

COVID 19 OBEDIENCE & RALLY RULES GENERAL GUIDELINES UPDATE FOR 2022

Clubs will follow all Federal, Provincial and local health rules when holding a trial and the protocol will be detailed in the Premium List. Judges, Officials and handlers will abide by the rules specified.

The following are allowable temporary changes to the Obedience Rules & Regulations that a club may opt to use during their event in the year 2022 while operating under covid restrictions. However, any other changes to any other rule that is not mentioned here will not be allowed.

All municipal directives regarding vaccinations, mask wearing and social distancing **must** be upheld.

OBEDIENCE TRIALS

- Judges can wear a mask even if not required by the club.
- Following federal and provincial rules all the temporary rules regarding leash and dumbbell placement can be allowed. Clubs can still allow leashes and dumbbells to be placed on a table or chair determined by the judge, located in the ring such that the handler can obtain the item without leaving the ring. Sanitization, paper towels or paper are not required between equipment.
- If the club decides to use the guidelines for leash and dumbbell, the exhibitor may either leave the dog on a sit stay or heel with the dog to the location of the chair to obtain and return their leash and dumbbell used during the exercises.
- Articles will be handled as in regular rules.
- Scoresheets and awards may be given out in the ring but the club may opt to have handlers pick up scoresheets and awards outside the ring.
- It is recommended that the club publish either in the premium list or judging schedule or both, the modified rules.
- In all cases the club can choose to follow regular or covid rules as long as local and provincial health guidelines are followed.

5 RIBBONS & PRIZES

5.1 Ribbons and Rosettes

- 5.1.1 A club or association holding a trial under these rules shall provide ribbons and rosettes as specified in this section. Only those dogs earning a qualifying score will receive ribbons. **The hosting club can determine how prizes and ribbons will be presented, mailing them to exhibitors will be allowed or having them available for exhibitors on a separate table for pick up or in the ring following covid distancing protocol.**
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8 REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE & JUDGING

8.10 Scoresheets

- 8.10.1 At the conclusion of the judging of each class, judges are required to provide meaningfully marked individual scoresheets to each exhibitor. **Scoresheets need not be handed out in the ring, but may be distributed to the exhibitor in any manner as decided by the individual club in order to follow covid protocol.**
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8 REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE & JUDGING

8.11 Announcement of Scores

- 8.11.3 After all the scores for the class are recorded, the judge shall call for all available dogs that have earned qualifying scores to be brought into the ring. **This can be modified by club if needed to follow covid protocol.**
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8 REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE & JUDGING

8.13 Ring Procedure

- 8.13.9 In the Novice intermediate, Open and Utility classes the handler shall place the dumbbell and leash on a chair as designated by the judge in the ring. Utility articles shall be handled as in regular rules. Dumbbell, leash and articles shall be retrieved by the handler before leaving the ring.
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9 PRE-NOVICE

9.6 Figure 8

- 9.6.3 In the Figure 8 exercise, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two ~~steward~~ **cones at least 0.46m (18") high, chairs or similar inanimate objects placed** about 3.66m (12ft) apart. The handler may go around either ~~steward~~ **object** first. On the judge's order, the handler, with the dog on a loose leash, shall go twice completely around the Figure 8 with one halt at the end of the exercise. The handler may give the dog a verbal command to sit.
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9 PRE-NOVICE

9.9 Group Sit or Down exercise

- 9.9.4 All dogs in the class that are eligible to compete in the group exercises **may be judged separately or as part of a group after the completion of the individual exercises. If there is more than one dog completing in the group exercise, the dogs must be placed**

at least 2.44m (8') apart. In order to accommodate the distance requirement, there may be more than one group. A dog who fails any of the individual exercises is not eligible to compete.

