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## CHAPTER 1 - REGISTRATION

### GENERAL

The word "DOG" whenever used in these rules, includes both sexes.

1. The Breeder of a dog is the person who owned the dam of that dog when the dam whelped; except that if the dam was leased at the time of breeding, the Breeder is the leasee.
2. A locally bred dog is a dog whelped in Jamaica.
3. Any person in good standing with The Jamaica Kennel Club may apply for registration of any pure-bred or litter of pure-bred dogs owned by him by supplying The Jamaica Kennel Club with such information and comply with such conditions as it shall be required.
  - (a) No registered name shall exceed fifty-four (54) letters. Where the registered name of an Imported dog includes a word or words registered with The Jamaica Kennel Club as an Affix, such word or words shall be followed by an asterisk (\*).
  - (b) The registered name of a dog may be changed only once and then only by the addition of the applicant's registered Kennel Affix. The dog must be registered in the name of the applicant.
  - (c) Due to computerization, no registered name of an imported dog shall exceed fifty-four (54) letters.
  - (d) A litter or individual dog-whelped in Jamaica shall normally only be eligible for registration by the Breeder.
  - (e) Normally, no litter of dogs and/or single dog will be registered by The Jamaica Kennel Club unless a Stud Certificate, duly completed, is presented at the time of application for registration. In the case of fertilization by Artificial Insemination, a completed Certificate Of Artificial Insemination must be presented at the time of application for registration.
  - (f) If, in order to establish the pedigree of a dog or litter of dogs for the purpose of registration, it is necessary to register a dead dog, then such a registration shall be allowed.
4. No litter of pure-bred dogs and/or single dog, which shall be determined by The Jamaica Kennel Club to be acceptable in all other respects for registration, shall be barred from registration because of failure by the legal owner of said dog or litter to obtain one or more of the signature needed to complete the applicant's chain of title of the dog sought to be registered unless that person who, refusing upon request to sign the application form, shall furnish a reason which shall be considered satisfactory by The Jamaica Kennel Club.
5. Normally, no individual dog or litter is eligible for registration if the dam of said dog or litter was mated to more than one stud dog in the three-month period before the birth of the dog or litter.

### TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

6. Normally, the original Transfer of Ownership is the responsibility of the Breeder.
7. If, upon application for registration of Transfer of Ownership of a dog, the registered owner/s signature cannot be obtained, the legal owner/s may apply in writing to The Jamaica Kennel Club.

### KENNEL AFFIX

8. WHAT IS AN AFFIX?  
"Affix" is the word used in official documentation to describe what is commonly called a "Kennel Name" and can be placed in front of (by the Breeder) or behind (by a purchaser) a dog's Common Name, when the Affix is placed before the common name it is called a PREFIX (e.g. BREE RUFUS) and when it is placed after the Common Name it is called a SUFFIX (e.g. REFUS OF BREE)

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS GOVERN THE GRANTING OF A REGISTERED KENNEL NAME (AFFIX):

An Affix is a registered description of a Kennel Name which may be used as a prefix to the dog's common name by a breeder or as a Suffix by a first subsequent owner.

Every application to register an Affix shall be made on an official Jamaica Kennel Club form signed by the applicant and setting out all the information required therein and shall be accompanied by the application fee prescribed in terms of the Fee Schedule.

- (a) No registered Kennel Affix shall exceed twelve (12) letters. Two (2) alternative names, in addition to the Affix desired shall be given by the applicant, provided that a number and descriptive word shall not be registerable.

Ineligible words would include, but are not limited to, conflict either phonetically or in spelling with: the name of a breed, JKC titles, countries, surnames, "First Name" (e.g. Gisela), corporations or trade names, names of famous and universally recognized persons, living or dead, or words commonly used in the naming of dogs (e.g. Fido, King, etc), provinces, towns or titles, a letter or number or numeral, an adjective or noun appropriate to the name of a dog or a colour definition appropriate to a breed of dog, patented product, be indicative of the quality of the applicant's dogs (e.g. Champion, Superb) or include anything indicative of any breed or its temperament. A kennel name may not contain any derogatory or discriminatory words. The word "Kennel/s" may not be included as part of the Affix.

