

## PREMIUM LIST

Obedience Event #2021043503  
Obedience Event #2021043504

Rally Event #2021043501  
Rally Event #2021043502

# Oshkosh Kennel Club OBEDIENCE and RALLY TRIALS

January 16 and 17, 2021



Unbenched  
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)  
Accepting Canine Partners

HELD AT THE OKC CLUBHOUSE  
Oshkosh Kennel Club, Inc.  
220 W. Packer Avenue, Oshkosh, WI

## INDOOR TRIAL

### Judging Not to Exceed 8 Hours Per Judge

Classes with Jumps will be judged in Jump Height order - Small to Tall

**CLASS MOVE-UPS WILL BE ACCEPTED** ENTRIES CLOSE AT NOON WEDNESDAY, December 30, 2020 at the Trial Secretary's address, or when limits are reached if before Dec 30, 2020 after which time entries will not be accepted, cancelled, altered or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules. No telephone changes accepted.

**NOTICE: An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending these events, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.**



*American Kennel Club Certification  
Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club Rules & Regulations.*

Mail all entries with fees (checks or money orders only) payable to **OKC, Inc. Send to: OKC Trial Secretary, Sandy Hartfiel, E8941 Lyn Drive, Fremont, WI 54940**  
(There will be a \$15.00 service charge for any returned checks) All express mail must be sent with no acceptance signature required.

Questions: Sandy Hartfiel, Secretary obedienceschnauzer@yahoo.com 920-667-4364  
Cindy Bohnert, Chairperson specialqrts@gmail.com 920-213-8436

**Obedience Trial Entry Fee:** \$27.00 for the first entry, \$20.00 for second obedience entry of same dog on same day.

**Rally Trial Entry Fee:** \$27.00 for the first entry, \$20.00 for second rally entry of same dog on same day. (includes \$3.50 AKC recording fee)

Entries close at noon, Wednesday, December 30, 2020 or when limits are reached. Entry form changes, additions, corrections, and cancellations **MUST** be received in writing or via email prior to the closing of entries, be legible, and include the AKC number or no refunds will be issued. No telephone changes accepted. No fax entries.

## CATALOGS

If you would like a catalog, please send \$6.00 with your entry, indicate for catalog. There will be a very limited number of catalogs available for sale the day of the trial

## OBEDIENCE JUDGES AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS

### Saturday Jan 16, 2021

Mr. Fred Buroff

Ms. Karen Anderson

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Mr. Fred Buroff

Ms. Karen Anderson

Novice A & B

Graduate Novice

Beginner Novice A & B

Preferred Novice

Open A

Open B

Graduate Open

Preferred Open

Utility A & B

Preferred Utility

ALL RALLY

### Sunday Jan 17, 2021

Ms. Karen Anderson

Mr. Fred Buroff

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## JUDGES' ADDRESSES

Ms. Karen J Anderson, 9724 County Road 5 NE, North Branch, MN 55056  
Mr. Fred Buroff, PO Box 1294, Plainfield, IL 60544-1294

## \*\*\*\*VETERINARIAN ON CALL\*\*\*\*

Fox Valley Animal Referral Center—4706 New Horizons Blvd—Appleton  
920-993-9193

## OKC INC. CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Karen Mason

**Vice President:** Becky Heiner

**Corresponding Secretary:** Cindy Bohnert

**Treasurer:** Marian Fenlon

**Recording Secretary:** Ann Haberkorn

**Board Members:** Dick Angwin, JoAnn Brewer, Marianne Ronson, Julie Ruck

## SHOW COMMITTEE

**Chairperson:** Cindy Bohnert

**Co-Chairperson:** Cindy Pischke

**Trial Secretary:** Sandy Hartfiel

**Chief Ring Steward:** Barb Stanek

**Trophies:** Cindy Pischke Committee & Members of the Oshkosh Kennel Club

**Directions to the show:** From the North or South: Hwy 41 to Hwy 76 Exit Hwy 76/Jackson Street towards Oshkosh, 3.1 miles. Turn left on Packer Avenue to the OKC Clubhouse. Or Hwy 41 to Hwy 45 (Algoma Blvd) toward Oshkosh to Murdock Av, turn left on Murdock Ave to Jackson, turn left on Jackson to Packer Ave, right on Packer. – **Parking in OKC lots only – NO parking allowed on street or in Lynn’s Service Center next door. No overnight parking allowed on blacktop lot. RV or overnight parking permitted on gravel parking lot only.**

