked from highest to lowest based on their cumulative score with 1,200 points being a perfect score.

- Qualify by cumulative score as one of the top four at one Regional Competition for an invitation to the National Obedience Invitational.

Once a dog qualifies for the National Obedience Invitational at a regional event, any placement received at subsequent regional competitions by the same dog will not be considered for additional invitations. Invitations will be awarded to the next highest scoring dog in competition until all 4 of the region placements are awarded.

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NON-REGULAR CLASSES

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Section 1. Ribbons and Prizes. A qualifying score will not be required to earn ribbons or prizes in any non-regular class.

Section 2. Brace Class. The Brace Class will be for two dogs of the same breed that are eligible under these *Regulations* and capable of performing the Novice exercises. The dogs need not be owned by the same person but will be handled by one handler. Dogs may be shown unattached or coupled (the coupling device will not be less than 6 inches in overall length). Whichever method is used will be continued throughout all exercises. A separate official entry form will be completed in full for each dog entered.

Exercises, performances and judging will be as in the Novice Class. The brace should work in unison at all times. Either or both dogs in a brace may be entered in another class or classes.

Section 3. Veterans Class. The Veterans Class will be for dogs that have an obedience title and are at least 7 years old on the date of the trial. The exercises will be performed and judged as in the Novice Class. Dogs may be entered in another class or classes. At breed specialty trials, the minimum age requirement for the Veterans Class may be set by the breed Parent Club, in which case the age will be stated in the premium list.

Section 4. Team Class. This class will be for teams of any four dogs that are eligible under these Regulations. Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate for which no entry fee will be required. However, the same four dogs will perform all exercises. Dogs may be handled by the owner or any other person, need not be entered in another class at the same trial, and need not have obedience titles. A separate official entry form will be completed in full for each dog entered.

There will be two judges, one of whom will call orders while the other scores the teams' performance. The teams will be judged one at a time, except for the Group Exercises, which will be done with no more than four teams (16 dogs) in the ring.

The dogs on a team will perform the exercises simultaneously and will be judged as specified for the

Novice Class, except that a Drop on Recall will be used in place of the Recall exercise. In all exercises except the Drop on Recall, the teams have the option of executing the judge's orders on the team captain's repeat of the command.

In the Figure Eight portion of the Heel on Leash exercise, five stewards will be used. The stewards will stand 8 feet apart in a straight line. Each handler with the dog sitting in heel position will stand about equidistant from each of two stewards with all members of the team facing the same direction. On orders from the judge, the team will perform the Figure Eight, each handler starting around the steward on their left and circling only the two stewards between whom they had been standing.

In the Drop on Recall exercise, the handlers will leave their dogs simultaneously on order of the judge. The dogs will be called or signaled in, one at a time, on a separate order from the judge to each handler. Handlers will, without any additional order from the judge, command or signal their dogs to drop at a spot midway between the line of dogs and the handlers. Each dog will remain in the down position until all four have been called and dropped. The judge will give the order to call the dogs, which will be called or signaled simultaneously. The finish will be done in unison on order from the judge.

Section 5. Team Class, Scoring. Individual dogs' scores will be based on the performance of the dogs and handlers individually plus team precision and coordination. Each dog and handler will be scored against the customary maximum for a team total of 800 available points. Individual dogs' scores need not be recorded. The exercises and maximum scores:

1. Heel on Leash	160 points
2. Stand for Examination	120 points
3. Heel Free	160 points
4. Drop on Recall	120 points
5. Long Sit	120 points
6. Long Down	<u>120 points</u>
Maximum Total Score	800 points

Section 6. Pre-Novice Class. The Pre-Novice Class shall be for dogs that have not received a third qualifying score in a Novice Class prior to the closing of the trial. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. However, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first four exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same Group Exercise.

All exercises will be scored as in the Novice Class, except the dogs will perform all exercises on leash, which should be 6 feet in length.