- (b) In terms of this Schedule, at any one time, no more than two (2) persons shall be permitted to hold joint registered ownership of any dog or hold joint registered ownership of any Affix.  
Where an Affix is granted jointly to one (1) or more persons, it may be used by those people acting in concert, in any combination or singly.
- (c) Every grant of a registered Affix shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of registration, subject to the grantee's right to re-register such Affix for further periods of one (1) year upon payment of the prescribed re-registration fee as stipulated in terms of Fee Schedule.
- (d) In the event of a grantee failing to re-register an Affix upon expiry thereof, the Secretary shall send written notice of such expiry to the grantee at his last known address and failing re-registration by the grantee within a period of thirty (30) days of such notice. If payment is not received a second reminder letter will be sent advising that unless payment is received within twenty-one (21) days the Kennel Name will be lapsed. Any bitch used for breeding must be registered in the same ownership as that of the Affix. Upon the grantee's failure to re-register the Affix within the fourteen (14) days of the notice, the grant shall lapse and the name of the Affix shall become available to any applicant for registration at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Please note the Kennel Name will need to be rechecked before it can be re-instated.
- (e) The grantee of a registered Affix shall utilize it only as a prefix, that is to say, the first word in the name, in respect of any dog bred by him or any dog bred from parents, each of which were bred by him, otherwise it shall be used only as a suffix, that is to say, the last word in the name.
- (f) Be a breeder in good standing with the JKC with a record of breeding and registering purebred dogs in conformity with JKC registration rules and policies.  
Meet one of the following breeding requirements:
  - i Bred at least one registered litters in the past year;
  - ii Owned stud dogs that have produced at least 5 registered litters in the past year.The breeding requirements above must be met during the one year period to be eligible to renew the registered kennel name.
- (g) May not have an interest in a pet store or dog dealership.
- (h) Each application for a Registered Kennel Name is considered on its merit. Application data will be verified through JKC records.  
The granting of a Registered Kennel Name is at the sole discretion of the Jamaica Kennel Club. The Jamaica Kennel Club reserves the right to reject an application or revoke a name once it has been registered.  
When a kennel name is registered, the Jamaica Kennel Club will exercise reasonable care in protecting the name for the use of the individual(s) to whom it has been registered. Currently, a Registered Kennel Name is protected in all positions of a dog's name. For example, if the name "Bob" was a Registered Kennel Name, then the name could not appear anywhere in the name of a dog without the written permission of the owner of that kennel name.
- (i) A registered Kennel Affix may not be used by any person other than the recorded owner/s' without his/her/their permission in any part of the registered name of the dog.
- (j) In the event of the death of a recorded owner of a registered Kennel Affix, his executors, administrator or legal heirs, upon submission of proper proof of their status, may use the Kennel Affix if desired, upon payment of the registration fee.
- (k) Annual Maintenance  
The Kennel Club will protect the Kennel Name for your sole use for an annual maintenance fee.  
Annual maintenance fee will be due for payment on beginning of each year.  
An initial fee is payable to register a Kennel Name. This includes registration and the first year's maintenance.

### **EXPORT PEDIGREE**

- 9. Export Pedigrees shall be issued by The Jamaica Kennel Club upon application by the registered owner on the prescribed form. Said application must be accompanied by a fee, the amount of which shall be determined by The Club, but such amounts may from time to time be increased or reduced by the Club.

### ***IMPORTED DOG***

10. An imported dog may be registered by The Jamaica Kennel Club upon application, by presentation of an Export Pedigree issued by a recognized Kennel Club. A copy of this Pedigree must accompany the application and remain the property of the Jamaica Kennel Club.
11. A litter or individual dog born in Jamaica from an imported registered bitch, mated in the country of origin, will be accepted as locally bred at the time of application for registration provided that a signed declaration from the owner of the said bitch at the time of the said mating and a signed declaration from the owner of the Sire of the litter or individual are presented, confirming that such a mating took place. A three (3) generation pedigree of the Sire, certified by a recognized Kennel Club, must also be presented and remain the property of The Jamaica Kennel Club.
12. The Jamaica Kennel Club, or its duly appointed representative, shall have the right to examine any dog registered with The Jamaica Kennel Club.
13. The Jamaica Kennel Club reserves the right to refuse or withdraw the registration of a dog or litter of dogs should The Jamaica Kennel Club decide that there are reasonable grounds to do so.

### ***DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES***

14. A duplicate Registration Certificate may be issued by The Jamaica Kennel Club upon payment of a fee, the amount of which shall be determined by The Jamaica Kennel Club, and upon application in writing by the registered owner showing to the satisfaction of The Jamaica Kennel Club that the original has been lost, destroyed or is unobtainable. Once a duplicate certificate has been issued, then the original must be returned to The Jamaica Kennel Club, if found.

### ***CERTIFIED PEDIGREES***

15. A certified Pedigree may be issued by The Jamaica Kennel Club upon written request and upon payment of a fee, the amount of which shall be determined by The Jamaica Kennel Club. The Pedigree will be certified as being correct only to the extent that it reflects the information recorded in the Registration Files of The Jamaica Kennel Club.

### ***REGISTRATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP***

16. Written application for the registration of a Championship may be made to The Jamaica Kennel Club when a dog has accumulated not less than fifteen (15) points at recognized Championship Shows in Jamaica provided that at least one (1) Challenge Certificate has been awarded to make up the fifteen (15) points and that the accumulated points have been awarded under not less than three (3) different judges. [A Challenge Certificate is equal to five (5) points, and a Reserve Challenge Certificate is equal to three (3) points.]

### ***REGISTRATION OF OBEDIENCE TITLES***

17. The title "Companion Dog" (CD) shall be awarded to dogs gaining three (3) Certificates Of Merit, each with one hundred & eighty (180) or more of the two hundred (200) possible points, (i.e. minimum of 90%) in the Intermediate class upon written application to The Jamaica Kennel Club. The title of Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) shall be awarded to dogs gaining three (3) Certificates Of Merit, each with one hundred & eighty (180) or more of the two hundred (200) possible points, (i.e. minimum of 90%) in Obedience Class "A", upon written application to The Jamaica Kennel Club.

