

OBEDIENCE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

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The first ever Grand Final of the Obedience Class Championships

will be held on 22 November 2014 at the

Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire. CV8 2LZ.

The qualifying period for the 2014 championships will be from 1 January 2014 to 6 October 2014.

There will be a championship level for each of the classes; pre-beginners, beginners, novice, A, B and C.

Class definitions, class exercises and show rules will all be as per the current KC Rules (G Regulations).

Any wins at the Class Championships Final will not count towards normal class progression.

Handlers who have won a championship C class (ticket) during the qualifying period above are not eligible to compete in the class championships at any level.

To qualify for entry to the class championships, you will require 1 win and 2 places (1st – 6th inclusive) in your respective class, obtained during the qualifying period stated above. If you subsequently have a win in a higher class during the same qualifying period, this will preclude you from entering the championship at the lower level.

ENTRIES

Numbers in each class will be capped for the 2014 event as follows;

Pre-beginners - 30; Beginners - 30; Novice - 100; A – 100; B – 100; C – 50. There will be 2 parts each for novice, A and B and the top 5 placed dogs from each part will run off against the other part to determine the final lineup for that class.

Entries for the Class Championships will be made online via www.withyourdog.co.uk only and with your entry you will be required to provide confirmation of the details of your win and 2 places, so this can be verified to confirm your entry. Information required will be; date, show, class, judge, place. So you should arrange to collate the necessary information during the show season in readiness. We appreciate that not everyone has internet access, but detailing the information now provides a year to arrange internet access either at home, via a friend or a public computer.

If you subsequently have a win in a higher class during the same qualifying period, this will preclude you from entering the championship at the lower level. But placings from 2nd downwards in a higher class will not preclude entry to the lower class for which you are eligible by virtue of your win and places in that class.

The time for entries to be made will be from 1 October 2014 to 27 October 2014 only and the fee will be £18 per dog and handler team. Handlers may enter more than 1 dog as long as each dog is suitably qualified to enter. The entry fee will include the provision of 2 free entry passes for the Grand Final day and every competitor will receive a commemorative rosette and personalised certificate to celebrate their participation. Entries will be strictly first come, first served.

Once the numerical limits for each class have been reached the class will close, but we will accept a further 10 reserve entries per class and all entries will be strictly on a first come first served basis, assuming correct qualifying criteria has been met. Please ensure that your dog has the correct qualifiers before entering to avoid disappointment and that you provide all the correct information on your entry, as the organisers cannot accept any responsibility for entries made incorrectly. Please note that entries will be verified and any dogs entered incorrectly will be rejected.

Verified competitors will be notified by email and will also receive confirmation of their class, ring number, full class running order, a full ring plan of all classes and information letter with 2 entry passes. Reserve competitors will also receive all this information and will be notified on the day (or before if possible) whether or not they will be able to compete. Our reserve system is similar to the current reserve system in championship Class C (ticket).

Competitors who are unable to compete for any reason, are requested to advise the organisers as soon as possible on classchamps@btinternet.com so that the appropriate reserves can be notified. Reserves will be notified strictly in the order that they entered and if notified before the event that they have a place to compete, will take over the class running order position of the competitor who has withdrawn. If notified on the day, they will compete at the end of the running order for their class, giving them plenty of time to prepare.

THE GRAND FINAL DAY – Saturday 22 November 2014

The main doors will open at 7am to both competitors and spectators.

Competitors will be required to surrender their entry passes to the door stewards in return for a stamp on the hand or arm which will allow them free passage in and out of the building for the remainder of the day. Once booked in, competitors may use the competitor's entrance by the collecting ring, opposite the walkway to the car park.

Spectators will be charged £5 each and will also receive a stamp on the hand in recognition.

Competitors will need to visit the main booking in table between 7am and 10.30am to book into their class and receive their ring number, which is to be displayed on their person when working. Anyone not booked in by 10.30am will be assumed to have withdrawn and their place will be allocated to the next available reserve in that class. All pre-beginner competitors will need to book in by 8.30am.

Reserve competitors who have not previously been advised they are to work, should attend the booking table at 11am to receive confirmation as to whether or not they are able to work. Those not able to work will receive a refund of £8 being their entry fee less the 2 entry passes. Reserve competitors who are able to work will work at the end of the running order for their class. Pre beginner reserve handlers should report to the booking in table at 8.45am.

Judging will commence in all classes at 8.30am and there will be a full running order and full ring plan for all classes including provision for breaks and lunch. Breaks and lunch times will be staggered to ensure continuous events taking place for spectators.

The working rings will be in the centre of the halls and spectators will be seated around the perimeter of this area. Only those competing and officials will be permitted into the area of the rings. Only the dogs competing or waiting to compete and with the permission of the collecting ring stewards will be permitted in the Hall whilst Competition is taking place.

Flash photography will NOT be allowed at any time while dogs are competing, as this may distract the dogs working and applause between dogs working is discouraged for the same reason as other dogs will be working in adjacent rings.

There will be official photographers present during the day.

Stay exercises will take place after all dogs have worked in that class and will be held in an outside ring.

Scent exercises will take place after stay exercises, where applicable.

Class run offs for novice, A and B will take place after stay and scent exercises and eligible competitors will compete in numerical ring number order. Run offs will consist of ringwork only and will be judged by different judges so the rounds will be different. The top 5 dogs from each part of a class will run off against each other to determine the final line-up for that class.

Each class will have rosettes to 10th place, with the Class Champion and Reserve Class Champion receiving stunning trophies and handler sashes.

Each class has been separately sponsored and we would like to sincerely thank our fabulous sponsors for their support in this pioneering event.

The Pet Needs Pre-beginner Championship

The Dog Training Weekly Beginner Championship

The Turner Photo Art Novice Championship

The Skippers Catch Class A Championship

The Allsorts 4 Dogs Class B Championship

The ObedienceUK.Net Class C Championship

We have carefully planned the timings of the whole day, utilising the timings for working dogs from the KC Rules and anticipate the Presentation Ceremony will commence at approximately 6.30pm.

It is hoped that as many spectators as possible will attend to support the competitors in this pioneering gala event, we will have trade stands for your Christmas shopping and a full day of obedience competitions, showcasing winning teams from all levels of the sport, closing with a Presentation Ceremony. There will also be refreshments and food available all day at the kitchen.

This is your Championships, so it needs your full support, either by competing, helping out on the day or just attending – without all of you it won't happen.

Who will be one of the 6 new Class Champions ?

It could be you!

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