

SACRAMENTO DOG TRAINING CLUB

Ring Procedures by Class January 2021 Trial

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GENERAL

- **Masks are MANDATORY** & must be worn by all participants including judges, ring crew, observers, and exhibitors at all times. Face shields *without* masks will not be allowed.
- There is no crating in the arena. Exhibitors may choose to crate out of their vehicles or set-up on the grounds in areas specifically marked for crating.
- Daily, everyone must have their temperature checked at the main desk and wear the wristband they are given. Wristbands must be visible to enter the arena.
- ONLY judges, assigned stewards (2 per ring), 2 exhibitors per ring (1 in Hold) plus admin staff will be allowed in the arena at any given time. Exhibitors may enter the arena for awards to the top 4 scoring teams, HC/HIT/3H plus walk-thru & heeling pattern demo groups when they called into the ring. Visitors and observers are not permitted.
- Entrances, exits and holding areas are assigned for each ring, please refer to the Arena Map for details.
- Awards only to the top 4 four scoring teams & HIT/HC/3H will be done in the ring. All ribbons will be available on a table for qualifying exhibitors to pick up located on a table outside the arena.

RALLY SPECIFIC

- **Walk-throughs**: Groups will be assigned and limited to approximately 10 people (without dogs) at a time. 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** (Master, Excellent & Advanced): A chair with a paper towel placemat will be in the ring for the handler to leave their leash before going to the Start sign. In Master & Advanced the handler will retrieve the leash before exiting the ring leaving the paper towel on the chair. In Excellent, the leash will be retrieved during the Sit/Stay exercise leaving the paper towel on the chair. The paper towel will be replaced after each exhibitor. In the case of an emergency (i.e., dog out of control), Judge or Steward will pick up the leash from the chair using tongs before taking the leash to the handler.
- **Course Maps** will be made available no earlier than 6 PM the evening before the trial on the club's website. Course Maps may also be posted.
- **Scores**: Scores will be posted after each run. If an exhibitor wishes to discuss their score with the judge after awards, this may be arranged with the judge individually.

OBEDIENCE - NOVICE & BEGINNER NOVICE SPECIFIC

- **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. A paper towel will be placed on the chair for the handler to leave leash. The paper towel will be replaced after each exhibitor.

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- Figure 8: Instead of Stewards, tall cones or upright posts will be used. Cones 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.
- Novice Group Exercise: The distance will be 8' between dogs and rows.
- Unofficial Scoresheets will not be provided. Copies of the Judges Book with scores by exercise will be posted for viewing.

OBEDIENCE - OPEN SPECIFIC

- 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. A paper towel will be placed on the chair for the handler to leave leash. The paper towel will be replaced after each exhibitor.
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- Dumbbell: Dumbbells are to be placed in a basket/bin at the table. The judge may use tongs to handle the dumbbell or use the basket/bin provided. When dumbbell exercises are completed, the dumbbell is returned to the basket/bin by the handler and returned to the table. The basket/bin will be lined with a paper towel which will be replaced after each exhibitor. There will be two baskets/bins at the table. One for the team in the ring, and one for the next team.
- Unofficial Scoresheets will not be provided. Copies of the Judges Book with scores by exercise will be posted for viewing.

OBEDIENCE - UTILITY SPECIFIC

- 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. A paper towel placemat will be on the chair where the handler will leave the leash. The paper towel will be replaced after each exhibitor.
- 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 lined with a paper towel and will be replaced after each exhibitor.
- 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 lined with a paper towel that will be replaced after each exhibitor.
- Moving Stand for Exam: Judge will approach the dog from an angle while adhering to 6' social distancing. Judge may use gloves/hand sanitizer between dogs.
- Unofficial Scoresheets will not be provided. Copies of the Judges Book with scores by exercise will be posted for viewing.