### ***FEES***

18. All fees payable to The Jamaica Kennel Club must be paid in advance and such amounts may from time to time be increased or reduced by the Club, to revision from time to time.

## CHAPTER 2 - DOG SHOW RULES AND REGULATION

**GENERAL ERROR! REFERENCE SOURCE NOT FOUND.**

Every Exhibitor making an entry or entries for a Championship Show shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by The Jamaica Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, which are available for examination at the office of The Jamaica Kennel Club, and on the day of the Show, at the Show Committee's Secretary's desk.

1. Shows are promoted by The Jamaica Kennel Club, and only pure-bred dogs registered with this Club are eligible to enter.
2. Judges are appointed at the discretion of the Show Committee and should a Judge be prevented from fulfilling his engagement, that Committee reserves the right to appoint another Judge to fulfill his/her duties. Exhibitors are at liberty to withdraw from competition but, in such cases, entry fees will be forfeited.
3. An entry form must be properly completed and signed by the registered owner, or his/her authorized agent, of the dog to be shown. If a registered dog has changed ownership, the transfer must be registered with The Jamaica Kennel Club. A dog, subject to its eligibility, may be entered in as many of the Classes offered to each breed desired. Entry fees must accompany entries and such amounts may from time to time be increased or reduced by the Club. Completed Entry Forms must be submitted by the announced deadline TIME at the Offices of the JKC
4. A dog entered in a wrong class will be excluded from competition in that Class and entry fee forfeited. In the event that a dog incorrectly entered in any Class receives an award, then this award will be for forfeited. The entry fee of a dog entered, but not sent to the Show, will be forfeited also.
5. NO DOG shall be entered or shown which:
  - (a) Has had Distemper or other communicable disease unless it has been fully recovered for thirty (30) days.
  - (b) Is known to have had contact with Distemper or other communicable disease within thirty (30) days prior to the Show.
  - (c) Has been inoculated with Distemper virus, unless it has fully recovered from any reaction to the inoculation for at least twenty one (21) days.
6. Every exhibit must be presented to the Veterinarian for examination at the entrance to the Show. Any bitch found to be in season will be subject to temporary deodorization.
7. Every dog entered and admitted to the Show will entitle its handler to a free gate pass.
8. All dogs must be accompanied by a responsible person and have a strong lead and collar.
9. No dog, other than a dog duly entered for the Show, will be allowed into the show grounds.
10. ALL DOGS ARE SHOWN AT THEIR OWNER'S RISK AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND EXHIBITORS ARE ADMITTED TO THE SHOW GROUNDS ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. THE JAMAICA KENNEL CLUB ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY BODILY INJURY OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY SUSTAINED OR INCURRED BY ANY PERSON.
11. Exhibitors must at all times have their SHOW number prominently displayed on their person in the Show ring.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW DISQUALIFICATIONS**

1. Testicles
  - (a) A male dog over twelve (12) months of age which does not have two normal testicles in the scrotum shall not be entered in a show. A male dog under twelve (12) months of age, under these circumstances shall be eligible for entry in the Puppy Class only.
  - (b) The Veterinary Surgeon shall be instructed to examine every male dog to ensure that the dog has two normal testicles in the scrotum. In the event that the dog does not fulfill this qualification, the veterinary surgeon shall inform the Show Chairman, who will in turn inform the officials in the Show Secretary's tent.
  - (c) The Veterinary Surgeon shall also inform the owner/handler of his findings and the Show Chairman will inform the exhibitor/handler that the dog shall only be eligible to be shown in Puppy Class, if he has been entered in that class, unless both testicles descend before the beginning of the next class that he has been entered.
  - (d) The Ring Steward shall alert the Judge to mark in his book the fact that the dog is not complete and the Ring

Steward shall ensure that the dog does not continue to the Graduate or Open Class, if he has been entered in either or both of those Classes.

- (e) Where a male dog under twelve (12) months, which does not have two normal testicles in the scrotum, wins the Puppy Class at a Breed Show, he shall not be eligible to compete for a Challenge Certificate (CC) or a Reserve Challenge Certificate (RCC).

## 2. Teeth

- (a) A Doberman Pinscher with four or more missing teeth shall be excused by the Judge front the Show ring.

## 3. Grooming

- (a) A Poodle, except under twelve (12) months of age, entered in the Graduate or Open Class shall be excused by the Judge if the entry is not shown in a Show Clip. i.e. English Saddle or Continental Clip. A puppy under twelve (12) months of age may be shown in a Puppy Clip.

## 4. Lameness

- (a) A dog that is lame at a Show shall not compete in the Class it is entered.
- (b) It shall be the Judge's responsibility to determine whether a dog is lame and shall mark his book " Excused - lame."

## 5. Changing Appearance

- (a) A dog, which has been altered by artificial means, except as permitted in the Standard for its breed, shall be disqualified.
- (h) Should a Judge find evidence of any of these conditions in any dog that he is judging he shall mark in his book "Disqualified" and state the reason.

