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**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB  
26<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL  
OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIP**



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB®**

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**Saturday and Sunday, June 27 – 28, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round Entries Open – Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round Entries Close – Wednesday, April 1, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m. EST**

**This event is by Invitation Only.**

**ROBERTS CENTRE/ROYAL CANIN RING  
123 Gano Road  
Wilmington, OH 45177**

**Event Hours: Saturday & Sunday – 7:00am to 7:00pm**

**Judges:**

Mrs. Dianne Allen, IL

Mr. Frank Cardillino, MD

Mr. Robert Margolis, CA

Mrs. Cheryl Pratt, VA

Mrs. Barb Wedekind Selton, MN

Mrs. Mary Jane Shervais, WA

Mrs. Helen Smith, OK

Mrs. Sharon Hodgens-Wood, WI

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**CERTIFICATION**

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary



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## PUBLICATION RIGHTS – PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

By entering this show, all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree that all rights to televise, videotape, photograph, advertise, promote and publicize or otherwise exploit this show, or the persons or animals participating in it or the results of the competition before, during or after the event, shall belong solely to The American Kennel Club and their respective assigns, including the use of the names, likenesses or biographical matter of all dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the show and no such owner, handler, breeder or kennel shall allow any other party to make commercial use of any videotape or photograph of any person or animal participating in this competition.

**NOTE:** By entering this show all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree to make themselves available for interview if requested.

Exhibitors may video tape or photograph **individual runs only** for personal use. **Only the Official Photographer may take ring photos for sale for these events. Any other photographers taking multi-dog ring photographs will be subject to an Event Committee Hearing for failure to comply with the event regulations published in the official premium list.**

**Win pictures will take place at the Official Photo set up immediately after the Awards Ceremony. All winners are ASKED TO STAY FOR THEIR OFFICIAL WIN photos!!**



## EMERGENCY SERVICES

EMS Dial ~ 911 ~ Clinton County Sheriff ~ 937-382-1611

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## VETERINARY SERVICES

### EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN CARE

- Cincinnati Care Center, 6995 E Kemper Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45249 / 513-530-0911 (24-Hr)
- Dayton Care Center, 6405 Cloy Rd, Dayton, OH 45459 / 937-428-0911 (24-Hour)
- Country View Animal Hospital, 6574 W State Route 73, Wilmington, OH 45177 937-382-7387 (M-Th 8am-7pm, Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm)

**Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.**

**A copy of a dog's vaccination record, including a current rabies certificate, must be present for all dogs at the event.**

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

### SATURDAY'S COMPETITION:

- There will be eight rings and the teams will perform two to three exercises in each of the eight rings. The exercises will be a mix of the regular class open and utility exercises according to the *Obedience Regulations* effective January 1, 2019.
- Approximately 20 teams will be assigned to start in each ring. Your starting ring and armband numbers will be sent to you approximately three weeks prior to the event.
- Teams starting in Ring 1 will proceed to Ring 2 in catalog order. Teams starting in Ring 2 will proceed to Ring 3; Teams starting in Ring 3 will proceed to Ring 4 and so on.
- At the end of Saturday's competition, if necessary, runoffs will be conducted to determine the 50<sup>th</sup> team, and the top four Group Placements.
- Once the runoff results are tabulated, the "Top 50" teams will be announced. These are the teams that will move on to compete on Sunday morning.
- An Awards Ceremony will take place at the end of Saturday's event to award the top four Group Placement winners of the 2020 National Obedience Championship.

### SUNDAY'S COMPETITION:

- Sunday morning the "Top 50" handler/dog teams will perform two exercises in each of the eight rings like the Saturday format.
- At the end of the "Top 50" competition, the "Top 20" handler/dog teams will be determined.
- The "Top 20" teams will then perform a series of exercises to determine the "Top 10" handler/dog teams.
- The "Top 10" handler/dog teams will be ranked by scores earned in that portion of the competition.
- An Awards Ceremony will be held at the end of Sunday's event where the "Top 10" teams of the 2020 NOC will be announced!

**The Scent Discrimination Exercise** may be performed up to four various times over the course of the competition. Please be certain to bring a sufficient number of articles with you.

## ENTRY ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMATION

*Qualifying Period for the event is December 1, 2018 – November 30, 2019*

**This event is by invitation only.** To be invited to participate, each dog must be ranked in the top 25 dogs by OTCH points or ranked in the top 3 of its breed by OTCH points. If there are more than thirty (30) dogs that qualify in a specific breed, then we will take a ratio of the total and invite that amount. In addition, the top 4 dogs from each of the Obedience Regional Events will be invited based on the qualification criteria as written in the AKC *Obedience Regulations*, Chapter 9, Section 2, AKC Regional Competitions. Dogs must meet the minimum entry requirements to participate at this event and must also meet the eligibility requirements specified in the AKC *Obedience Regulations*.