## MOTELS

*The following motels have accepted well-mannered dogs. Please be sure to verify:*

**LA QUINTA** -1950 Omro Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54904 (920)233-4190 (Hwy 41 & 21)

**HOLIDAY INN** – 2251 Westowne, Oshkosh, WI 54904 (Hwy 41 & 21) (920)303-1300

**HAWTHORNE INN** – 3105 S. Washburn St. Oshkosh, WI 54904 (920)303-1133

**SUPER 8** – 1581 W. South Park, Oshkosh, WI 54904 (920)426-2885

**FAIRFIELD INN** – 1800 S. Koeller St. Oshkosh, WI 54902 (920)233-8504

**COBBLESTONE INN**— 1515 Pleasant View, Oshkosh (hwy 41 & 26) 920-230-7400

## PRIZES/RIBBONS

### ***Ribbons for placements in each regular class***

(Blue—1st place, Red—2nd place, Yellow—3rd place, White—4th place)

***Flat dark green qualifying ribbons for each qualifying dog.***

Title Rosettes will be awarded to dogs receiving new titles at these shows. The Oshkosh Kennel Club will offer a special titling ribbon to any dog that completes its Obedience Trial Championship or Utility Dog Excellent title at these shows

## Saturday January 16, 2021

### **High Scoring Dog In Trial**

Snowman Wind Chime offered by Oshkosh Kennel Club

Rosette offered by the Oshkosh Kennel Club

### **High Combined Dog in Open B and Utility B**

Snowman Wind Chime offered by Oshkosh Kennel Club

Rosette offered by the Oshkosh Kennel Club

### **High Combined Rally Dog**

Snowman Wind Chime offered by Oshkosh Kennel Club

Rosette offered by the Oshkosh Kennel Club

### **Highest Scoring Triple Q Rally**

Snowman Wind Chime offered by Oshkosh Kennel Club

Rosette offered by the Oshkosh Kennel Club

### **First place in each obedience and rally class**

Silver Snowflake Face Mask offered by Cima Photography

### **2-4<sup>th</sup> place in each obedience and rally class**

Dog Toy offered by Cima Photography

## Sunday January 17, 2021

### **High Scoring Dog In Trial**

“Let it Snow” Shadowbox décor offered by Cima Photography

Rosette offered by the Oshkosh Kennel Club

### **High Combined Dog in Open B and Utility B**

“Let it Snow” Shadowbox décor offered by Cima Photography

Rosette offered by the Oshkosh Kennel Club

### **High Combined Rally Dog**

“Let it Snow” Shadowbox décor offered by Cima Photography

Rosette offered by the Oshkosh Kennel Club

### **Highest Scoring Triple Q Rally**

“Let it Snow” Shadowbox décor offered by Cima Photography

Rosette offered by the Oshkosh Kennel Club

### **First place in each obedience and rally class**

Hexagon Snowman Decor offered by Cima Photography

### **2-4<sup>th</sup> place in each obedience and rally class**

Dog Toy offered by Cima Photography

**Due to Covid-19 the following will be in place. Subject to change depending and State, Local and National regulations at time of trial.**

- Mask will be required at any time in the building you are not able to maintain social distancing.
- Mask will be required when approaching the stewards table.
- Should the trial be cancelled due to COVID regulations Oshkosh Kennel club will shred all checks.
- Classes will be scheduled throughout the day to help keep the numbers in the building to a minimum. Times will be determined once entries are received.
- There will be a trophy table area. Please review the premium list if you and your dog earned a trophy just go to the table and take the appropriate one
- There will be no food, water or soda available for exhibitors
- High In Trial and High Combined and High Rally Ribbons can be mailed if you have left the trial
- Crating will be available in the building. Be courteous to leave when your class is finished and remove your crate so there is ample room for the next scheduled exhibitors
- Cones will be used for figure 8 posts
- Jump heights will be in order small to tall.

In addition

We will be following AKC Obedience/Rally suggested Best Practices for the Well-Being of the Dog Sport participants dated 5/12/20 and any subsequent updates. Please see attached

Be sure to visit  
**CIMA PHOTOGRAPHY**  
*Capture Your Win at The  
Oshkosh Trial*

## EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The Oshkosh Kennel Club and its Secretary assume no responsibility for a wrong entry. Exhibitors are advised to print all unusual words when filling out entry forms. No dog wrongly entered in a class may be transferred to another class after the closing entries, except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the AKC Rules and Regulations. No entry may be changed or cancelled unless notice of the change or cancellation is received in writing by the Trial Secretary named in the premium list to receive entries, prior to the closing date and hour for entries, except that a correction may be made in the sex of a dog. No dog may otherwise be transferred to another class. Owners are responsible for errors on the entry forms, regardless of who may make such error.

