



General Rules and Regulations

Host Organizations

Any club or organization may apply to hold a CDSP Obedience sanctioned obedience trial. The trial may be held in conjunction with any other dog sports event.

Obedience Classes

Beginning Jan. 1, 2007 if an organization is offering Open, then Novice must also be offered and if an organization is offering Utility, then both Open and Novice must be offered.

Judge's Class

In order to accommodate CDSP Judges who may wish to show in a class they are judging, trial hosts may offer a special Judge's Class subject to the following guidelines:

- The Judge's Class must be judged by another provisional or approved Judge for that class.
- Entry is limited to the judge who is officiating at the "regular" class that day.
- Scores earned in the Judge's Class will be used for titling purposes only, and are not eligible for placements and/or other special awards.
- Separate post trial paperwork must be submitted for the Judge's Class.
- All other Rules and Guidelines apply.
- Judge's Class may not delay regular judging and should be scheduled for a time prior to the announced time of regular judging or held after regular judging has concluded.

In order to accommodate CDSP Judges who may wish to show in a class they are not judging, but who may not be able to enter this class due to their judging obligations, trial hosts may offer a special Judge's Class subject to the following guidelines:

- The Judge's Class must be judged by the judge assigned to the class.
- Entry is limited to the judge who has a potential conflict that day.
- Scores earned in the Judge's Class will be used for titling purposes only, and are not eligible for placements and/or other special awards.
- Separate post trial paperwork must be submitted for the Judge's Class.
- All other Rules and Guidelines apply.
- Judge's Class may not delay regular judging and should be scheduled for a time prior to the announced time of regular judging or held after regular judging has concluded.



Applications

- Trial hosts must complete the CDSP Obedience Trial application and submit it to the CDSP Dog Sports Coordinator no later than 3 months prior to the proposed trial date.

Per Day Trial Limit

- Host organizations are limited to two (2) trials per day (e.g., morning trial, afternoon trial) to ensure that both judges and exhibitors are provided with a safe, positive and successful experience in the ring.
- When planning more than one trial on a day, or on a weekend, trial host should submit EACH TRIAL on a separate application. Hosts need only provide a single application fee for all trial paperwork, so long as it is submitted together.

Eligibility

- Any dog over the age of six months may be entered. Females in estrus are not allowed to be shown.
- Dogs may be handled by the owner or any member of the owner's immediate family: spouse, life partner, sibling, child, parent, brother/sister-in-law, mother/father-in-law.
- Dogs must have a CDSP Registration number in order to compete.
- Dogs with disabilities are allowed to compete, provided they are not in pain.
- Dogs with bandages, stitches or open sores/wounds are not allowed to compete.
- All dogs must start in the Novice class, regardless of any competition obedience titles they have earned in other registries.
- Exhibitors may not wear any clothing into the ring that identifies a school, organization, training group, etc.; either by logo or lettering.

Premiums and Entry Forms

Organizations must prepare and make available to all interested parties, a trial premium that includes an entry form.

The premium must include:

- Name of host organization and contact information
- Date and Time
- Location
- Entry limits if applicable
- Classes offered
- Prizes offered
- Judges' assignments
- Closing date for entries
- Entry fee amount

The entry form must require the following information

- Dog's Registered Name

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- Handler's Name and Address, email or phone
- Owner's Name, Address, email or phone
- Dog's CDSP Registration Number
- Dog's sex
- Dog's birthdate
- Classes entered
- General Agreement

Judging Program

Once the trial has closed, the host organization must send each entered exhibitor a judging program. The judging program must include:

- Dog's Registered Name
- Dog's CDSP Registration Number
- Handler's Name
- Class entered
- Entry number
- Judging schedule

Premiums and judging programs may not include any advertising for classes, matches, seminars, workshops, etc.

Judging programs may be sent electronically or by regular mail.

Ring Size

Rings should be approximately 40 x 50 feet. The Utility ring should not be less than 35 x 50 feet and the Novice and Open ring should not be less than 30 x 40 feet. Indoor rings must have firm footing, using rubber or other non-slip material. Outdoor rings must have the grass mown short and be free from holes and debris.

Equipment

- Indoor rings must be enclosed with ring gates.
- Outdoor rings may be enclosed by ring gates or snow fencing. Roping is not acceptable. Snow fencing should have a minimum height of 20 inches, and shall be taught.
- Trial hosts must provide a table and chairs at ring side for judges and stewards.
- Trial hosts must provide all jumps, scoresheets, and other equipment necessary to properly host a trial



- Trial hosts may provide a warm-up area for exhibitors. This area should be well removed from trial rings and clearly identified.

Trial Paperwork

In addition to the Trial Application Form, the following forms must be used:

Trial Scoresheets

- These are individual scoresheets for each team entered in the trial, in each class. The trial host must retain these for a period of one year.

Trial Score Log Sheets

- These sheets are used to report trial scores to the CDSP Coordinator. These must be signed by the judge at the conclusion of the trial.

Trial Recap Sheets

- The trial recap sheet lists the name of trial host, date and location, trial officials and must be sent to CDSP Coordinator with the Trial Score Log Sheets.

When a trial application has been received, a copy of all forms will be sent to the trial host. Additional copies may be made. Forms may also be downloaded from the St. Hubert's website.

Posting of Scores

Exhibitor scores shall not be posted. Scores will be announced by the judge at the end of the class.

Ribbons and Prizes

The following colors must be used for prize ribbons or rosettes in all classes:

<i>First place</i>	Blue
<i>Second place</i>	Red
<i>Third place</i>	Yellow
<i>Fourth place</i>	White
<i>Qualifying ribbons</i>	Trial host's choice
<i>High in Trial</i>	Blue and Gold
<i>High Combined</i>	Trial host's choice

National Rankings

St. Hubert's will publish CDSP National Top 20 Rankings annually in Front & Finish (*tentatively effective January 2008*).