**The 2020 National Obedience Champion will receive an automatic "bye" into the 2021 AKC National Obedience Championship event.**

1<sup>st</sup> Round Invitations will be sent via email by March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If it is necessary to send out a 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Invitations, they will be emailed by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please be sure that your email address is up to date on your My AKC account. To verify your information, sign into AKC.org. Click on your name in the upper right corner and select MyAKC. On the far left you choose My Account, then Contact Management, then Edit at the bottom center of the screen.

**1<sup>st</sup> Round Closing Date for entries will be Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Round Closing Date for entries will be Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

## ENTRY ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMATION CONT'D

National Obedience Championship Entry Fee .....\$ 150.00

**ENTRIES NOT ON THE OFFICIAL AKC NATIONAL OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM OR PHOTOCOPIES OF THE ENTRY FORM** without the Agreement and rules on the reverse side are NOT ACCEPTABLE. No entry shall be made or accepted, which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

**The official ENTRY FORM with fees must be sent to the following address:**

AKC Companion Events  
Attn: NOC Entry  
8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Ste 100  
Raleigh NC, 27617-3390.

**Make check/money order payable to: AKC NOC.**

Inquiries may be directed to Lisa Liggins at [AKC-NOC@akc.org](mailto:AKC-NOC@akc.org).

**Entries cannot be accepted by fax, email, hand delivery or phone.**

**Dog's Call Name:** Please be sure to include your dog's call name on the entry form. This will be used for award announcements.

**Errors on Entry Forms** Owners are responsible for errors on entry forms and no entry fee will be refunded in the event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the trial has closed.

**Illegible entries** will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. A twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar collection fee will be added to the amount of each returned check.

**Confirmation of Entry:** You will receive a confirmation email that your entry has been received and accepted. **If you do not receive an email within two weeks of sending in an entry, and/or prior to the closing date, please contact us at [AKC-NOC@akc.org](mailto:AKC-NOC@akc.org) before entries close** for each round!

**Cancellation of Entry:** The last day to cancel a 1<sup>st</sup> Round entry is **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 @4:00 p.m. ET**. If you enter via a 2<sup>nd</sup> Round invite, the last day to cancel a 2<sup>nd</sup> Round entry is **April 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. ET**. You may cancel your entry via an email sent to [AKC-NOC@akc.org](mailto:AKC-NOC@akc.org) or by fax at (919) 816-4204 and refunds for cancellations will be made within 45 days after the final closing date.

**Changes to Entries:** Changes, additions or corrections to entries must be received in writing prior to the closing date. Updates are to be sent to [AKC-NOC@akc.org](mailto:AKC-NOC@akc.org).

**Bitches in Season:** Are not permitted to compete in Obedience Events. Refunds will be processed if the Trial Secretary is notified no later than one half hour prior to the start of judging. Veterinarian statements must be provided to the Trial Secretary in writing. They may be hand delivered at the event, emailed to [AKC-NOC@akc.org](mailto:AKC-NOC@akc.org) or faxed to (919) 816-4204.

**Entry Fees:** Are required with each entry. NO ENTRY FEE will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a judge or veterinarian, or barred from competition by the action of the Event Committee.

**There will be no refund for duplicate entries.**

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the *Obedience Regulations* by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website at <http://www.akc.org/rules/>. **This event will be judged according to the *Obedience Regulations***

# NATIONAL OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS, PRIZES & RIBBONS

## Saturday Awards

- **Top in Group Awards** The top 4 Dogs from each Group will be awarded the following at the end of Saturday's competition. (Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, Herding, Misc./FSS/All American.)
  - Award & Rosette
  - \$25 J & J Gift Certificate
- **"Top 50"**
  - Commemorative Top 50 Lapel Pin
- **Patricia R. Krause "Soaring Eagle" Perpetual Memorial Trophy**  
Presented to the 51<sup>st</sup> place dog and handler by the AKC Companion Events Obedience & Rally Team
  - Commemorative Plaque



## Sunday Awards

- **"Top 20"**
  - Rosette
- **2020 AKC National Obedience Champion**
  - \$1,000 Cash Award\*
  - Soaring Eagle Crystal Trophy
  - Rosette
  - AKC Medallion
  - \$200 J & J Gift Certificate

### 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up

- \$500 Cash Award\*
- Award
- Rosette
- AKC Medallion
- \$150 J & J Gift Certificate

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-Up

- \$100 Cash Award\*
- Award
- Rosette
- AKC Medallion
- \$50 J & J Gift Certificate

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up

- \$200 Cash Award\*
- Award
- Rosette
- AKC Medallion
- \$100 J & J Gift Certificate

### 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Place

- Rosette

**2020 National Obedience Champion will be automatically eligible to compete at the 2021 AKC National Obedience Championship. The 2021 qualifying requirements are waived for the 2020 Champion as stated above.**

A participation certificate will be enclosed in the check-in packet for each dog.

*\*All monetary awards will be mailed approximately 30 days after the competition. Winners of these awards must complete the award form and provide their Social Security Number to the AKC to receive the awards. Forms will be available at the event.*



**J&J DOG  
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## BE “IN-THE-KNOW”

Be “In-The-Know” – Opt-in to receive occasional, informational text messages from AKC regarding this event. Know when new items are posted to the Nationals website, reminders when deadlines are coming due, and last-minute information during the event weekend. Text @akcno to 81010 to opt-in.

