



THE KENNEL CLUB

Making a difference for dogs

THE KENNEL CLUB SCHEDULE OF OBREEDIENCE HEAT



(Held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations G and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited)

AT

KENNEL CLUB STONELEIGH BUILDING
2 DECEMBER 2017

SHOW WILL OPEN AT: **9.30AM**
JUDGING WILL COMMENCE AT: **10.30AM**
THE SHOW WILL CLOSE HALF AN HOUR AFTER ALL JUDGING HAS BEEN
COMPLETED
ENTRY FEES: **£20 per team**

Judge: Mrs Claire Coughlan

SHOW SECRETARY: **Miss Kate Broers**

ENTRIES CLOSE: **17 November 2017**

ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO:

Kate Broers – WDA Events Coordinator

The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London, W1J 8AB
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CHIEF STEWARD: **Mr Richard Wagner**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations are to be read in conjunction with the Kennel Club Obedience Show Regulations G under which this show is licensed. It is the responsibility of everyone entering this show to make themselves familiar with the Kennel Club G Regulations, available from the Kennel Club.

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
2. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
3. Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over are eligible for competition at Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows.
4. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Dogs must be Kennel Club registered with their full details recorded on the entry form
5. Only Postal Entries will be accepted
6. Running orders will be available on line on the Kennel Club website and will be sent by e-mail to relevant competitors. Should a competitor wish to receive their running orders by post a stamped addressed envelope **MUST** be included with the entry form.
Running orders **MUST** be strictly adhered to.
7. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
8. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the show, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the show date.
9. For the duration of the show all dogs, including those in the exercise area, must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
10. Animals allowed in Event
No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the General Committee.

However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

11. Following discussion between the Chief Steward and the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Show if it is:-
- a. A bitch which is in season.
 - b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
 - c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
 - d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
 - e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club.

12. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge.
13. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Show.
14. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the Judge or Judges.
15. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
16. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club.
17. No prize money is on offer.

18. **DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS**

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog.

If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

19. Welfare of Dogs

A competitor whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

20. Food and/or toys shall not be carried or given to a dog under test, except a toy may be used at the end of the Stop the Dog exercise. Competitors must not distract other dogs when rewarding their dog with play.

Crufts Obreedience Team Competition (Special) 2017 / 2018

Introduction

The aim of Obreedience is to encourage a wider variety of different breeds to take part in a competition which includes some of the exercises generally associated with Obedience. Obreedience is a team event and highlights the abilities of different breeds in a relaxed and fun competition.

Each team is comprised of four handlers and four dogs who take part in two rounds of competition. The first section requires all four dogs to complete a round of heelwork together as a group, with the dogs and handlers being assessed on their ability to complete different moves whilst remaining synchronised as a team. This first round is marked out of ten points.

Round two features four set exercises and each team member has to complete one of four different exercises. The exercises include a Retrieve (handler's own article), Send to Bed, Stop the Dog and Scent over Articles. Round two is marked out of 40 points (10 points per set exercise). Once all teams have completed the two rounds, the scores are compiled and the team with the lowest score will be placed first.

Heats

All heats must take place at Kennel Club licensed shows and the class name in the schedule should replicate exactly the name of the competition as stated in these regulations.

Dogs entered must be registered with the Kennel Club on the Breed Register or on the Activity Register, as a Kennel Club recognised pedigree breed (cross breeds are not eligible to compete in Obreedience).

To qualify for the final points will be accumulated throughout the year at designated heats.

No substitution of dogs or handlers can be made after the first entry has been made at a heat where the team has been placed.

If at the conclusion of a heat there is an equality of points, the team which has achieved the highest place will take preference in the final allocation of places.

The heats will be scheduled as a Special class for pedigree dogs. The top 10 teams at each heat will be eligible to receive points.

Eligibility

Each team will consist of 4 dogs of the same breed with 4 separate handlers, plus up to 2 reserves. Should a change of dog be necessary only dogs and handlers entered as reserves will be permitted to compete for that team. Only one team per breed will qualify for the Crufts final. No more than one dog in each team can have won out of Class A at Kennel Club licensed G regulation Open or Championship obedience shows.

Competition Rules

The competition will include two rounds per team. The first round will be team heelwork, with the team either working side by side or one behind the other, as directed by the ring steward. The judge will be looking for consistency of teamwork, rather than competitive Obedience heelwork. The second round will involve one dog per team undertaking one of the following exercises: Scent, Send to Bed, Retrieve (handler's own article), Stop on Command. Should there be an equality of marks after both sections a run off will be held with a specific exercise from the individual work, at the judge's discretion.

Qualifying For Final (to be held at Crufts)

There is no limit on the number of heats in which a team may compete. Points will be awarded as follows:

1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 9 points etc. down to 10th place = 1 point.

After the final heat has taken place, the top ten teams will be invited to compete at Crufts, selection will be subject to the Crufts management's discretion:

1) The team with the highest number of points within each breed will represent that breed in the Final. In the event that two or more teams of the same breed have the same number of points, the team which has achieved the highest placing at the heats will take precedence. A maximum of three breeds will be invited to compete in the final from any one Breed Group subject to the Crufts management's discretion.

2) If more than three Breed Representative Teams within the shortlist belong to the same Breed Group, only the three highest scoring teams within that Group will be invited to compete at Crufts 2017. The remaining places in the top ten will be offered to the Breed Representative Team(s) with the next highest total points.

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DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and the Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts of travelling to and whilst at KC licensed events.

- When travelling to a show please take a moment to consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route, and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.
- Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
- Keep the dog in the shade – take your own shade, for example a large umbrella, and always have plenty of water available to drink, so your dog stays well hydrated.

Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated, and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare.

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Right to Refuse Entries: Exhibitors/Competitors are reminded that show societies have the right under Kennel Club Regulations to refuse any entry.