## 6. Colour

- (a) No dog shall compete at any Show if the natural colour, shade of natural colour or the natural markings of the dog has been altered or changed by any means.
- (b) If in the Judges opinion, any dog being exhibited in the ring is in breach of this rule, he shall withhold any award from such a dog and shall make a note in the Judge's Book of that effect.

## 7. Aggressiveness

- (a) Where a dog is aggressive towards the Judge or refuses to be examined by the Judge, the Judge at his discretion disqualify the dog.
- (b) Where a Judge disqualifies a dog, under this rule, he shall make a note in his Book of the fact.
- (c) A dog, which is disqualified at three (3) consecutive Championship Shows, shall be suspended from entering in future Shows. Application for re-instatement will be considered if the owner can demonstrate that the dog can be controlled.

## **SHOW HANDLING**

### 8. Show Handling Ring Behavior

- (a) No exhibitor/ handler shall hinder or impair or cause any other exhibitor /handler to be hindered or impeded while in the ring.
- (b) In this rule, to hinder or impede includes over running, stopping abruptly in front of another dog or running on the tail of another dog.
- c.) The Judge may use his discretion in dealing with this matter.
- d.) If members of a Show Committee or a special Sub Committee observe an exhibitor / handler to be infringing this rule, the facts shall be reported to the Executive Committee.

## **MARSHALLING AREA**

### 9. Marshalling Area

- a.) Every exhibitor/handler shall report to the Marshalling Area as soon as the Class before theirs has been sent

Into the ring.

- b.) Once a Class has been sent into the ring, and the Judge has commenced judging, no other dog shall enter the Show fling.

### **CONTROL OF DOGS**

10. Control of Dogs

- a) The owner/exhibitor of dogs on the Show grounds shall keep them under proper control at all times, so as to ensure that no person or dog is subjected to any danger by their dog/s.

### **CLASS DEFINITIONS**

#### **Championship Show**

1. Puppy Class

Any puppy not under twenty-four (24) weeks nor over fifty-two (52) weeks of age on the day of the Show may be entered for this Class. A male which does not have two normal testicles located in the scrotum will, however, be eligible for entry in this Class only.

2. Best Puppy Class

No special entries are made for this Class and no entry fees are charged, all dogs winning in Puppy Class are carried forward to this Best Puppy Class. In this Class will be awarded:- BEST PUPPY IN SHOW & BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST PUPPY.

3. Graduate Class

Any dog twenty-four (24) weeks and over, which has not won a Challenge Certificate (CC) or a Reserve Challenge Certificate (RCC), nor three (3) First Places [Puppy Class excepted] at any recognized Championship Show in Jamaica or abroad may be entered.

N.B. For the purpose of rule 3, all wins subsequent to the date of entry and prior to the date of the Show shall determine a dog's eligibility to exhibit in these Classes. The fees paid for entry to these Classes are not refundable.

4. Open Class

Any dog twenty-four (24) weeks of age and over may be entered in this Class providing that such a dog has not accumulated fifteen (15) points inclusive of a Challenge Certificate.

5. Challenge Class

This Class is for The Jamaica Kennel Club Registered Champions only, who challenge the winner of the Open Class of its breed and sex.

6. Challenge Certificates

The dog to win an Open Class may be awarded a Challenge Certificate (CC) if, in the opinion the Judge, such a winner meets Championship Standards. A Reserve Challenge Certificate (RCC) may be awarded to the next placed winner if, in the opinion of the Judge, the dog meets the Championship Standards. A Challenge Certificate (CC) is equal to five (5) points and a Reserve Challenge Certificate (RCC) is equal to three (3) points. Written application for the registration of a Championship may be made to The Jamaica Kennel Club when a dog has accumulated not less than fifteen (15) points at recognized Championship Shows in Jamaica, provided that at least one (1) Challenge Certificate (CC) has been awarded to make up the fifteen (15) points and that the accumulated points have been awarded under not less than three (3) different Judges.

### **CHILDREN'S AND JUNIOR HANDLING CLASSES**

7. Children's and Junior Handling Classes

Children Handling

For youngsters six (6) years and under eleven (11) years on the day of the Show.

Junior Handling

For youngsters eleven (11) years and under sixteen (16) years on the day of the Show.

The Show Committee, at its discretion may divide the entrants into any number of Classes. As the judging will be on the ability of the entrants to handle their dog and not of the dogs themselves, it follows they DO NOT qualify for entry from this Class into either Honours Class or Best Puppy Class. All registered dogs may be entered in this Class.

#### 8. Veteran's Class

Any dog six (6) years and over on the day of the Show is eligible for entry in this Class. Spayed bitches and castrated dogs with REGISTERED PROGENY are allowed to enter in this Class.

### **HONOURS CLASS**

#### 9. Honours Class

No special entries are made for this Class and no fees are charged. All unbeaten Challenge Certificate (CC) winners from their Breed Classes, are carried forward to this Class. In this Class will be awarded:

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Show

Best Locally Bred and Best of Opposite Sex to Best Locally Bred

Best Locally Bred Imported and Best of Opposite Sex to Best Imported.

