

SACRAMENTO DOG TRAINING CLUB

Ring Procedures by Class

January 2021

RALLY SPECIFIC

- Masks/Face Shields are required to be worn by all participants including the judge, ring crew, observers, and exhibitors at all times.
- Walk-Throughs: Groups will be limited to no more than 12 people (without dogs) at a time. Walk-through time will be reduced to 7 minutes for each group. There can be no clusters, and everyone must maintain a 6' distance from each other. Several walk-throughs may be necessary to ensure everyone has a chance to walk the course.
- Leash (Advanced, Excellent & Master): A chair will be placed in the ring for the handler to place their leash before going to the Start sign. In Advanced and Master, handler will retrieve the leash before exiting the ring. In Excellent, the leash will be retrieved during the Sit/Stay exercise. (Chair will be sanitized after each team completes their run.)
In the case of an emergency (i.e. dog out of control), Judge will pick up the leash from the chair using tongs before taking the leash to the handler.
- Course Maps will not be handed out at the trial but will be made available by 6 PM on the club's website the day before the trial. Course Maps will also be posted in two locations at the trial and may be photographed.
- Awards: The award ceremony will be conducted with qualifiers in the ring while observing 6' social distancing. The judge will announce placements and tell handlers their scores (no handshakes). Ribbons and prizes will be made available on a table outside the ring for exhibitors to take.
- Scores: Scores will be posted as usual on the board after each run. If an exhibitor wishes to discuss their score with the judge after awards, this may be done but only while maintaining a 6' distance between judge and exhibitor.

OBEDIENCE - NOVICE & BEGINNER NOVICE SPECIFIC

- Masks/Face Shields are required to be worn by all participants including the judge, ring crew, observers, and exhibitors at all times.
- Leash: In Novice, after the Figure 8 the handler will place their leash on a chair inside the ring. The leash will be retrieved from the chair by the handler during the Sit, Stay, Get Your Leash Exercise. The chair will be sanitized for each team.
- Figure 8: Instead of Stewards, tall cones or upright posts will be used. These may be left in the ring during all individual exercises.
- Stand/Sit for Exam: Judge will approach the dog from an angle while adhering to the 6' social distance. Judge may use gloves or hand sanitizer between dogs.
- Group Exercise: The distance will be 8' between dogs and rows.
- Awards: The award ceremony will be conducted with qualifiers in the ring while observing 6' social distancing. The judge will announce placements and tell handlers their scores (no handshakes). Ribbons and prizes will be made available on a table outside the ring for exhibitors to take. Unofficial Scoresheets will not be provided. Copies of the Judges Book with scores by exercise will be posted for viewing.

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OBEDIENCE - OPEN SPECIFIC

- Masks/Face Shields are required to be worn by all participants including the judge, ring crew, observers, and exhibitors at all times.
- Leash: Upon entering the ring, handler will place the leash on a chair inside the ring. The Leash will be retrieved from the chair by the handler during the Stand Stay, Get Your Leash Exercise. The chair will be sanitized for each team.
- Figure 8: Instead of Stewards, tall cones or upright posts will be used. These may be left in the ring during all individual exercises.
- Dumbbell: Dumbbells are to be placed in a basket/bin at the table. The basket/bin will be delivered to the judge in the basket/bin. The judge will offer the dumbbell to the handler by extending the basket/bin where handler will retrieve the dumbbell. Should a re-throw of the dumbbell be required, the handler must retrieve the dumbbell instead of the judge. When dumbbell exercises are completed, the dumbbell is returned to the basket/bin by the handler. The basket/bin is then returned to the table. There will be two baskets/bin at the table. One for the team in the ring, and one for the next team. Baskets/bins will be sanitized for each team.
- Awards: The award ceremony will be conducted with qualifiers in the ring while observing 6' social distancing. The judge will announce placements and tell handlers their scores (no handshakes). Ribbons and prizes will be made available on a table outside the ring for exhibitors to take. Unofficial Scoresheets will not be provided. Copies of the Judges Book with scores by exercise will be posted for viewing.

OBEDIENCE - UTILITY SPECIFIC

- Masks/Face Shields are required to be worn by all participants including the judge, ring crew, observers, and exhibitors at all times.
- Leash: Upon entering the ring, handler will place the leash on a chair inside the ring. The Leash will be retrieved from the chair by the handler before exiting the ring. The chair will be sanitized for each team.
- Articles: Articles will be removed from the article bag by the handler and placed in a basket/bin at the table. Stewards will use tongs to place/move articles. There will be four baskets (articles & gloves) on the table - two for the team going in the ring; and two for the next team up. Baskets will be sanitized between exhibitors.
- Gloves: Gloves will be removed from the article bag by the handler and placed in a basket/bin at the table. Stewards will use tongs to place/move gloves. There will be four baskets/bins (articles & gloves) on the table - two for the team going in the ring; and two for the next team up. Baskets/bins will be sanitized between exhibitors.
- Moving Stand for Exam: Judge will approach the dog from an angle while adhering to the 6' social distancing. Judge may use gloves/hand sanitizer between dogs.
- Awards: The award ceremony will be conducted with qualifiers in the ring while observing 6' social distancing. The judge will announce placements and tell handlers their scores (no handshakes). Ribbons and prizes will be made available on a table outside the ring for exhibitors to take. Unofficial Scoresheets will not be provided. Copies of the Judges Book with scores by exercise will be posted for viewing.