The exercises, maximum scores and order of judging:

1. Heel on Leash	45 points
2. Figure Eight	25 points
3. Stand for Examination	30 points
4. Recall	40 points
5. Long Sit	30 points
6. Long Down	<u>30 points</u>
Maximum Total Score	200 points

Section 7. Wild Card Novice. The Wild Card Novice class is for any dog that is capable of performing the Novice exercises and that is eligible under the Obedience Regulations to compete in AKC events. No title is required to enter and handlers may enter more than one dog. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person, and may be entered in another class or classes. The Novice exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular Novice class, except that verbal praise during the exercises is to be encouraged and not penalized. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, attaboy, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.) Handlers may give additional commands, but they will be penalized accordingly. Each handler may choose to select one exercise as a wild card. The Exhibitor would have the option of performing the selected wild card exercise, but would receive the full point value regardless of how the dog performed. When checking in, the handler must inform the steward or judge which exercise will be used as a wild card.

The exercises will be performed in the same order as the regular Novice class. The point values for the exercises, scoring, and maximum total points are the same as the regular Novice class.

Section 8. Wild Card Open. The Wild Card Open class is for any dog capable of performing the Open exercises and that is eligible under the Obedience Regulations to compete in AKC events. No title is required to enter and handlers may enter more than one dog. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person, and may be entered in another class or classes. The Open exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular Open A class, except that verbal praise during the exercises is to be encouraged and not penalized. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.) Handlers may give additional commands, but they will be penalized accordingly. Each handler may choose to select one exercise as a wild card. The Exhibitor would have the option of performing the selected wild card exercise, but would receive the full point value regardless of how the dog performed. When checking in, the handler must inform the steward or judge which exercise will be used as a wild card.

The exercises will be performed in the same order as in the regular Open A class. The point values for the exercises, scoring, and maximum total points are the same as in the regular Open class.

Section 9. Wild Card Utility. The Wild Card Utility class is for any dog that is capable of performing the Utility exercises and that is eligible under the Obedience Regulations to compete in AKC events. No title is required to enter, and handlers may enter more than one dog.

Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person, and may be entered in another class or classes. The Utility exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular Utility A class, except that verbal praise during the exercises is to be encouraged and not penalized. (Good, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy, are some examples of praise that would be allowed.) Handlers may give additional commands, but they will be penalized accordingly. Each handler may choose to select one exercise as a wild card. The Exhibitor would have the option of performing the selected wild card exercise, but would receive the full point value regardless of how the dog performed. When checking in, the handler must inform the steward or judge which exercise will be used as a wild card.

The exercises will be performed in the same order as in the regular Utility A class. The point values for the exercises, scoring, and maximum total points are the same as in the regular Utility class. Handlers are allowed to praise their dogs during the performance of all Utility exercises except the signal exercise.

CHAPTER 6 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS GRADUATE NOVICE CLASS

Section 1. Graduate Novice Class. The Graduate Novice class shall be for dogs that have not won a Graduate Novice title (GN). The Graduate Novice class is an optional class that may be offered by clubs at obedience events. Judges for this class must be approved to judge novice or higher classes. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. However, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first five exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same Long Down Group Exercise. If eligible as defined in these Regulations, dogs entered in Graduate Novice may also be entered in any other obedience classes.

Judging will be as in the regular classes. The exercises, maximum scores and order of judging:

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| 1. Heel On Leash & Figure Eight | 40 points |
| 2. Drop on Recall | 40 points |
| 3. Dumbbell Recall | 30 points |
| 4. Recall Over High Jump | 30 points |
| 5. Recall Over Broad Jump | 30 points |
| 6. Long Down | 30 points |
| Maximum Total Score | 200 points |

Section 2. Graduate Novice Title. The letters GN may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by three different judges to have received qualifying scores in Graduate Novice Classes at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Graduate Novice certificate from the AKC.

Section 3. Heel On Leash and Figure Eight. The exercise and scoring will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, except that the Figure Eight will be done off leash.

Section 4. Drop on Recall. The exercise and scoring will be executed in the same manner as Open Drop on Recall except that the handler may give the command and/or signal to drop the dog.

Section 5. Dumbbell Recall. This exercise will be performed like the Novice Recall but with the dog holding the dumbbell. In addition to the Novice Recall, the dog will promptly take, hold, and deliver the dumbbell when commanded.

