

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING THE WASHINGTON STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE PROGRAM ADVANCED NOVICE CLASS

This class has been developed as an intermediary class between the Novice Obedience Class and the Graduate Novice Obedience Class. This is **solely a 4-H class**, not found or used in the AKC or similar registries. It is to be judged along the same guidelines as all of the other 4-H obedience classes as pertaining to handling, allowable commands and/or signals, position of dog, etc. The following explanations are provided as a guide to the non-regular exercises found in this class.

Stand for Exam – Return to Dog

Steward will take leash. The Handler may stand the dog as in the Novice class. After standing the dog, the handler will then leave the dog and go 8 - 10' away, and turning to face the dog. The judge will then examine the dog with 2 hands over the head, shoulders, back and hips but not underneath or down the legs or tail. After the exam, the judge will order the handler to return to their dog.

***Modified Drop on Recall:** Handler may choose to leave dog on a Sit or Stand. Dog must remain in place. Judge orders handler to leave dog and handler will go approximately 15' away and will turn to face dog. On Judge's command or signal, handler will down dog with a command and/or signal. Judge will order handler to command or signal the dog back in from a downed position. Judge will order handler to finish dog.*

Group Stays

The Long Sit will be done as in the Novice Obedience Class, with handlers **across the ring**, except that the time will be for **3 minutes**, instead of one.

For the Long Down, the handlers will **leave the ring** for a period of **2 minutes**.

CLARIFICATION ON STANDS FOR GRADUATE OPEN AND VETERANS/MODIFIED

Graduate Open:

Moving Stand and Examination

This moving Stand will be done as in Utility except that the handler may pause or hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand.

Veterans/Modified:

Moving Stand and Examination

This moving Stand comes from the Utility class and will be done as in Utility.

Long Stand (One minute handler goes 15')

Do as a Group if more than one entry.

Judge touches head, shoulders, and back with one hand. Handler returns to dog.

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.