AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
8TH Obedience Classic

Held in conjunction with the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin

Sponsored by Eukanuba

Saturday and Sunday, December 18-19, 2021

Entries Opening Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. ET
Random Draw Time Period: Tuesday, August 31 – Monday, September 13, 2021
Random Draw Time Period Closes: Monday, September 13, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. ET
Entry Closing Date – Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. ET

ENTRY LIMITS
Novice Class – 72    Open Class – 64    Utility Class – 56    Masters Class – 56

Orange County Convention Center, North/South Building
9899 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819

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

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

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2021 AKC OBEDIENCE CLASSIC

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PUBLICICATION 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 Mars, Inc. and 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 to sell 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 winders are ASKED TO STAY FOR THEIR OFFICIAL WIN photos!!

Award photos will follow the completion of the event on Sunday. Award recipients are requested to wait for photographs. A group photo will be taken for the top four placements in each class and a group photo of the First-Place winners in the four classes immediately following the Award Ceremony.

OBEEDIENCE CLASSIC DESCRIPTION

The AKC Obedience Classic is a two-day competition. Four class levels will be offered: Novice, Open, Utility and Masters. In the Novice, Open and Utility Classes the handler/dog team will compete a total of three times. The Novice Group Exercise will be performed once. In the Masters Class the handler/dog team will compete a total of six times, three in Open and three in Utility. The Open B and Utility B mixed orders will be used in all of the Open, Utility and Master classes.
OBEDIENCE CLASSIC DOG ELIGIBILITY

Due to the unprecedented circumstances of 2020, the following dogs will be eligible to enter the 2021 AKC Obedience Classic event:

- Dogs that met the written criteria for the 2020 event (same as 2021) during the qualifying period of 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020 or
- Dogs that met the written criteria for the 2021 event during the qualifying period of 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021

Each dog may only be entered in one class, and must the entered at the highest level for which they are eligible.

All dogs meeting the following requirements are eligible to enter the event.

Dogs entered in the 2021 AKC Obedience Classic may continue to compete, beyond the qualifying period, in any class the dog/handler is eligible. Additional qualifying scores, and/or titles earned beyond the qualifying date for this event, do not affect the eligibility for the class entered at this event.

All references to titles indicate AKC Regular Class titles.

I. Novice Class Eligibility
   a. Must have earned a CD title (at any time).
   b. A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores in the Novice class (A and/or B), during the qualifying period.
      i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the CD title may be used for the three (3) Q’s required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
      ii. Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HSDRC) may be substituted for the three (3) Q’s required, if the HSDRC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the relevant class.

II. Open Class Eligibility
    a. Must have earned a CDX title (at any time).
    b. A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores from the Open class (A and/or B), during the qualifying period.
       i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the CDX title may be used for the three (3) Q’s required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
       ii. Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HSDRC) may be substituted for the three (3) Q’s required, if the HSDRC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the relevant class.

III. Utility Class Eligibility
     a. Must have earned a minimum of the UD title (at any time).
     b. A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores from the Utility class (A and/or B), during the qualifying period.
        i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the UD title may be used for the three (3) Q’s required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
        ii. Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HSDRC) award may be substituted for the three (3) Q’s required, if the HSDRC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the relevant class.
     c. OTCH titled dogs may not enter this class.

IV. Masters Class Eligibility – Open and Utility
    a. Must have earned a minimum of the UD title (at any time).
       i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the CDX and/or the UD title may be part of the scores required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
    b. A dog must earn six (6) qualifying scores of 193 or better in Open B during the qualifying period; and
    c. A dog must earn six (6) qualifying scores of 193 or better in Utility B during the qualifying period.
    d. OTCH titled dogs may enter this class.
OBEDIENCE CLASSIC DOG ELIGIBILITY, CONT’D

NOTE: To view a title progression record for your dog, go to [http://www.akc.org/](http://www.akc.org/), then click on “Product & Services”, then AKC Competitor Reports Resources.” Once that page opens select “Individual Dog Award Record and Points Progression.”

