

Below is a condensed version of the AKC Rules concerning whether you can enter the A Class or must enter the B class. The only exception is if your dog has previously won the Highest Scoring Dog in Obedience Novice. The bottom of the page is straight from page 14 of the Obedience Rules and Regulations. A link to this manual is found on the entry sheet. Chapters 3,11,16, and 17 provides more detail and explanations of the class exercises and how they are scored.

Optional Titling  
Class

### **Beginner Novice A**

Dog Does not have a any AKC Obedience Title

AND

Handler has not handled another dog that has won **any** obedience title including a BN Title

AND

Handler is the owner, member of owner's household or immediate family

### **Beginner Novice B**

Dog has earned a BN, Novice or Preferred Novice title

OR

Handler has handled another dog that has won **any** obedience title including a BN Title

OR

Handler is not the owner, member of owner's household or immediate family

Regular Titling

### **Novice A**

Dog has not won a Novice Obedience title

AND

Handler has not handled another dog that has won a Novice/Preferred Novice or higher title

AND

Handler is the owner, member of owner's household or immediate family

### **Novice B**

Dog has a Novice Title

OR

Handler has handled another dog that has won a Novice/Preferred Novice or higher title

OR

Handler is not the owner, member of owner's household or immediate family

Alternative Titling

### **Preferred Novice**

Dog has not won a title in any class higher than CD level

If you have a Preferred Novice Title, this will allow you to move forward to Preferred Open but **not to Regular Open**

Optional Titling  
Class

### **Graduate Novice**

Usually entered by handlers whose dog has his/her Novice title but is not quite ready to enter the Open classes

When can more than one Novice class be entered in the same trial?

Your dog CANNOT be entered in the same class more than once in a trial. They also cannot be entered in the A and B Beginner Novice or the A and B Novice on the same day. Each day we are having one obedience trial. The option to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> class is if you plan to enter different classes such as Beginning Novice, and Novice and Preferred Novice.

Has your dog won Highest Scoring Dog? If so, read this which is clear as Mud  
It is located on page 14 of the Obedience Rules

- After a dog earns a title from an “A” class, it may continue showing in that “A” class for 60 days. After the 60 days, it may compete in that level “B” class.
- During the above referenced “A” class 60-day period an unlimited number of the Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes may be obtained.
- Once a Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes is received in Novice B after the 60-day period, the dog may not be entered in Novice B at future trials for which entries have not closed and the entry must be changed.
- A dog may continue to compete in Novice B until it receives either a qualifying score in a Regular Open class or earns a Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes after the 60-day time period. Once a dog earns a qualifying score in Open or earns a Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes more than 60 days after earning the title the dog may be shown in trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed, they must be changed.