## **CHAPTER 3 - RULES FOR OBEDIENCE TRIALS AND TRAINING CLASSES**

### **GENERAL**

1. Registered dogs, and non-registered dogs listed by the Jamaica Kennel Club, including spayed bitches and castrated dogs, are permitted to compete in Obedience Trials and participate in Training Classes.

In the case of non-registered dogs, entry applications will be preceded by a request from the owner to list the dog on the Jamaica Kennel Club's list of non-registered dogs accepted for participation in Obedience events.

2. The owner accepts full liability for any damage or disturbance caused by his/her dog on the Obedience. Trial grounds and/or at JK
3. The dog shall be worked on the handler's left side except by special permission. The lead shall be used in the handler's right hand in "on lead" work.
4. In the event of a complaint, it should be addressed to The Jamaica Kennel Club Obedience Committee, in writing, within seven (7) days of the incident/trial.
5. The Jamaica Kennel Club Show Regulations #3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 shall apply to Obedience Trials and Courses.
6. Dogs proving to be incorrigibly vicious or uncontrollable may be asked to withdraw. Assessment of the dog in this regard will be the sole prerogative of the judge/instructors.

### **TRIALS**

7. Lamé dogs, as determined by the judge, will not be permitted to compete in JKC Obedience Trials.
8. No bitch in season shall be allowed to compete in Obedience Trials.
9. No deviations from the exercises/tests will be entertained.
10. In the event of a large number of entries for any one class, the judge may divide the entrants into more than one class, at his/her discretion, and the awards for each class shall be the same as those offered for the original class.
11. Late entries may be accepted on the day of the trial. Late entries will not be accepted after the schedule start of the trial.
12. In all classes, the handler may use the dog's name with a command and/or signal without penalty, except where otherwise specified.
13. Food shall not be given to a dog in the ring.
14. In composite tests and the Stay Tests, i.e. Sit, Stand and Down, the points will be graduated for the Beginner Class



only.

15. Exhibitors will not be allowed to have access to score sheets until the end of the trial.
16. The order of judging shall be left to the discretion of the judge.
17. All tests must include a finish. An exercise is not complete until indicated by the judge, verbally.
18. A handler is required to display his/her ring number whilst competing in an Obedience Ring.
19. The handler shall lead his dog into the ring for judging with a collar and lead, or slip collar with lead attached. Slip collars of appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end, are acceptable. Fancy collars, or special training collars or collars that are either too tight or so large that they hang down in front of the dog, are not permitted. There shall not be anything hanging from the collars.
20. Any handler giving punitive correction in the ring and/or at any time during an Obedience Trial shall be liable to disqualification. (NB. punitive correction means correction which causes the dog to cringe, squeal or yelp).
21. It is permissible for handlers to practice with their dogs before entering the ring for competition in an Obedience Trial, provided that the practice does not interfere with the judging of other handler(s) and dog(s) in the ring.
22. No change of handler will be allowed during any one class, but in the event of a handler having more than one dog entered in a class, the handler may be assisted by other handlers in Stay Tests.
23. A dog leaving the ring during the execution of a test under the judge's direction will be penalized or disqualified at the judge's discretion.
24. In the event of a tie in one class, the competitors with an equal number of points will be re-judged in a run-off. One or more of the exercises/tests within the class will be used, at the discretion of the judge. This will apply to the first position.
25. The Heel position as used in these regulations, whether the dog is sitting, standing, or moving at heel, means that the dog shall be straight in line with the direction in which the handler is facing, at the handler's left side, and as close as practicable to the handler's left leg without crowding, permitting the handler freedom of motion at all times. The area from the dog's head to shoulder shall be in line with the handler's left hip. In the Intermediate & Advance Classes where the dog is required to be off lead, the dog may be guided gently by the collar between exercises and to, get into proper position for an exercise.
26. A dog will not be penalized for a tail touch when executing a jump. Touching the jump with either fore or hind legs will be penalized. 1-10 points may be deducted according to the severity of the contact: (1 point for a slight touch to 10 for flooring or dislocating the hurdle/jump) at the judge's discretion.
27. A Certificate of Merit shall be awarded to dogs scoring 80% or more of the total possible points in the Beginner Class. Certificate of Merit shall be awarded to Intermediate, Class A and Utility Dog scoring 90% or more of the total possible points. To qualify, all dogs shall score at least 50% of the possible points in each exercise.
28. Any dog which has been awarded a Certificate of Merit in any Obedience Class at JKC Obedience Trials and/or any other recognized Obedience Trial shall not be eligible for entry in the Beginners Class.
29. Any dog which has been awarded the title Companion Dog (CD) at JKC Obedience Trials, and/or any other recognized Obedience Trials, shall not be eligible for entry in the Intermediate Class.
30. No dog may compete in Class A (Advanced Class) or UD (Utility Dog Class) unless it has first been awarded the title Companion Dog (CD) in JKC Obedience Trials, and/or any recognized Obedience Trials.
31. The title Companion Dog (CD) shall be awarded to dogs gaining three (3) Certificates of Merit in Intermediate Class, upon written application to the Jamaica Kennel Club.
32. The title Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) shall be awarded to dogs gaining three- (3) Certificates of Merit in Obedience Class A, upon written application to the Jamaica Kennel Club.
33. The title Utility Dog (UD) shall be awarded to dogs gaining three (3) Certificates of Merit in Obedience Class UD, upon written application to the Jamaica Kennel Club.