If you have not logged into your My AKC Account, you will be prompted to do so. Select, “Find a Dog” you are interested in and then select the “View Points/Summary of the Title Progression for this dog” in the grey box on the right side of the page.

If there is a discrepancy in your dog’s record, please contact our Events Department at 919-816-3538 for assistance.

If you have problems logging into your AKC account, please contact Customer Service Department, [info@akc.org](mailto:info@akc.org) or 919-233-9767 for assistance.

**ENTRY FEES PER DOG**

Novice, Open, Utility Classes ................................................................. $125.00/per dog
Masters Class ...................................................................................... $150.00/per dog

No dog may be entered in more than one class and must be entered at the highest level they are eligible to compete.

**OFFICIAL AKC OBEDIENCE CLASSIC ENTRY INFORMATION**

NEW – this year you will be able to enter and pay your entry fee via an online entry form between Tuesday, August 31, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. ET – Thursday, September 23, 2021 @4:00 p.m. ET. The link to the entry form can be found on the event web page at, [AKC Obedience Classic](http://www.akc.org/).

When you enter online, you will receive a computer generated confirmation email letting you know that the entry was received, if you do not receive the online confirmation within 24 hours of submitting email us at: OBClassic@akc.org.

**Opening Date** to accept entries is Tuesday, August 31, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time

**Random Draw Time Period:** Tuesday, August 31 – Monday, September 13, 2021

**Random Draw** closing is Monday, September 13, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

**Closing Date** for entries is Thursday, September 23, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

**AKC will use the Random Draw Method of Entry for this event.** To make entry into this event as fair as possible, a 7-day Random Draw Time Period has been established. During the time period, all entries will be collected and shall be treated equally without regard to the date/time received or any other criteria.

Once the Random Draw Time Period closes, if the entry limit for a class is exceeded from the entries received during that time period, a random draw will be conducted from those entries received, otherwise the Random Draw is not necessary.

After the Random Draw Time Period, all entries will be accepted on a first-received basis until the event closing date and time is reached.

**Random Draw:** The random draw time period will run from August 31st – September 13th, during this time entries will be collected, sorted by class and numbered. If the entry limit for a class is exceeded during this time period, a Random Draw of all entries received for that class will be conducted using a computerized draw system. If a random draw is required, it will take place on September 15th. Entries exceeding the class limits will be placed on a waitlist in the order they were selected from the random draw. Entries received after the Random Draw Time Period closing date, will be accepted on a first-received basis and will be placed on the waitlist for classes that have exceeded the entry limit.

Exhibitors must submit entries using the [Official AKC Obedience Classic Entry Form](http://www.akc.org/) provided with their eligibility email. Do NOT submit pre-filled out generic entry forms; the entry will not be accepted. Entries without the Agreement and Rules on the reverse side and entries that are not signed are NOT ACCEPTABLE. No entry shall be made or accepted, which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.
OFFICIAL AKC OBEDIENCE CLASSIC ENTRY INFORMATION, ONT’D

In lieu of using the online entry system, you may instead mail the official entry form and fees to:
American Kennel Club, Attn: Companion Events - Obedience Classic Entry, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Ste. 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390. Please make checks or money orders payable to AKC Obedience Classic. NOTE: that USPS is taking sometimes 3-6 weeks to deliver mail and confirmation of entries may take as long as 4 weeks from the date you mailed your entry.

No more than ten (10) entries, for this single event, may be sent in a single envelope. The envelope will be marked invalid and returned to sender.

No entries will be accepted by hand delivery, email, fax or by phone.

It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to assure their entry is delivered by the closing date and time.

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.

Dog’s Call Name: Please be sure to include your dog’s call name on the entry forms. This will be used for award presentations.

