



### **Team Competition on Sunday**

We are excited to offer a Non-Regular Preferred TEAM CLASS competition on Sunday at the Obedience Classic. Be creative and have some fun with your friends by entering the TEAM CLASS. Participants are encouraged to create a theme for their team, with a special award for the **“Best Team Theme.”**

Let your imagination soar and have fun with your team theme! Handlers and dogs should dress the part of this fun-filled competition. Will it be a beach bash, favorite movie, Mardi Gras? The ideas are limitless, be creative and fun! Remember to include the Team Name and Team Captain on the entry form for each dog on the team.

### **Team Class Eligibility, Entry Limits & Entry Fee**

The Team class will be for teams of any four dogs that are eligible to enter obedience events. Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate for which no entry fee will be required. However, the same four dogs will perform all exercises. Dogs may be handled by the owner or any other person, need not be entered in another class at the Obedience Classic, and need not have obedience titles. A separate official Team Class entry form must be completed in full for each dog entered. No dog may be entered on more than one team, but may be entered in the Obedience Classic classes.

Teams must pre-enter before the closing date of **October 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** Entries will be limited to 12 teams. The entry fee is \$55.00 per team.

### **Team Class Regulations**

There will be two judges, one of whom will call orders while the other scores the team's performance. The teams will be judged one at a time. The dogs on a team will perform the exercises simultaneously and will be judged as specified for the Preferred Novice class, except that a Drop on Recall will be used in place of the Recall exercise. In all exercises except the Drop on Recall, the teams have the option of executing the judge's orders on the team captain's repeat of the command.

In the Figure Eight portion of the Heel on Leash exercise, five stewards will be used. The stewards will stand 8 feet apart in a straight line. Each handler, with the dog sitting in heel position, will stand about equidistant from each of two stewards with all members of the team facing the same direction. On orders from the judge, the team will perform the Figure Eight, each handler starting around the steward on his/her left and circling only the two stewards between whom he/she had been standing.

In the Drop on Recall exercise, the handlers will leave their dogs simultaneously on order of the judge. The dogs will be called or signaled in, one at a time, on a separate order from the judge to each handler.



Handlers will, without any additional order from the judge, command or signal their dogs to drop at a spot midway between the line of dogs and the handlers.

Each dog will remain in the down position until all four have been called and dropped. The judge will give the order to call the dogs, which will be called or signaled simultaneously. The finish will be done in unison on order from the judge.

### Team Class Scoring

Individual dogs' scores will be based on the performance of the dogs and handlers individually plus team precision and coordination. Each dog and handler will be scored against the customary maximum for a team total of 800 available points. Individual dogs' scores need not be recorded.

1. Heel on Leash	160	Points
2. Stand for Examination	120	Points
3. Heel Free	160	Points
4. Drop on Recall	160	Points
5. Stay – Sit or Down	200	Points
<b>Maximum Total Score</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>Points</b>

### Team Class Awards

The four highest scoring teams will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> placement rosettes. (Each member of the team will receive a rosette.) In addition, the first place team will receive \$100 total to be divided among the team members. There will also be a “**Best Team Theme**” award, which will be determined by a vote of a panel of three people to be selected at the event.

The winner of the Best Team Theme award will be based on:

1. Creativity
2. Best use of materials
3. How well the handlers & dogs match the selected theme

**Come out and join the fun with your dogs by entering a team at this year's Obedience Classic!**

Entry forms may be downloaded from the event premium list at the following link:

<http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/classic/>