The Oshkosh Kennel Club, Inc. assumes no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers or their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to an exhibitor's child. Exhibitors must exercise control of their children at all times while within the Trial grounds. No fees will be returned if show cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, strikes or any other causes beyond the control of the OKC, Inc. The club may cancel the Trial in the event of extreme weather conditions.

Dogs need be present only for scheduled time of judging and may be removed immediately after unless required for further judging. Dogs will be judged in catalog order to the extent that it is practical without holding up judging in another ring. Judges are not required to wait for dogs and it is the responsibility of each exhibitor to have his/her dog ready at ringside without waiting to be called.

No dog will be allowed into the Trial precincts except those eligible to enter as stated in Chapter 3,4 and 5 of the AKC Obedience Regulations. All dogs must be current for vaccinations according to Wisconsin State Law.

**RV and/or overnight parking is available on the east gravel parking lot only. The City of Oshkosh will ticket all overnight parking on the blacktop lot. No alcoholic beverages on grounds. Only cloth crates allowed on blue mats unless a rug is under them. No X-pens or baby strollers allowed in the building.**

- Entries will not be accepted without proper fees and signatures. **Entries must be submitted on approved entry forms with the agreement printed on the reverse side.** Photocopies of front and back will be accepted if legible.
- Please TYPEWRITE or PRINT plainly all information on the entry except the owner's signature.
- Entry fees will be refunded after the closing date for bitches in season or dogs with an injury. A \$11.00 processing fee will be charged. Request will need to be made to the trial secretary no less than 30 minutes prior to the beginning of judging and must be accompanied by a veterinarian's letter..

Dogs eligible to enter are those stated in Chapter 3, 4 and 5 of the AKC Obedience Regulations. All dogs must be current for vaccinations according to Wisconsin State Law.

All trophies must be claimed at the Trial. Unclaimed trophies will become the property of the OKC Inc. upon completion of the Trial. Where there is a double entry of the same dog only the highest score will be eligible for special awards. Class awards will be given out at the conclusion of the judging of the class; all other awards will be given out after all judging has been completed.

**PLEASE turn off cell phones and/or pager before entering rings!**  
**Please help keep our show site clean by PICKING UP after your dog.**

Reserve the following dates for upcoming

**Obedience and Rally Trials**

May 22 & 23, 2021

**Agility Trials**

Jan 30 & 31, 2021

April 10 & 11, 2021

**OFFICIAL AMERICAL KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM  
OSHKOSH KENNEL CLUB, INC.**

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

Saturday, January 16, 2021

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Obedience Event #2021043503 \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience Event #2021043504 \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Event #2021043501 \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Event #2021043502 \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEE: OBEDIENCE:** \$27.00 for the first entry, \$20.00 for second obedience entry of same dog on the same day. **RALLY:** \$27.00, \$17.00 for second rally entry of same dog on the same day.

**Entries close noon, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, or when limits are reached.**

**Checks or money orders payable to: OKC**

**Send to:**

**Sandy Hartfiel, E8941 Lyn Drive, Fremont, WI 54940-8864**

ENCLOSE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ENTRY FEES

IMPORTANT: Read carefully instructions on reverse side before filling out. Numbers in the boxes indicate sections of the instructions relevant to the information in that box (PLEASE PRINT)

BREED		VARIETY(1)	SEX ( ) DOG ( ) BITCH
RALLY (CIRCLE) Novice A Novice B Intermediate Advanced A Advanced B Excellent A Excellent B Masters RAE RACH		JUMP HEIGHT	
OBEDIENCE CLASS (CIRCLE) Novice A Novice B Open A Open B Utility A Utility B UDX		JUMP HEIGHT	
Beginner Novice A Beginner Novice B Grad Novice Grad Open Preferred Novice Preferred Open Preferred Utility			
FULL NAME OF DOG:			
( ) AKC REG NO. ( ) AKC LITTER NO. ( ) PAL/ILP NO. ( ) FOREIGN REG NO & COUNTRY	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH: (Do not print in catalog) ( ) USA ( ) CANADA ( ) FOREIGN	
BREEDER			
SIRE			
DAM			
ACTUAL OWNERS(4) (Please Print)			
OWNERS ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
NAME OF OWNERS AGENT (IF ANY) AT THIS SHOW			

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above in consideration of the acceptance of this entry. I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules & Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

**SIGNATURE of owner or his agent  
duly authorized to make this entry**

**TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**AGREEMENT**

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons.