Limited Entries: Entries in each class will be limited as follows: 72 Novice, 64 Open, 56 Utility and 56 Masters. Confirmation of Entry: You will receive a confirmation email stating your entry has been received depending on how it was submitted within 24 hours of an online entry, or within four weeks for entries submitted via US Mail. If a class fills prior to the close of entries, a waitlist will be kept for that class. Entries received after the limit has been reached, will be wait-listed in the order received.

Wait-Listed Entries: If an exhibitor cancels an entry, the first entry on the waitlist in that class will be notified they have been moved off the waitlist. If you have an entry on the waitlist and do not want to be automatically entered in the event when there is an opening, you may cancel your entry via email OBClassic@akc.org and a refund of your entry fee will be processed. All remaining wait-listed entries will be notified of the status of their entry by Tuesday, October 5th. Refunds for wait-listed entries, that are not entered in the event, will automatically receive a refund.

Cancellation of Entry: The closing date to cancel an entry is Thursday, September 23rd @4:00 p.m. ET. You may cancel your entry via an email sent to OBClassic@akc.org or by fax at (919) 816-4204 and refunds for cancellations will be made within 45 days after the closing date. Requests to cancel an entry, in classes that have a waitlist, will be allowed up until Thursday, September 30th @4:00 p.m. ET. Wait-listed classes will be published HERE.

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

Entry Fees: 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 a 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.
COVID Protocols

All attendees will be required to adhere to any CDC, state, local, facility or AKC protocols pertaining to COVID-19 that may be in effect on the day.

Officially Recorded Titles

Titles used at this event for the catalog, announcing and awards shall be from what is officially recorded with AKC as of, Thursday, October 7, 2021 will be listed in the catalog.

Exhibitors will no longer need to provide title updates as we’ll be using the titles that are on your dog’s official AKC record as described above.

Additional Site Information

Full-service food concession is available on site.

The American Kennel Club and the Orange County Convention Center will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s) at the show site and 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.

Dogs may not be on retractable leads or long-lines while inside of the buildings at the Orange County Convention Center. No dogs are permitted to be crated or groomed on any carpeted area.

Other Event Activities

AKC recognized breeds may be represented at the AKC Meet the Breeds display to help you choose the breed that’s right for you.

Vendor Booths packed with everything for dogs and their owners.

Two days of action-packed competition as the AKC Obedience Classic, AKC Juniors Classic, AKC Agility Invitational and AKC Junior Agility Competition are held in conjunction with the AKC National Championship to find the nation’s top dogs in the world.

Visit the AKC Booth for information on how to register your dog and to encourage dog owners who want to become involved in the World of AKC Events. And much, much more!!

Volunteers Needed

If you, your family and/or friends would like to assist at this year’s AKC Obedience Classic / AKC Juniors Classic, please complete the form found online at, AKC Classic Volunteer. The deadline to submit your request to volunteer is Friday, October 29, 2021. Volunteer and enjoy the best seat in the house!

Souvenirs

The Souvenir Store is scheduled to open the week of September 27th. The link will be posted at, AKC Obedience Classic Souvenirs, and it will also be shared on the event Facebook at, AKC Obedience Classic, Facebook.

Catalogs: will not be distributed to exhibitors with their check-in packet, they will be available as a downloadable PDF. If you would like a printed copy of the catalog it will only be available for purchase through the Souvenir Store.

The deadline to order souvenirs will be, Wednesday, October 27th.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO COME

Please check the AKC Obedience Classic webpage for updated information as it becomes available:

- Accommodations
- Directions to Show Site
- Day of Show Parking
- RV Overnight Parking Reservations
- Souvenirs
- Top Dog Breed Medallion Listing
- Veterinarian On-Call

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.

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 @edg32 to 919-261-3556 to opt-in.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 @10:00 a.m. ET
- Entries Open

Monday, September 13, 2021 @4:00 p.m. ET
- Random Draw time period closes @4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
- Live Random Draw (Time/Method to be determined)

Thursday, September 23, 2021 @4:00 p.m. ET
- Entries Close
- Last day to pull entry for a full refund for classes that do not have a wait list

Thursday, September 30, 2021 @4:00 p.m. ET
- Last day to pull entry for a full refund, for classes that have a wait list.

