

# AKC Obedience Exercises

**What is a Qualifying Score:** A team receives a qualifying score when it earns more than 50 percent of the points for each exercise, with a total of at least 170 points. A perfect score in any class is 200.

## NOVICE OBEDIENCE

This level is for the dog just getting started in obedience. Exercises include:

- Heel on Leash and Figure Eight - (40 points)
- Heel Free - (40 points)
- Stand for Examination - (30 points)
- Recall - (30 points)
- Long Sit: 1 minute - (30 points)
- Long Down: 3 minutes - (30 points)

## OPEN OBEDIENCE

The second level class includes more complicated exercises, which teach the dog to do a variety of tasks and to follow commands either by voice or signal. Exercises include:

- Heel Free and Figure Eight -(40 points)
- Drop on Recall - (30 points)
- Retrieve on Flat - (20 points)
- Retrieve Over High Jump - (30 points)
- Broad Jump - (20 points)
- Long Sit: 3 minutes - (30 points) - handler is out of sight
- Long Down: 5 minutes - (30 points) - handler is out of sight

## UTILITY OBEDIENCE

This is the third and highest level of obedience competition. Exercises include:

- Signal Exercise - (40 points)
- Scent Discrimination Article #1 - (30 points)
- Scent Discrimination Article #2 - (30 points)
- Directed Retrieve: gloves - (30 points)
- Moving Stand and Examination - (30 points)
- Directed Jumping - (40 points)