

## AKC Preferred Obedience Champion Point Schedule

Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points
190	6	193.5	9	197	15
190.5	6	194	9	197.5	15
191	6	194.5	9	198	15
191.5	6			198.5	15
		195	12	199	15
192	9	195.5	12	199.5	15
192.5	9	196	12	200	15
193	9	196.5	12		

## AKC Class Scheduling Judging Rate (unchanged)

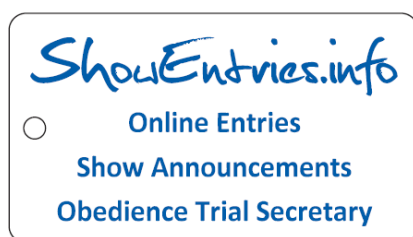
Classes	Entries per Hour
Beginner Novice	10
Novice, Preferred Novice	9
Open, Graduate Novice, Preferred Open,	8
Utility, Graduate Open, Preferred Utility	7
Versatility	6

## AKC References:

[http://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/americankennelclub/Obedience/Summary\\_Obedience\\_Regulations\\_12012015.pdf](http://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/americankennelclub/Obedience/Summary_Obedience_Regulations_12012015.pdf)

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# ShowEntries.Info guide to AKC Obedience Changes Effective December 1, 2015

## Changes for exhibitors

### Class Changes

All Pre- classes are renamed Preferred classes

- Preferred Open and Preferred Utility exercises are changed so that classes are identical to the regular classes except **no group exercises** and minimum jump  $\frac{1}{2}$  **height at withers**
- Preferred Open and Preferred Utility each use the same six orders of exercises as the regular class (except no group exercises).
- PUDX similar to UDX: requires 10 double Q's in PO and PU
- Can earn a Preferred Obedience Champion (POC) title. No wins are required. Minimum requirement for a POC is a PUDX2 and 750 points
- Points can be earned (see chart) even if you do not double Q in PO & PU.
- Can earn a POC2 (PUDX4 and 1500 points), etc
- Pre- class scores are grandfathered back to 7/1/2013

### Group exercise changes

Judge has the option to do group exercises at the end, after all individual team judging is complete, or after a certain number of dogs.

Based on a team's performance in individual exercises:

- If you have qualified you may continue with group exercises. You must check in if you intend to return. If you do not return, you NQ the class
- If you have NQ'd in the individual exercises, the judge might decide to release you from group exercises. You count as a dog defeated (for OTCh point calculations).
- The judge might decide to excuse you from the remainder of the class and the group exercises. You are marked Excused, and do not count as a dog defeated.
- If you have NQ'd and the judge **does not** release or excuse you, you do have the option to return for the group exercises. You must check in if you intend to return.

## Entry Changes

- Beginner Novice is restricted to dogs with at most a CD or PCD title
- Transfer to Beginner Novice is allowed if the dog is eligible and mis-entered the regular Novice class
- Preferred Novice is restricted to dogs with at most a CD or PCD title
- Preferred Open requires a CD or PCD title to enter
- Preferred Utility requires a CDX or PCDX title to enter

### Class Entry Requirements and Restrictions

Class	Requirement: Prerequisite Title	Title Earned	Restrictions
Regular Classes			
Novice	--	CD	NA: Have not competed in Open NB: Have not qualified in Open Both: No HIT Regular Classes more than 60 days after earning CD
Open	CD	CDX	OA: Have not competed in Utility
Utility	CDX	UD	
OB & UB		UDX, OM, OTCH	Note: UD required to earn points toward UDX, OM, and OTCH
Alternative Titling Classes			
Preferred Novice	--	PCD	No CDX or higher or PCDX or higher Have not qualified in Preferred Open No Highest Scoring Dog in Preferred Classes more than 60 days after earning PCD
Preferred Open	CD or PCD	PCDX	
Preferred Utility	CDX or PCDX	PUTD	
PO & PU		PUDX, POC	Note: PUTD required to earn points toward PUDX and POC
Optional Titling Classes			
Beginner Novice	--	BN	No obedience title other than BN, CD, and PCD
Graduate Novice	--	GN	
Graduate Open	--	GO	
Versatility	--	VER	

## Placement Changes

Exhibitors are not required to bring dogs back to the ring for placements

## Other Changes to Classes and Exercises

**Novice:** Leashes stay on for group exercises.

**Utility:** Handler provides two types of articles from the three types allowed: wood, metal, and leather.

Dog may watch as article pile is placed – handler option.

First command is “Choose an Article”. Scoring begins at that time. Handler may talk to but not pet dog during scenting.

Second command is when judge takes the article, after which you cannot talk to the dog.

Substantial penalty for directed retrieve command which is not given simultaneously or immediately following direction (formerly was NQ).

**Beginner Novice:** One command is allowed for sit stay; an additional command is a substantial penalty.

Runoff will use the Beginner Novice heel on leash exercise.

**Graduate Novice:** Add dumbbell to recall over High Jump exercise.

Heeling changes to Heel off Leash.

Group stay exercise is sit or down, at judge’s option, posted before class.

**Graduate Open:** Signal exercise distance clarification: 10’ minimum, no maximum distance.

## Scheduling Changes

- Classes after 12 noon will be listed as “after noon” rather than “to follow”
- Briefings for Preferred Novice, Novice A, and Beginner Novice are shortened to 10 minutes
- The briefing time will be published; the class time will be listed as “to follow briefing”

Judge may start a class early if all exhibitors are checked in and agree.

## Changes for Stewards

- In Open group exercises, stewards must be prepared with slip leads in case there is a need to restrain a dog which leaves its place.
- Stewards must account for and re-check in exhibitors for group exercises
  - This is after the judge has determined those excused or released (who are ineligible)
  - Those eligible may elect to return or not to return
- An exhibitor may steward (except table steward) for a judge under whom they will show at a trial