Friday, October 8, 2021
- Catalog/Well Wishers Ads Due

Wednesday, October 27, 2021
- Souvenir Store Closes

Friday, October 29, 2021
- Volunteer Forms Due

Saturday, December 18, 2021
- Refund requests for bitches in season deadline (before judging starts)
OBEDIENCE CLASSIC AWARDS, PRIZES & RIBBONS

A “Top Dog Medallion by Breed” will be presented if an AKC Parent Club has chosen to sponsor this award. The AKC will sponsor a medallion for All American Dogs. The “Top Dog” award will be presented at the conclusion of the event to a dog for each sponsored breed. **We will calculate a score for all dogs from two rings using the least points off.** An awards medallion with a neck ribbon will be presented during the awards ceremony and teams are encouraged to stay to receive their awards. **No awards will be issued prior to the awards ceremony – no exceptions.** Medallions may be mailed after the event for a flat shipping fee of $15.00. See a complete list of breeds that have a sponsored Top Dog Medallion at: AKC Obedience Classic.

Final Placements are based on cumulative scores from the 2-day event and will be awarded for the Novice, Open, Utility and Masters classes at the conclusion of Sunday’s tabulations.

1st Place
- $100 Cash Award sponsored by AKC **
- Placement Rosette sponsored by AKC

2nd Place
- $25 Cash Award sponsored by AKC **
- Placement Rosette sponsored by AKC

3rd Place
- $25 Cash Award sponsored by AKC **
- Placement Rosette sponsored by AKC

4th Place
- $25 Cash Award sponsored by AKC **
- Placement Rosette sponsored by AKC

5th – 10th Place
- Placement Rosette sponsored by AKC

**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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS

**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE SECTION CAREFULLY**

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN: Check-in will be held at the Orange County Convention Center, Friday, December 17th, details on time and exact location to follow. Exhibitors will be allowed to check-in and then set-up at that time. If you cannot check-in until Saturday morning you must do so 30 minutes prior to the start of judging. You will receive your armband at check-in. Once the location for check-in is determined all exhibitors will be notified by email.

In the event you are not able to check-in until Saturday morning, please notify Lisa Liggins at OBClassic@akc.org or text to 919-816-3816.

ADMISSION TICKETS: Each exhibitor will receive weekend event admission tickets via email. As the event date approaches we will notify everyone as to when they can expect their email. If you do not receive them, please email me at OBClassic@akc.org. We will also provide information at a later date where you can purchase additional tickets.

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

CRATING: 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.

Crate spaces are NOT Pre-Assigned, they are first come, first served.

Soft sided crates are only permitted in the obedience and agility areas.

A “crate” is defined as having a top, bottom and four 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.

NO EX-PENS will be allowed in the facility. No dogs are permitted to be crated or groomed on any carpeted area.
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS
PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE SECTION CAREFULLY, CONT’D

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.

WARM-UP RING: A warm-up ring will be provided for dogs entered in the AKC Obedience Classic and the AKC Junior Classic in accordance with the Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 33. This ring will be monitored and if there are any problems, the ring will be closed. Warm-ups should be limited to warming up. Please allow others to go before you if they have a close ring time. Exhibitors are required to be respectful of each other and the ring monitor. If there are any issues please see an AKC Representative.

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 on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.

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

CATALOG & WELL WISHERS ADS

CATALOG ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements in the 2021 AKC Obedience Classic/AKC Juniors Classic 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” …… $ 85.00
- 1/2-page ad up to 4.5” X 3.5” …… $ 60.00

WELL WISHERS

Send brief good luck wishes from you and/or your club. For $30.00 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. If using a professional copyrighted photo, a written photo release to use the image must be included with the ad submission.

AKC Companion Events
Attn: Obedience Classic Catalog
PO Box 900050, Raleigh, NC 27675-9050
OBCclassic@akc.org

Deadline for submission is Friday, October 8, 2021