

WHAT IS COMPETITION OBEDIENCE?

Competition Obedience is a sport where a dog and handler participate in Obedience Trials to demonstrate the team's ability to follow specified exercise routines in the ring. All participants follow the same routine, and are required to perform the exercises according to specific judging criteria so the various performances may be compared against a standard and then scored. The performance of the dog and handler in the ring emphasizes accuracy, smoothness, and teamwork. It is of utmost importance that the dog demonstrates willingness and enjoyment while it is working. A variety of obedience titles can be earned by completing the titling requirements of the sponsoring organization, such as AKC, UKC, and CDSP. In order to compete in AKC, UKC or CDSP, your dog must be registered with that particular registry and have a number assigned.

TCKC offers a variety of Competition Obedience Classes. The classes offered will include two basic formats. The first type will focus on learning the various components needed to build exercises, while the second type will focus on full exercises and ring readiness.

Please check the class descriptions for skills required to participate in each class. Since not all classes will be offered each session, please check the schedule for class availability.

Prerequisites for All Competition Obedience Classes at TCKC and Basic Requirements for participation:

1. The dog should be in good health.
2. The dog must not show any signs of aggression towards other dogs or people.
3. The applicant must present proof of current immunizations (or titers) for their dog at registration or by the first class for each session in which they are enrolled.
4. The applicant must read, sign, and date both the TCKC registration form, TCKC's liability waiver form, read and initial TCKC's Refund Policy and include payment of class fees.
5. Dogs may be dropped from class with no notice at the discretion of the instructor. Examples of behavior that may necessitate expulsion include, but are not limited to, aggression, harsh training, or disruptive behavior by the dog or handler.

Each handler will be responsible for bringing the proper equipment and training aids to class with them each week. Treats, toys, leads, and crates will NOT be provided.

Here's a list of what to bring with you:

1. Flat buckle or quick-release collar, free of tags and bling.
2. Prong collar, slip collar, martingale as needed.
3. 6' leather lead.
4. Handler is required to wear comfortable shoes appropriate for walking and running (absolutely no sandals, flip-flops, or clogs).
5. Lots of soft treats!!!! Include both light colored and dark colored (string cheese slices, microwaved hot dog slices, liver, etc.). Handler should be able to put the treat in their own mouth J.
6. Motivational toy – tug toys are best. NO SQUEAKERS or NO TOYS THAT CAN ROLL!
7. Flat white target (plastic lid, paper plate, tile).
8. Training bag to keep hold of all your items.
9. Hungry dog!!!!!!