### **TRAINING CLASSES**

34. Dogs participating in Jamaica Kennel Club training classes shall be owned by JKC members and handled by JKC members. Where a handler of a dog is not the owner, the owner or a member of his/her immediate family must be in attendance at the training session, as the training is directed at the owner rather than the dog. In the case of

Company Membership an appointed handler must be stated on the JKC Obedience Course Registration-Form.

35. Dogs must be fitted with a proper fitting slip collar and a 4-6-foot-long leather or nylon leash. See rule #19.
36. Handlers must attend a minimum of nine (9) classes to qualify for graduation.
37. The handler is required to clean up after his dog and equip him/herself with the necessary articles to do so.
38. Classes start promptly at the scheduled time and last for an hour. Handlers are required to be present at least ten (10) minutes prior to starting time to permit time for dogs to settle.
39. A handler will only be allowed to attend training classes with the dog with which he or she has registered for the course.
40. No dog or handler will be accepted for entry to the JKC training classes from organizations who offer professional dog training services.
41. In the event that a bitch should come on heat during a course she will be required to withdraw from the classes until the "heat season" is complete. In the meantime, the handler will be encouraged to observe at classes and may resume attendance with the bitch on completion of the "heat season".
42. INTERMEDIATE CLASS: For entry into this class, a dog must either have obtained a Certificate of Merit in Beginners Class at an Obedience Trial, or be assessed by the instructor prior to the commencement of the class.
43. The instructors-reserve the right to disqualify anyone or any dog from the course.

### ***BEGINNERS OBEDIENCE CLASS EXERCISE /TEST***

Certificates of Merit shall be awarded to dogs which score a minimum of 80% (160 or more out of 200) of the total possible points in a trial and at least 50% of the total possible points in each test. Handlers will be permitted two commands for each exercise except in the stay tests where only one command is allowed. Extra commands will-be penalized. A command will be counted as a verbal command and/or the dog's name and/or a signal.

#### **EXERCISE/TESTS**

#### **POINTS**

HEEL ON LEAD: -----40  
(Refer to rule #25)

RECALL: -----40  
From a minimum of 10 paces, as directed by the judge, the handler will place the dog in a sit or down position at the handler's discretion, and at the judge's direction will recall the dog to sit in front, and go to heel. The test commences when handler leaves the dog, on the judge's command.

UTILITY:  
Clear jumps without touching. A second attempt will be allowed for a refusal, but will be penalized 10 points. A contact with the jump will be penalized 1-10 points according to the severity (refer to rule #26).

HIGH JUMP ON-LEAD: -----20  
(Refer to rule #26)

Jump heights shall be set in multiples of 2 inches with no dog jumping less than 4 inches or more than 36 inches. A jump height is determined by the height of the dog at the withers, see table below for standard jump heights. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be less than 7 ½ inches at the withers. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra.

#### Standard Jump Heights

Measured Height of Dog at withers:	Height to be Jumped
less than 7.5"	4"
7 ½" to less than 9"	8"
9" to less than 11"	10"
11" to less than 13"	12"
13" to less than 15"	14"
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25" to less than 27"	26"
27" to less than 29"	28"
29" to less than 31"	30"
31" to less than 33"	32"
33" to less than 35"	34"
35" to less than 37"	36"

Dogs aren't to jump higher than 36". The jump heights are minimum measurements; handlers can request to have their dogs jump higher, if they wish. However, they do not earn extra points.

LONG JUMP ON-LEAD: -----30  
(Refer to rule #26)

Long Jump covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog

DOWN STAY: -----25  
For three (3) minutes with handler in sight.

SIT STAY: -----20  
For two (2) minutes with handler in sight.

STAND STAY: -----25  
For on (1) minute with handler in sight.

NB: Points in the stay tests will be graduated based on the proportion of time a dog remains in the position indicated.

In the event that a dog moves during the stay exercise, the handler is required to collect his dog in such a manner as not to disrupt other dogs completing the exercise.

Total possible points----- 200

## INTERMEDIATE OBEDIENCE CLASS EXERCISE /TEST

Certificates of Merit will be awarded to dogs which score a minimum of 90% (180 or more out of 200) of the total possible points and at least 50% of the total possible points for each exercise. Handlers will be allowed to use the dog's name with a verbal command and signal at the commencement of each test, but will be penalized. for extra commands and signals.

### EXERCISE/TESTS

### POINTS

HEEL ON-LEAD: -----10  
(Refer to rule #25)

HEEL OFF-LEAD: -----20  
(Refer to rule #25)

RECALL: -----20  
From a minimum distance of 20 paces as directed by the judge, the handler will place the dog in a sit or down position at the handler's discretion, and at the judge's direction will recall the dog to sit in front and go to heel. The test commences when handler leaves dog, on the judge's command.