**"I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN ITS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES."**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- (Variety) If you are entering a dog of a breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering. i.e. Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color). Beagles (not exceeding 13 in.; over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.) Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired). Collies (rough, smooth). Bull Terriers (colored, white). Manchester Terriers (standard, toy). Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat). English Toy Spaniels (King Charles & Ruby, Blenheim & Prince Charles). Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
- The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition. Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs, which, according to their owner's records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
- (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog i.e., age division, color division, weight division.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to AKC (For complete rule refer to Chapter 11, Section 3).

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR'S DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

The above number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919)816-3776.

By signing this entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to complete in Junior Showmanship.

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

If Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner?

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May 12, 2020

## Obedience & Rally

### Suggested Best Practices for the Well-Being of the Dog Sport Participants

The AKC supports each club's informed decision to reschedule, postpone or cancel their respective events, as well as supporting clubs ready to hold events in locations that are open and permit gatherings. As events resume across the country, people need to feel safe while enjoying their dog activities. The AKC urges clubs to take appropriate precautions for the benefit of their participants. Events need to be held in a manner that emphasizes the safety of participants and event officials over efficiency.

The following is a list of suggested best practices that may be helpful when planning or attending an event. Event locations, facilities and dates will differ. With a situation that is continually evolving, it is up to the clubs to determine the guidelines that best fit their event. In order to inform participants, specific guidelines established by the club should be published in the premium, club website and posted on signage/flyers at their event.

#### General Practices

1. Clubs, officials and participants are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that apply to the area and site where the event is held.
2. Practice social distancing consistent with current guidelines. Avoid congregating to the extent possible.
3. Consider wearing masks when in close proximity to others. Clubs should provide masks if desired for officials, judges and volunteers.
4. Consider wearing disposable or washable gloves.
5. Have plenty of hand sanitizers placed for people to use.
6. Wash hands as frequently as possible. Have disinfecting spray at bathroom facilities for people to spray door handles (or anything else they touch).
7. If you utilize portable toilets, please ask for a hand washing station to be delivered as well.
8. Avoid shaking hands or hugging.
9. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
10. Avoid common use pens/pencils – bring your own.
11. Disinfect surfaces in common use areas as often as possible (tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc.) Clubs and facilities may consider not providing chairs.
12. Meals – No potlucks. Avoid or stagger group lunches/dinners if possible. It is recommended that clubs supply boxed lunches for judges and volunteers. Hospitality areas should avoid community items such as salt and pepper shakers,

condiments, creamers, etc. Participants should consider bringing their own lunches/drinks.

13. Parking areas – Park with increased distance between vehicles if possible. This is especially critical if handlers are required to crate from their vehicles.

#### Event Planning

1. Limiting Entries
  - Clubs may choose to limit trials based on the number of handlers allowed in the event space. For example, 50 people (handlers, volunteers, judges, event committee) and entries not to exceed 100 for the trial.
  - If possible, schedule in shifts to reduce congregating.
  - Outdoor events where people can spread out may be able to accommodate larger entries.
2. One Trial Over Two Days – In order to reduce the number of participants on site at one time, clubs may hold their trial over two days.
3. Two Trials in One Day – If more than one trial is offered per day, to minimize the gathering of people, clubs should consider holding concurrent events rather than consecutive events.
4. Scheduling
  - Consider scheduling participants in specific time blocks within a class in order to reduce crowds. The Trial Secretary can assign a specific number of dogs/armbands to a time block and publish in the judging program. For example: Dogs 101-120: 9:00a.m.-10:00a.m.
  - Consider establishing smaller walk through groups to allow for social distancing.
  - Participants can provide cell phone numbers for the event secretary to call or text to determine if someone is absent. Likewise, the Trial Secretary could provide a cell phone number for participants to report they will be absent. This prevents waiting and may streamline the event.
  - Clubs may state in the premium that when an exhibitor is done for the day, they should leave the building in order to minimize congregating.
5. Event Set-up
  - For indoor trials, open the exterior doors for better air flow if possible. Where possible, encourage one-way traffic flow with marked entrance and exits.
  - Have a separate table for questions located at least six feet away from the Trial Secretary table.
6. Crating
  - Consider crating outside weather permitting. If the club is planning to have participants crate from their vehicles, the club may need to supply indoor crating if requested due to a participant's health needs.
  - Crating should be at least six feet apart, except for "family" groups of exhibitors and dogs. If space is limited, clubs may want to request participants to not arrive



earlier than 30 minutes prior to their start time. Clubs may choose a specific time for the next group of participants to move in or note they must wait until the previous group has left in order to reduce congregating.