9 PRE-NOVICE

9.9 Group Sit or Down exercise

9.9.5 Handler will enter the ring with their dogs on leash and line up in a straight line in catalogue order, at least ~~1.22m (4')~~ **2.44m (8') apart. In order to accommodate the distance requirement, there may be more than one group. A dog who fails any of the individual exercises is not eligible to complete.**

Clubs may continue to use the 8' distance if required for social distancing or use regular rules and may choose to use the rule that a dog who fails any of the individual exercises is not eligible to compete in the group exercises.

10 NOVICE CLASS

10.6 Heel on Leash & Figure 8

10.6.8 In the figure 8 exercise, the handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the judge, midway between ~~the two steward's~~ **cones at least 0.46m (18") high, chairs or similar inanimate objects placed** about 2.44m (8') apart. The handler may go around either ~~steward-object~~ first. On the judge's order, the handler with the dog on a loose leash shall go twice completely around the figure 8 with at least one halt during and another at the end of the exercise.

10 NOVICE CLASS

10.7 Stand for Examination

10.7.3 On completion of the Figure 8 exercise, the handler will remove the leash and ~~give place it to a steward, who will place it on the judges table~~ **give place it on a chair designed by the judge. If necessary, the dog may be guided gently by the collar.**

10 NOVICE CLASS

10.9 Recall

10.9.7 **On completion of the Recall, the handler may ask the dog to stay or may guide the dog gently by the collar in order to retrieve the leash from the chair previously designated by the judge and put it on the dog before leaving the ring.**

10 NOVICE CLASS

10.10 Group Sit and Down exercises

10.10.4 All dogs in the class that are eligible to complete in the group exercises **may be judged separately of as part of a group after the completion of the individual exercises. If there is more than one dog completing in the group exercise, the dogs must be placed at least 2.44m (8') apart. In order to accommodate the distance requirement, there may be more than one group. A dog who fails any of the individual exercises is not eligible to complete.** ~~will do so together. If, however, there are more than eight dogs completing, they will be split into groups of not more than eight.~~

10.10.5 When the same judge judges the Novice A, B and/or C classes, the classes may be combined provided the total number of dogs **eligible to complete in the group does not exceed eight can be placed at least 2.44m (8') apart.**

10.10.6 Handler will enter the ring with their dogs on leash and line up in catalogue order along on side of the ring **at least 2.44m (8') apart where the judge indicates.** Handlers will place their armbands, weighted with leashes behind the dogs.

10.10.8 The judge shall take a position in the ring where both the dogs and handlers can be observed **but must be at least 2.44m (8') from any person.** One minute after giving the order to "Leave your dogs" the judge will order the handlers to return promptly to their dogs, each walking around behind his own dog to the heel position. The dogs should not move from the sitting position until the judge says, "Exercise finished."

Clubs may continue to use the 8' distance if required for social distancing or use regular rules, and may use the rule that a dog who fails any of the individual exercises is not eligible to compete in the group exercises.

12 OPEN CLASS

12.7 Heel Free & Figure 8

12.7.2 Covid exception recommends same as Novice Section 10.6.8 - cones at least 0.46m (18") high, chairs or similar inanimate objects may continue to be used.

12 OPEN CLASS

12.13 Group Sit and Down exercises

12.13.4 per recommendations in Novice Section

- 12 OPEN CLASS
- 12.14 Group Sit – Walk Around Exercise

- 12.14.3 As per recommendations in Novice Section.

RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIALS

4 PREMIUM LIST, CATALOGUE & JUDGING SCHEDULE

4.3 Judging Schedule

4.3.2 The formula for the preparation of the judging schedule shall be based on the judging of a maximum of 15 dogs per hour. A 10-minute walk-through for each class level must be included in the scheduled judging times **and walk-throughs may be extended by the judge if required.** (A & B classes of each level judged by the same judge may be combined for walk-throughs.) **Walk-through's will be limited to 5 exhibitors at a time who must observe 6' social distancing.** If a large class is scheduled, judges will allow an additional 10-minute walk-through every two hour for the next block of dogs to be judged in the class. This must be noted in the premium list.

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