



AKITA CLUB OF AMERICA

SHOW COMMITTEE

POSITION OUTLINES

OBEDIENCE/RALLY

GENERAL INFORMATION

The obedience chair is responsible for the obedience trial, which now includes Rally as a separate event in the same fashion as the show chair is responsible for the dog show. She's responsible for securing a judge, and at least two stewards for the event (three if we have utility entrants). Rally requires additional personnel, including two timers and a scorekeeper/scribe. The Obedience/Rally Chair must also interface with other show committees if their function is required for the committee. Make sure that the trophy chair knows what trophies and awards are needed

The application for the Obedience Trial is included with the Specialty application and will be done by the Show Chair and submitted to the AKC

Rally is a separate event and requires a separate application for the AKC. There is a separate fee required for this event. Make sure the treasurer sends this fee when the application goes into the AKC

Judge:

- ❖ The obedience chair shall secure the judge or makes sure that when the application is due, a judge has been selected or recommended. The judge will need to do all obedience classes and rally as well and should be someone local who can drive in
- ❖ Contracts for judges are sent out by the corresponding secretary and if you get the judge, you'll need to find out what they charge, whether they need a room, and whether they charge expenses (these would be normal ones, such as mileage (find out how much and how far), air fare, parking, meals, etc. We do not pay for dog sitters or other unusual expenses). Provide the judge's name, judge's number, address, phone number, email, and financial information to the secretary and complete the judge's section of the application. The judge MUST be able to do all classes offered
- ❖ Remember to invite the judge to the banquet on Saturday night. Obedience judges rarely stay over, most drive in and leave when it is over. You may take the judge to lunch if they stay, and be sure to get the judges gift from the trophy chair and give it to them

Obedience & Rally Rules can be downloaded from the AKC website. You should also download the Rules for Dealing with Misconduct

Have the Show Chair send you a copy of the section of the premium list that pertains to Obedience and Rally. Peruse it carefully and make sure if there are any changes that you inform the Show Chair

Remind the Show Chair to include a reminder in the monthly newsletter update

You'll also need to be sure that at least two people can ring steward obedience and you'll need additional people for rally. If you don't have people lined up, let the chief ring steward know because she may have some volunteers you can use, or you may have to find your own. If there is a utility entry, you'll need three stewards

The superintendent or the judge supplies all the obedience and rally equipment, armbands, judge's books, etc., except that you'll need some kind of stopwatches for rally. It's not a bad idea to have a tape measure and a stopwatch on hand in case something happens and the judge has forgotten his. The judge's book will be given to you or the steward by the superintendent, but the judge brings his own score sheets

Trophies & Rosettes

- ❖ Make sure the trophies are at ringside on display
- ❖ Make sure the Challenge Trophies are at ringside for display
- ❖ Rosettes are supplied by the Superintendent or Donor and need to be in the ring

Obedience is scheduled after agility, in the late morning or early afternoon depending on entries. The CGC may run at the same time as either of these events but not in the same ring as the Obedience

We usually have about 5-10 entrants and most are in Novice with maybe one or two open dogs every few years. Rally is gaining popularity and we could have 20-30 entries. It takes a while to get started on rally, getting the course set up, but once it starts, the runs are more like agility, about 1-2 minutes per person, so it goes much faster than the corresponding number of obedience contestants. Schedule lots of time for course changes between classes

Schedule extra time to switch over the course from the obedience equipment to the rally course, and for run throughs in obedience for Novice A (new rule 2005) and for the start of rally. When the trial is over, you gather the unused material up and turn it back into the superintendent, make sure all trophies have been awarded. If trophies have not be awarded return them to the Trophy Chair

Time:

- ❖ A few hours prior to the premium list going out to make sure everything is correct
- ❖ Arranging stewards before the show
- ❖ Arranging publicity for the newsletter
- ❖ Approximately an hour before the event and about ½ hours afterwards cleaning up
- ❖ Rally may last about 3 hours