## **Event Practices**

1. Social Distancing Requirements – A minimum of six-foot distances around the ring(s), crating, volunteer, and Judges' and Trial Secretary areas should be established. Recommend marking spacing to identify safe distancing requirements.
  - Judge's Table – Judges may have the table at one end of the ring and the gate openings at the other end. The judge and the stewards should maintain required distancing.
  - Timer – Set up an area where only the person timing is allowed. The timer should handle the stopwatches with gloves.
  - Check-in – A separate table should be set up to allow exhibitors, one at a time, to check themselves in on the board with their own pen and pick up their armbands. This eliminates the interaction between trial workers and participants.
2. Ring Procedure Modifications
  - Judges, stewards and exhibitors should maintain the mandated required distancing throughout the event.
  - Suggest a chair (or two, one for the in-ring exhibitor and one for the next exhibitor) be placed inside the ring for all classes. The exhibitor will be responsible for placing the leash on the chair when entering the ring and prior to starting the course.
  - Once the course is complete, the exhibitor will be responsible for getting the leash. A steward may disinfect the chair between exhibitors. A second chair, for the next exhibitor, will allow for more efficient ring management.
  - Ribbons/Awards may be placed on a pick-up table versus handed out. The judge may announce the awards and exhibitors may pick up the awards that were laid out on a table for the class.
  - Judges, exhibitors and stewards may wear masks inside the ring.
  - Judges should sanitize their ruler after measuring any dogs.
  - Stewards should wear gloves or sanitize their hands between handling paperwork.

## **Obedience Specific**

- Rather than use stewards for the Figure 8 exercise, the club may use upright posts, tall pylons, or chairs as posts. The same object should be used for both posts and all exhibitors.
- Judges may wear gloves or use hand sanitizer between examination exercises. If a judge chooses to use gloves, a new pair of gloves will be used for each dog.
- Examinations – Ensure social distancing requirements are met during

examination exercises. For the Utility Moving Stand for Examination, the judge should approach the dog at a slight angle to ensure distancing requirements from handler to judge are maintained.

- Novice Group Exercise – The distance requirement should be modified to 8 feet between dogs and rows to ensure social distancing guidelines are met.
- Directed Retrieve Exercise - Consider providing a grabber for the Steward to pick up the gloves. Wipe down grabber between exhibitors.
- Scent Discrimination Exercise – The steward responsible for placing the articles may wear gloves or use hand sanitizer. Tongs, when used, should be wiped down between dogs.

## **Policies that Have Been Temporarily Suspended/Modified**

1. Event Application Late Fees – Event application late fees are waived through the end of October. This provide clubs more flexibility in planning or rescheduling their events.
2. For events cancelled in 2020, AKC will apply Event Application fees to the club's next event of the same type.
3. Judges - The judge's assignment limitations of 30 days within 100 miles is waived until December 30.
4. Closing Date - Clubs are allowed, at their option, to have a closing date seven days prior to the event through December 30, 2020. This will provide clubs and exhibitors greater flexibility to decide what to do.
5. Obedience Figure 8 Exercise – Upright posts, tall pylons or chairs may be used in place of people in the figure 8 exercise through December 30, 2020.
6. Obedience Novice Group Exercise – The distance between dogs is modified to 8 feet (currently 6 feet) through December 30, 2020.

Participants are expected to follow state, local government, facility and event guidelines. Clubs should be prepared to enforce the guidelines that apply to their event.

These Suggested Best Practices may be periodically updated. Please check the AKC Rally ([www.akc.org/sports/rally/](http://www.akc.org/sports/rally/)) or the AKC Obedience ([www.akc.org/sports/obedience/](http://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/)) websites for the most up-to-date version.

CDC - How to Protect Yourself and Others:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

For questions or additional suggestions, please contact the Club Companion Events Department at [Companion Events](#).

**Stay Safe — Enjoy Your Dogs**