RETRIEVE: -----30  
Any article provided by the handler, at a distance set by the judge. The dog will retrieve article on handler's command as directed by the judge and return to sit in front of handler. On the command of judge, handler will take article from dog and send to heel.

UTILITY:  
Clear jump, with one attempt only.  
The handler is not permitted to accompany the dog beyond the jump. Each exercise will finish with the dog returning to the handler and to heel. (Refer to rule #26).

HIGH JUMP OFF-LEAD: -----20  
(Refer to rule #26)

Jump heights shall be set in multiples of 2 inches with no dog jumping less than 4 inches or more

than 36 inches. A jump height is determined by the height of the dog at the withers, see table below for standard jump heights. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be less than 7 ½ inches at the withers. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra.

**Standard Jump Heights**

Measured Height of Dog at withers:	Height to be Jumped
less than 7.5"	4"
7 ½" to less than 9"	8"
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LONG JUMP ON-LEAD: -----30  
(Refer to rule #26)

Long Jump covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog

DOWN STAY:-----25  
For 5 minutes with handler in sight.

SIT STAY: -----20  
For 2 minutes with handler in sight.

STAND STAY: -----25  
For 1 minutes with handler in sight.

Total possible points----- 200

**CLASS A (ADVANCED) OBEDIENCE CLASS EXERCISE /TEST**

Certificates of Merit will be awarded to dogs which score a minimum of 90% (180 or more out of 200) of the total possible points and at least 50% of the points for each exercise. Handlers will be permitted to use the dog's name and a verbal command or signal at the commencement of each test. Extra commands will be penalized.

**EXERCISE/TESTS**

**POINTS**

HEEL OFF-LEAD: -----30  
(Refer to rule #25)

With three (3) changes of pace, i.e., slow, normal and fast. The Handler will also leave the dog in Sit and Down positions, will then pass back picking up the dog to continue Heel work, all at the direction of the judge.

RECALL: -----20

With drop on recall, over a minimum distance of 30 paces, the handler will place the dog in a sit or down position at the handler's discretion, and at the judge's direction will (a) recall the dog, (b) drop on recall (c) recall the dog to sit in front and go to heel.

DISTANCE CONTROL: -----20

From a minimum distance of 15 paces, the dog will be left in the Sit position, and then placed in Down, Stand and Sit, in any order chosen by the judge.

**RETRIEVE: -----30**

Any article provided by the judge. The dog will not be shown the article before it is thrown. The dog will retrieve article on handler's command, as directed by judge and return to sit in front of handler. On command of judge, handler will take article from dog and send to heel.

**UTILITY:**

Clear jumps, with only one attempt allowed.

The handler will place the dog in Sit position in front of jump and will send the dog over the jump at the direction of the judge. The handler will remain in the same position. Each exercise will finish with the dog returning to the handler and to heel. (Refer to rule #26).

**HIGH JUMP OFF-LEAD: -----20**

(Refer to rule #26)

Jump heights shall be set in multiples of 2 inches with no dog jumping less than 4 inches or more than 36 inches. A jump height is determined by the height of the dog at the withers, see table below for standard jump heights. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be less than 7 1/2 inches at the withers. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra.

**Standard Jump Heights**

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**LONG JUMP ON-LEAD: -----30**

(Refer to rule #26)

Long Jump covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog

**DOWN STAY:-----20**

For five (5) minutes with Handler out of sight.

**SIT STAY: -----15**

For two (2) minutes with Handler out of sight.

**STAND STAY: -----20**

For one (1) minute with Handler out of sight.

NB: In stay exercises, any dog that moves from the designated position will receive no points for that exercise.

Total possible points----- 200

**UTILITY DOG (UD) CLASS EXERCISE /TEST**

Certificates of Merit will be awarded to dogs which score at least 90% (180 or more out of 200) of the total possible points and at least 50% of the points for each test.

**EXERCISE/TESTS**

**POINTS**

HEEL WORK: -----	20
Brief heel off-lead with figure eight ('8') and left about turns. Leave dog in the stand position during heel work.	
SEND AWAY: -----	40
Send away with distance control and recall from down position.	
RETRIEVE: -----	35
Retrieve Handler's article over 'A' Frame.	
Dog to be sent over 'A' Frame and return over 'A' Frame with the article.	
STEADINESS: -----	10
Steadiness to gunshot.	
UTILITY: -----	
HIGH JUMP OFF-LEAD: -----	5

(Refer to rule #26)

Jump heights shall be set in multiples of 2 inches with no dog jumping less than 4 inches or more than 36 inches. A jump height is determined by the height of the dog at the withers, see table below for standard jump heights. The actual height of the dog shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to determine the minimum jump height, with the exception of dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height. Dogs eligible for the 4-inch jump height must be less than 7 1/2 inches at the withers. Handlers who choose to have their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra.

