



# Obedience & Rally

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## **AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES OBEDIENCE REGULATION CHANGES Effective DECEMBER 1, 2015**

In the summer of 2014, AKC Companion Events held Advisory Committee meetings to review more than 1,200 suggestions from the fancy for the improvement of the sport. After the meetings, a poll was released to the fancy/judges/clubs/Delegates for a review and vote. As a result of the polling and review by the staff, the recommendations for change were presented to the AKC Board of Directors for their review in February/March 2015.

The AKC Board has approved 75 changes/additions to the Obedience Regulations effective December 1, 2015.

To view the regulation changes, please click on the link below.

### **[Obedience Regulation Changes](#)**

The above link will take you to the AKC website where there are three documents posted:

1. Summary List - Identifying the 75 Regulation Changes, effective 12/01/2015.
2. Obedience Regulations & Judges Guidelines Changes – showing the items that were struck from and added to the regulations.
3. A Table of Contents for the Regulations – identifying the flow of how the new regulation booklet will be published.

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Sincerely,  
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