The judge's orders are: "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. When the judge orders, "Give your dog the dumbbell," the handler will present the dumbbell with one command. The dog must accept it readily and hold it. When the judge orders, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward to the other end of the ring and turn to face the dog. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. When the dog is sitting in front of the handler, the judge will order, "Take it," and the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The finish will be done as in the Novice Recall. All appropriate penalties of the Novice Recall and Open Retrieve on Flat shall apply.

Section 6. Recall Over High Jump. The principal features of the exercise are that the dog stay until directed to jump, clear the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately return to sit in front of the handler. Orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump. When the judge orders, "Leave your dog," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay, go at least 8 feet beyond the other side of the high jump, and turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the high jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and finish as in the Novice Recall.

All penalties in the Novice Recall will apply. The height of the jump will be required as it is for the Open Retrieve over High Jump exercise as designated in these *Regulations*

Section 7. Recall Over Broad Jump. The principal features of the exercise are the same as in the Recall over High Jump exercise.

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump, facing the lowest hurdle. When the judge orders, "Leave your dog," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay, go at least 8 feet beyond the last hurdle, and turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall.

All penalties in the Novice Recall will apply. The distance of the jump will be the same as in the Open Classes.

Section 8. Long Down. The Long Down exercise will be performed and scored as in the Open Group Exercise except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes.

CHAPTER 7 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS GRADUATE OPEN CLASS

Section 1. Graduate Open Class. The Graduate Open Class will be for dogs that have not won the GO title. The Graduate Open class is an optional class that may be offered by clubs at obedience events. Judges for this class must be approved to judge open or higher classes. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. If eligible as defined in these *Regulations*, dogs entered in Graduate Open may also be entered in any other obedience class.

The exercises, maximum scores and order of judging:

Signal Exercise	40 points
Scent Discrimination	30 points
Directed Retrieve	30 points
Moving Stand and Examination	30 points
Go Out	30 points
Directed Jumping	<u>40 points</u>
Maximum Total Score	200 points

Section 2. Graduate Open Title. The letters GO may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by three different judges to have received qualifying scores in the Graduate Open class at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Graduate Open certificate from the AKC.

Section 3. Signal Exercise. The exercise and scoring will be the same as in the Utility Signal exercise except that leaving the dog will be from 10 to 20 feet and the handler may give the command and/or signal on the judge's order to stand and the judge's signals to stay, down, sit, come, and finish.

Section 4. Scent Discrimination. The exercise and scoring will be the same as in the Utility Scent Discrimination exercise except that there will only be four articles (two leather and two metal), the handler and dog will remain facing the articles, and only one article will be retrieved. It is the handler's discretion as to which article is retrieved.

Section 5. Directed Retrieve. The exercise and scoring will be performed as the Utility Directed Retrieve exercise except that no center glove is used.

Section 6. Moving Stand and Examination. The exercise and scoring will be the same as in the Utility Moving Stand and Examination except that the handler may pause or hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand.

Section 7. Go Out. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog goes away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring stop as directed. The orders are: "Send your dog" and "Return to your dog." The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring between the jumps facing the unobstructed end of the ring. The judge will order, "Send your dog," and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely.

The judge will then order the handler, "Return to your dog," and the handler will return to the heel position.

Section 8. Directed Jumping. The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left, jump as directed, and return to the handler as in the Novice Recall. The orders are: "Leave your dog," "Bar," "High," and "Finish." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at the unobstructed end and in the center of the ring. The judge will order "Leave your dog," and the handler will walk to the far end of the ring and turn to face the dog. The judge will order either "Bar" or "High" for the jump, and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the handler over that designated jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as it returns. The dog will sit in front of the handler and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. The dog will be sent over only one jump and the same jump will be used for all dogs as designated by the judge at the start of the class.

CHAPTER 8 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS VERSATILITY CLASS

Section 1. Versatility Class. The Versatility class will be for all dogs. The Versatility class is an optional class that may be offered by clubs at obedience events. Judges for this class must be approved to judge utility or higher classes. Owners may enter more than one dog. Dogs in this class may be handled by the owner or any other person and may be entered in another class or classes.