This is a program that is used mostly for educators, so when you receive a message asking you about being a student, teacher, parent, respond as a Student.

## COMING SOON...

The following information will be available at, [AKC National Obedience Championship](#)

Hotel Information

RV Information

Souvenirs

Vendor Applications

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE SECTION CAREFULLY

**Exhibitor Check-In: More details to follow.**

### **Exhibitors MUST check-in at EACH ring, EACH day.**

**Crating: NOC crating will begin after the completion of the RNC Awards on Friday.** Each dog entered in the event will be allotted one 3’x5’ space. Un-entered dogs will only be allowed in the facility if they can share the crate with an entered dog, or if their crate can be stacked on top of an entered dog’s crate within the 3’x5’ space allotted.

A “crate” is defined as having a top, bottom and 4 walls, all interconnecting, thus preventing the dog from escaping.

Each exhibitor will be required to display an information card on the outside of each crate; card(s) will be supplied at check-in. The information card must have your name and on-site emergency contact information (cell phone # or other). This is for the safety of your dog!

**NO EX-PENS:** will be allowed in the facility or around the front of Royal Canin Ring/Holiday Inn and are exercise pens around the perimeter of the entire building are strongly discouraged. No dogs are permitted to be crated or groomed on any carpeted area.

**ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH: Dogs must be on leash, held by the handler at all times while on the trial grounds except when in the designated warm-up area or competing in the ring. Dogs may NOT be on retractable leads or long-lines while inside the building. Failure to maintain control of a dog may result in an Event Committee hearing.**

### **SPECIAL TRAINING COLLARS ARE PROHIBITED.**

**Rings:** The competition rings will have OD Pro Artificial Turf with a 5mm foam pad; and the warm-up ring will have blue carpet, with a foam base.

**Warm-Up Ring:** If entries allow enough space, a warm-up ring will be provided for dogs entered in the AKC National Obedience Championship in accordance with the *AKC Obedience Regulations*, Chapter 1, Section 33. No exhibitor can use the ring without AKC Staff in the building. Exhibitors are asked to share the ring. Individual ring time will not exceed 5 minutes. The ring will be monitored and if there are any problems, the ring will be closed. **Exhibitors please practice good sportsmanship.**

**Catalogs:** All exhibitors will receive a complimentary copy of the commemorative catalog in their check-in packet. A limited supply of catalogs will be available for purchase at the event.

Dogs will not be permitted in any of the hotel recreation areas, including the swimming pools, and any other areas to be stipulated as “non-dog” locations. Dogs will not be permitted in food and beverage outlets, with the exception of those assisting the disabled. Owners must comply with all facility rules.

**Exhibitors are responsible** for cleaning up after their dog(s) at the show site and all hotels. Any exhibitor failing to do so may be asked to leave the show grounds without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS**  
**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE SECTION CAREFULLY**

**SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY:** The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of the AKC. **It is expressly understood** that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior, may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such cases, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The American Kennel Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The American Kennel Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog because of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.

**Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.**

**A copy of a dog's vaccination record, including a current rabies certificate, must be present for all dogs at the event.**

**This club agrees to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC National Obedience Championship Entry Form for this event.**

**CATALOG & WELL WISHERS ADS**

**CATALOG ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Advertisements in the 2020 AKC National Obedience Championship/AKC Rally® National Championship catalog are WELCOMED!** This year's exhibitor's catalog will be 8.5 X 5.5 inches, allowing a full-page ad area approximately 4.5 X 7.5 inches to post your message and/or picture. Camera ready ads are accepted in high-resolution press quality PDFs (preferred). JPEG or TIFF files are also acceptable (minimum 300 pixels/inch). If you are sending photos separately, the photos should be scanned to a finished size and at a minimum of 300 pixels/inch. Do not forget to include the correct orientation. Full page ads **MUST** be in a portrait orientation, and half page ads **MUST** be in a landscape orientation. If mailing, please send only high-quality photos for scanning purposes.

**Photos will be in black and white.**

Full page ad up to 4.5" X 7.5" ..... \$ 80.00

1/2-page ad up to 4.5" X 3.5" ..... \$ 55.00

**WELL WISHERS**

Send brief good luck wishes from you and/or your club. For \$25.00 you can advertise to wish whoever "Good Luck" at the event. The catalog width will be 4.5 inches. The statement must be 25 words or less.

**PAYMENT**

You may pay by check, money order or credit card. By submitting a photo and payment for a space, you ensure that you are the author and copyright holder of the photograph. Please mail your check or money order to the address below, if you are paying by credit card please call 919-816-3575. Do not send credit card information via USPS.

**Make checks payable to: AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

**Memo line: NOC/RNC Catalog Ad**

**AKC Companion Events**

**Attn: NOC/RNC Catalog**

**PO Box 900050**

**Raleigh, NC 27675-9050**

**919-816-3816**

**[RNC@akc.org](mailto:RNC@akc.org)**

**Deadline for submission is Friday, May 8, 2020**