



2021 OBEDIENCE RULEBOOK

The final version of the 2021 Obedience Rules has been posted to the website. This version has a revision date on the cover of February 1, 2021. Please take a moment to download this copy. If you have ordered a hard copy of the previous version of the rulebook, please let us know and we will replace it free of charge.

On the Obedience Forms & Rules page, you will also find the class scoresheets, judge's books, and information regarding the seminars, frequently asked questions, and covid-19 guidelines.

We have also decided that due to covid-19 restrictions in many areas, we are allowing the following:

When scheduling Obedience events:

- Pre-Novice, Beginner Novice, Novice, Open and Utility classes are mandatory at all trials for 2021.
- Advanced Novice, Advanced, Open, and Master will be optional until July 1, 2021
- Elite will remain optional and also as a stand-alone class option.

Additional changes made to the rulebook from the initial posting:

- Clubs may schedule classes may in any order.
- Non-licensed classes may be judged in any order, but they may not interfere with licensed classes.
- Clarifying the judge's orders for the Advanced Open Heel Off Leash with Moving Exercise
- Clarifying the size of the Send Away to Box in the Advanced Open class. The box should be 1 to 6 inches in height and between 36 and 48 inches square on the inside.
- Allowing the judge more leeway in determining where the glove will be dropped in the Master Seek Back exercise.

Below is also a detailed explanation of how the sit is scored for the Master Send Away with Dumbbell Retrieve:
For the sit:

- Dog goes out, turns, and sits without any extra commands – no deductions
- Dog goes out, turns, and does not sit on the first command – major deduction
- Dog goes out, turns, and does not sit on the first command, handler give second command – major deduction
- Dog goes out, turns, and does not sit on the first command, handler gives second sit command, dog does not sit – mandatory 10-point deduction.
 - This deduction will supersede the first deduction for the second sit command so it will be a total deduction of 10-point if the dog does not sit after the second sit command, not 12.5 points.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions. Thank you all, and we are looking forward to an exciting year for UKC Obedience!

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