Six exercises will be performed: two each from the Novice, Open, and Utility classes. There will be no Group Exercises. The exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular classes. For the purpose of this class, Scent Discrimination Articles Number 1 and Number 2 will be considered as a single Utility exercise. The exercises to be performed by each dog will be determined by the handler drawing one of a set of cards listing combinations of the six exercises totaling 200 points. The trial-giving clubs will furnish these cards. Each handler will provide a dumbbell, Scent Discrimination articles and Directed Retrieve gloves.

Novice exercise	No. 1	25 points
Novice exercise	No. 2	25 points
Open exercise	No. 1	35 points
Open exercise	No. 2	35 points
Utility exercise	No. 1	40 points
Utility exercise	No. 2	40 points
Maximum Total Score		200 points

Section 3. Versatility Title. The letters VER may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by three different judges to have received qualifying scores in the Versatility Class at three licensed or member obedience trials. That dog will receive a Versatility certificate from the AKC. Dogs who have obtained the Versatility title (VER) may continue to compete in the Versatility class.

CHAPTER 11 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS OBEDIENCE MASTER TITLE AND GRAND MASTER TITLE

Section 1. Dogs that May Compete. Obedience Master title and Obedience Grand Master title points will be recorded for dogs that have earned the Utility Dog title. When a dog earns an Obedience Master title, it may continue to compete and earn points until it is awarded an Obedience Grand Master title.

Section 2. Master Title and Grand Master Title Points. Obedience Master Points will be recorded for those dogs earning a score of 190 or better in Open B or Utility B Class, according to the schedule of points established by the AKC Board of Directors.

To Acquire an Obedience Master Title. Dogs will be required to earn a total of 200 points, based on the points awarded for scores of 190 or better from the Open B or Utility B class as listed in the below point schedule. For a title to be earned 30% of the points earned (60 points) must come from the Open B Class and 30% of the points (60 points) must come from the Utility B Class, the remaining 40% of the points earned (80 points) can come from the Open B or Utility B class, for the total of 200 points.

When a dog earns a total of 200 points based on the below point schedule (**Section 3**), it will be awarded an Obedience Master title. Obedience Master titles will be awarded for 9 levels and upon completion of the 10th level, a dog will be awarded an Obedience Grand Master title. Points accumulated in excess of the 200 points required for each level will be applied towards the next level of award if available. Only one title for Obedience Grand Master will be awarded.

Upon being awarded an Obedience Master Title or the Grand Master title, dogs will be permitted to display the title of Obedience Master (OM-#) or OGM after their names.

Section 3. Point Schedule.

<u>Dog's Score</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
<u>190</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>190.5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>191</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>191.5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>192</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>192.5</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>193</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>193.5</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>194</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>194.5</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>195</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>195.5</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>196</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>196.5</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>197</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>197.5</u>	<u>15</u>

Succession of Obedience Master Titles

- OM1 Obedience Master 1
- OM2 Obedience Master 2
- OM3 Obedience Master 3
- OM4 Obedience Master 4
- OM5 Obedience Master 5
- OM6 Obedience Master 6

OM7 Obedience Master 7

OM8 Obedience Master 8

OM9 Obedience Master 9

OGM OBEDIENCE GRAND MASTER

CHAPTER 1 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 22. Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes and the Dog with the Highest Combined Score in Open B and Utility. The dog receiving the highest qualifying score in the regular classes will be awarded the ribbons and any prizes offered for these placements after the announcement of final scores of the last regular class to be judged. The dog receiving the highest combined score in Open B and Utility may be awarded the ribbon and any prizes offered for this placement after Open B and Utility Classes have been judged and after the announcement of those final scores. The superintendent or show or trial secretary will mark the catalog to identify the dogs receiving these awards.

In the case of a tie between dogs eligible for either of the above awards, each dog will be tested again, individually, by performing the entire Novice Heel Free exercise. The judge for a run-off will be designated by the Event Committee from among the judges of the obedience trial. When a run-off has been completed, the judge will record the results on a special sheet that identifies the dogs taking part in the run-off by catalog number, class and breed. When the judge has marked and signed the sheet, it will be turned over to the superintendent or show or trial secretary who will mark the catalog accordingly and forward the sheet to the AKC as part of the records of the trial.

Scores from the optional titling and the non-regular obedience classes are not eligible for High In Trial from the regular obedience classes.

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