

???? WHICH OBEDIENCE OR RALLY CLASS SHOULD I ENTER ????

So, you would like to enter AKC Obedience or Rally trials but aren't sure which class to enter. The information below was developed to help exhibitors determine which classes you and your dog are eligible to enter. Go to the Obedience Regulations or AKC Rally® Regulations booklet at the following link for a description of the exercises performed in each of these classes.

Obedience Regulations: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>

Rally Regulations: https://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC1193_ROR001_1217_WEB.pdf

AKC OBEDIENCE CLASSES

AKC Obedience is a sport that demonstrates the dog's ability to follow specified routines and emphasizes the usefulness of the dog as a companion to man by behaving in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs. The following list shows the order of obedience classes in the progression of the difficulty of the exercises performed. The Regular classes are in **bold**, and they must be completed in the order listed. Preferred classes offer alternative titling opportunities without a group stay exercise and have reduced jump heights. An "*" denotes Optional Titling Classes. These classes may be offered at events at the club's option in addition to the Regular and Preferred Titling Classes. They are not required for the dog to progress to other classes, but may be used as stepping stones between the regular classes:

- Beginner Novice*
- Preferred Novice
- **Novice**
- Graduate Novice*
- Preferred Open*
- **Open**
- Graduate Open*
- Preferred Utility
- Versatility*
- **Utility**

Obedience: Handlers in the "A" classes must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family.			
<u>BEGINNER NOVICE A*</u> [BN Title]	<u>NOVICE A</u> [CD Title]	<u>Open A</u> [CDX Title]	<u>UTILITY A</u> [UD Title]
Dog must <u>not</u> have won the BN or any other AKC Obedience title Handler must not have handled a dog that has earned any AKC Obedience title. May show in Beginner Novice A for 60 days after earning a BN title.	For Dogs that have not won the CD title. Dogs with a BN title MAY show in Novice A. Handler must not have previously handled any dog that has earned a Regular or Preferred AKC Novice, Open or Utility title. May show in Novice A for 60 days after earning a CD title or until competing in Open.	For dogs with a CD title but not a CDX title. Handler may not have trained or exhibited a dog that has earned an OTCH title. May compete in Open A for 60 days after earning a CDX title or until competing in Utility.	For dogs with a CDX title but not a UD title. Handler may not have trained or exhibited a dog that has earned an OTCH. May compete in Utility A for 60 days after earning a UD title.

Obedience: Handlers in the "B" classes may be the owner of the dog entered or any other person.

<u>BEGINNER NOVICE B*</u> [BN Title]	<u>NOVICE B</u> [CD Title]	<u>OPEN B</u> [CDX Title]	<u>UTILITY B</u> [UDX Title]
Dogs who have earned a BN, CD and/or PCD but no other additional AKC Obedience titles may compete in this class.	May have the CD title. A dog may continue to compete in this class until it receives either a qualifying score in the Open class or earns a Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes award. Then may not be entered in Novice B at any future trials for which entries have not closed.	Dog must have a CD title. Dog may have a CDX or UD title. Dog may continue to be shown in this class indefinitely.	Dog must have a CDX title. Dog may have a UD title. Dog may continue to be shown in this class indefinitely.

<u>PREFERRED NOVICE</u> [PCD Title]	<u>PREFERRED OPEN</u> [PCDX Title]	<u>PREFERRED UTILITY</u> [PUTD Title]
For dogs who have not won the CDX or PCDX or higher Regular or Preferred titles prior to the closing of entries. Dogs may continue to be shown in these classes until they have won the CDX or PCDX or higher Regular or higher Regular or Preferred title or earns a Highest Scoring Dog in the Preferred Classes award more than 60- days after they earn the PCD title. Anyone can handle a dog in this class.	For dogs who have won the CD or PCD or higher Regular or Preferred titles prior to the closing of entries. Dogs may continue to be shown in these classes indefinitely. Anyone can handle a dog in the class.	For dogs who have won the CDX or PCDX or higher Regular or Preferred titles prior to the closing of entries. Dogs may continue to be shown in these classes indefinitely. Anyone can handle a dog in the class

<u>GRADUATE NOVICE*</u> [GN Title]	<u>GRADUATE OPEN*</u> [GO Title]	<u>VERSATILITY*</u> [VER Title]
For all dogs. Dogs may continue to be shown in these classes indefinitely.	For all dogs. Dogs may continue to be shown in these classes indefinitely.	For all dogs. Dogs may continue to be shown in these classes indefinitely.

AKC RALLY® CLASSES

AKC RALLY® is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course, designed by the rally judge, made up of various skills as stated on the sign. Each sign provides instructions regarding the skill that is to be performed. There are six levels of classes, with Novice, Advanced and Excellent having two divisions, each with increasing levels of difficulty. An "*" denotes Optional Titling Classes. These are not required for the dog to progress to other classes.

- Rally Novice
- Rally Intermediate*
- Rally Advanced
- Rally Excellent
- Rally Master
- Rally Choice*

AKC Rally®: Handlers in the "A" classes must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family.

<u>RALLY NOVICE A</u> [RN Title]	<u>RALLY ADVANCED A</u> [RA Title]	<u>RALLY EXCELLENT A</u> [RE Title]
Dog must not have an AKC RN or AKC Obedience (CD) title or higher prior to the close of entries. Handlers may not have earned any AKC Rally or AKC Obedience (CD) title or higher. The dog may be shown in Rally Novice A for 60 days after earning an RN title. Thereafter, any events entered where the entries have not closed, must be moved either to the "B" class or moved up to the next class level.	Dog must have an RN title but not an RA title or an AKC Obedience (CD) title or higher prior to close of entries. The dog may be shown in Rally Advanced A for 60 days after earning an RA title. Thereafter, any events entered where the entries have not closed, must be moved either to the "B" class or moved up to the next class level.	Dog must have an RA title but not an RE title or an AKC Obedience (CD) title or higher prior to close of entries. The dog may be shown in Rally Excellent A for 60 days after earning an RE title. Thereafter, any events entered where the entries have not closed, must be moved either to the "B" class or moved up to the next class level.

AKC Rally®: Handlers in the "B" classes may be the owner of the dog entered or any other person.

<u>RALLY NOVICE B</u> [RN Title]	<u>RALLY ADVANCED B</u> [RA Title, RAE Title & RACH Title]	<u>RALLY EXCELLENT B</u> [RE Title, RAE Title & RACH Title]
Dog may be entered in this class until earning a qualifying score in Rally Advanced.	Dog must have an RN title to be eligible to enter this class. May compete indefinitely.	Dog must have an RA title to be eligible to enter this class. May compete indefinitely.

AKC Rally®:

<u>RALLY MASTER</u> [RM and RACH Title]	<u>RALLY INTERMEDIATE*</u> [RI Title]	<u>RALLY CHOICE*</u> [RC Title]
Dog must have an RE to be eligible to enter this class. May compete indefinitely.	Dog must have an RN title to be eligible to enter this class. Dogs may compete in Intermediate & Advanced at the same trial, <u>but after earning an RA title</u> , they are no longer eligible for this class.	A prerequisite title is not required to enter this class; all dogs are eligible to enter. May compete indefinitely.