

AKC OBEDIENCE CLASSIC

**December 12-13, 2026
Orlando, Florida**

Qualifying Period – July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

The 2026 AKC Obedience Classic entry limits will be:

- Novice – 82, Open – 74, Utility – 66 and Masters – 66.
- A limit of ten entries will be received for Preferred entries in each class level.

For the **2026 AKC Obedience Classic**, the following classes will be offered: Novice, Open, Utility, and Masters. These classes will include Regular and Preferred entries competing together as one class, not as separate classes. All dogs meeting the following requirements will be eligible to enter the event, which will be held in conjunction with the 2026 AKC National Championship, the 2026 AKC RACH Invitational, and the 2026 AKC Agility Invitational.

Owners of dogs that have met the criteria below, during the qualifying period, are eligible to enter. **The dog must be entered in the highest-level class they have qualified in and are eligible for, in either regular or preferred, and may only enter one class.**

Qualifying scores and/or titles earned in the Optional classes, or a different titling path from the one you are entering, do not affect these Classic eligibility requirements.

Obedience Entry Criteria

Dogs who have met the eligibility requirements, during the qualifying period, for Novice, Open, Utility or Masters may continue to show in those relevant classes, if they are otherwise eligible in accordance with the AKC *Obedience Regulations*. Additionally,

- **Novice Entry:**
 - During the qualifying period you may earn up to two qualifying scores in Open classes at trials but may not earn the third qualifying score in Open during the qualifying period.
 - Once the qualifying period has ended, you may go on to finish the Open or higher titles, without impacting the Classic Novice class eligibility.
- **Open Entry:**
 - During the qualifying period, you may earn up to two qualifying scores in Utility classes at trials but may not earn the third qualifying score in Utility during the qualifying period.
 - Once the qualifying period has ended, you may go on to finish the Utility or higher titles, without impacting the Classic Open class eligibility.
- **Utility Entry:**
 - During the qualifying period, you may continue to exhibit to earn OTCH or POC points but may not finish the OTCH or POC title during the qualifying period.
 - Once the qualifying period has ended, you may go on to finish the OTCH or POC title, without impacting the Classic Utility class eligibility.
- **Masters Entry:**
 - During the qualifying period, you may continue to exhibit in the Open and Utility classes.

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I. Regular Novice Entry Eligibility

- a. Must have earned a CD title (at any time before or during the qualifying period).
- b. A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores in the Novice class (A and/or B), during the qualifying period.
 - i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the CD title may be used for the three (3) Q's required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
 - ii. Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HSDRC) may be substituted for the three (3) Q's required, if the HSDRC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the Novice class.

II. Regular Open Entry Eligibility

- a. Must have earned a CDX title (at any time before or during the qualifying period).
- b. A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores from the Open class (A and/or B), during the qualifying period.
 - i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the CDX title may be used for the three (3) Q's required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
 - ii. Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HSDRC) may be substituted for the three (3) Q's required, if the HSDRC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the Open class.

III. Regular Utility Entry Eligibility

- a. Must have earned a minimum of the UD title (at any time before or during the qualifying period).
- b. A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores from the Utility class (A and/or B), during the qualifying period.
 - i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the UD title may be used for the three (3) Q's required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
 - ii. Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HSDRC) may be substituted for the three (3) Q's required, if the HSDRC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the Utility class.
- c. OTCH titled dogs may not enter the Utility level class.

IV. Regular Masters Entry Eligibility – Open and Utility

- a. Must have earned a minimum of the UD title (at any time before or during the qualifying period).
 - i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the CDX and/or the UD title may be part of the scores required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
- b. A dog must earn six (6) qualifying scores of 193 or better in Open B during the qualifying period; and
- c. A dog must earn six (6) qualifying scores of 193 or better in Utility B during the qualifying period.
- d. OTCH titled dogs may enter the Master level class.

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V. Preferred Novice Entry Eligibility

- a. Must have earned a PCD title (at any time before or during the qualifying period).
- b. A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores in the Preferred Novice class during the qualifying period.
 - i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the PCD title may be used for the three (3) Q's required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
 - ii. Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Preferred Classes (HSDPC) may be substituted for the three (3) Q's required, if the HSDPC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the Preferred Novice class.

VI. Preferred Open Entry Eligibility

- a. Must have earned a PCDX title (at any time before or during the qualifying period).
- b. A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores from the Preferred Open class during the qualifying period.
 - i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the PCDX title may be used for the three (3) Q's required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
 - ii. Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Preferred Classes (HSDPC) may be substituted for the three (3) Q's required, if the HSDPC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the Preferred Open class.

VII. Preferred Utility Entry Eligibility

- a. Must have earned a minimum of the PUTD title (at any time before or during the qualifying period).
- b. A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores from the Preferred Utility class during the qualifying period.
 - i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the PUTD title may be used for the three (3) Q's required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
 - ii. Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Preferred Classes (HSDPC) may be substituted for the three (3) Q's required, if the HSDPC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the Preferred Utility class.
- c. POC titled dogs may not enter the Preferred Utility class.

VIII. Preferred Masters Entry Eligibility – Preferred Open and Preferred Utility

- a. Must have earned a minimum of the PUTD title (at any time before or during the qualifying period).
 - i. The qualifying scores earned to achieve the PCDX and/or the PUTD title may be part of the scores required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
- b. A dog must earn six (6) qualifying scores of 193 or better in Preferred Open during the qualifying period; and
- c. A dog must earn six (6) qualifying scores of 193 or better in Preferred Utility during the qualifying period.
- d. POC titled dogs may enter the Masters class.

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You can view your dog's eligibility progress for the 2026 Classic. Go to <http://www.akc.org/>, then choose "Shop" at the top of the page, this will open a new page. Choose "Competitor Reports" from the top of the page. Scroll down the column on the left and select the Obedience Classic Eligibility Report to show the title progression for your dog for the 2026 Obedience Classic.

NOTE: To view a title progression record for your dog, follow the same path as above go to <http://www.akc.org/>, then choose "Individual Dog Award Record and Points Progression."

If you have not logged into your My AKC Account, you will be prompted to do so. Select, "Find a Dog" you are interested in and then select the "View Points/Summary of the Title Progression for this dog" in the grey box on the right side of the page.

If there is a discrepancy in your dog's record, please contact the Show Records Department at 919-816-3538 for assistance.

If you have problems logging into your AKC account, please contact Customer Service Department, info@akc.org or 919-233-9767 for assistance.

FAQ's

1. If my dog has qualified for the Classic in both Regular and Preferred, can I choose either or?
 - a. Yes, but the dog may only be entered once either as a Regular or Preferred entry.
2. What if my dog is eligible to enter Regular Novice and Preferred Open, can I decide which to enter?
 - a. Yes, you would receive an eligibility email for each, but you can only enter the dog once, in either or.
3. If a dog is eligible based on its Preferred titling path class accomplishments, can they continue to compete further in the year in the Regular classes without impacting their eligibility in the Preferred class?
 - a. Yes, you can continue to compete.
4. If I enter my dog in the Classic, can I continue to compete at higher levels throughout the qualifying period without impacting my entry?
 - a. Yes, if your dog has met the eligibility requirements, during the qualifying period, you may earn up to two qualifying scores in the next higher-class level for that titling path at trials during the qualifying period but may not earn the third qualifying score at the higher level without impacting the class eligibility.
 - b. Once the qualifying period has ended, June 30, 2026, you may go on to finish the titles in the next higher class without impacting the 2026 class eligibility at trials held on July 1, 2026, or after.