**Standard Jump Heights**

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LONG JUMP ON-LEAD: -----	10
(Refer to rule #26)	
Long Jump covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog	
Scale off-lead six (6) feet. -----	10
SEARCH: -----	40
Judge's article.	
SCENT DISCRIMINATION: -----	30
Handler's scent.	
DOWN/STAY: -----	10
For 10 minutes out of sight.	
Total possible points-----	200

**SPRING OPEN TRIAL OPEN TRIAL EXERCISE /TEST**

## Open to all Classes

The Jamaica Kennel Club Rules and Regulation for Obedience Classes and Tests apply to this competition with the exception of Rule #24. A competitor failing to achieve 50% of the maximum marks on any test will be eliminated.

<b>EXERCISE/TESTS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
HEEL WORK: ----- (Heel off lead) The dog will be expected to maintain appropriate "heel position" at the Handler's left side throughout changes of pace from a very slow walk to medium jog. During this test, the dog shall be left in the Sit and Down positions and then called to heel whilst the handler continues walking.	40
AGILITY LANE:----- The dog will be required to walk a plank one foot off the ground, do the broad jump and jump two (2) hurdles, all at the direction of the Judge.	40
NB: Broad Jump and height of hurdles as per JKC Intermediate Obedience Rules.	
RECALL: ----- Recall over a minimum distance of 20 paces.	30
DISTANCE CONTROL: ----- Handler will leave dog in the Sit position, stand and face dog at the minimum of 15 paces, put the dog in a Down position, then in the Sit position again, return to the dog, all at the direction of the Judge.	40
RETRIEVE: ----- Any article provided by Handler, distance at the Judge's discretion.	30
STAY:----- Down Stay for 3 minutes with Handler insight.	20
Total possible points-----	200

## THE LLEWELLYN BRAHAM MEMORIAL COMPETITION EXERCISE/TEST

The Jamaica Kennel Club Rules and Regulation for Obedience Classes and Tests apply to this competition with the exception of Rule #24. In this Class, competitors will be judged according to previously achieved standards obtained in the JKC Obedience Classes, or in any other recognized Obedience Class. Dogs which have never been awarded a Certificate of Merit — in any recognized Obedience Class will be judged according to the standards required for the Beginners Class. A competitor failing to achieve 50% of the maximum marks of any test will be eliminated.

<b>EXERCISE/TESTS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
HEEL WORK: ----- The dog will be expected to maintain an appropriate "heel" position at the Handler's side throughout changes of pace, from a very slow walk to medium jog. During this test, the dog shall be left in the Sit and Down positions, walk a plank one foot off the ground and jump hurdles, all at the direction of the Judge.	60
NB: Class "A" dogs will work off-lead.	
Intermediate dogs will be off-lead for agility test, leave in Sit and Down positions. Normal heel work and change of pace on lead.	
NB: Commands and signals, height of jumps as per Obedience Class Schedule.	
RECALL: ----- As per Obedience Class Schedule.	30
DISTANCE CONTROL: ----- Dog to be off-lead. Handler to leave dog on a platform (4'x 4'), one foot off the ground, in the Sit position. Handler to stand and face dog at a distance of 35 feet maximum, put the dog in the Down position, then in the Sit position again, then return to dog, all on command of Judge to Handler.	30
DOWN/STAY: 30	

For 3 minutes with Handler in sight.

SIT/STAY: 20

For 2 minutes with Handler in sight.

STAND/STAY: -----30

For 1 minute with Handler in sight.

Total possible points      200



**POINTS DEDUCTION**

Second command .....	-2
Manual correction .....	-4
Leash- or off-leash-work: aberration from the side of the DH.....	-1/2 -1
Slow sit .....	-1/2 -1
No sit .....	-2
Incorrect sit .....	-1/2 -1
Aids like clapping on the thigh.....	-1
Stretched leash .....	-1
Jerk on the leash.....	-2

Sit:

Dog changes from sit to stand or down, but stays at the spot:.....	-5
Dog comes by himself .....	-all points
Slow sit or incorrect sit.....	-1/2 -1

Down:

Dog changes from down to sit or stand, but stays at the spot.....	-5
Dog comes by himself .....	-all points
Dog creeps (max. 5 metre).....	-1 -5
Slow down.....	-1/2 -2
Incomplete down, later corrected by the dog himself .....	-1/2 -2
Dog does not lay down immediately on the command, he walks another few paces before he lays down.....	-1-3

Stand:

Dog continues moving after the command (max. 5 metre) .....	-1/2 -5
Dog changes from stand to sit or down but stays at the spot .....	-5
Dog comes by itself himself .....	-all points
Aberrations at picking up the dog .....	-1/2 -2

Recall:

Dog comes too slow .....	-1-3
Dog doesn't sit in front of the DH and goes by himself into Start-position.....	-3
Too slow or incorrect sit in front of the DH.....	-1/2 -1
Dog doesn't change on command from sitting in front into Start-position.....	-2

Criminal-work:

slight reaction to stick-blow or gunshot .....	-1
medium reaction to stick-blow or gunshot .....	-2
strong reaction to stick-blow or gunshot - dog runs away - means the dog is disqualified	
slow or incorrect "Leave" - only in UD III.....	-1/2 -1 1/2
no "Leave" - only in UD III .....	-2

Additional comment:

All exercises are selected in consideration to the needs of a correct working UTILITY-DOG as of the Dog handler. These exercises are the basic for a satisfying performance in a real situation.